

Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant/Patient Care Technician (CNA/GNA/PCT)

Training Provider: Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)

Program Address: CCBC Essex Campus: 7201 Rossville Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21237

OR

CCBC Randallstown Extension Center, Liberty Center: 3637 Offutt Road Randallstown, MD 21133

Note: Additional locations will be determined for clinical placements

Program Description:

The CNA/GNA/PCT program combines multiple health concentrations using a “build-up” model with an option of students earning stackable credentials. In this 8-month CNA/GNA/PCT program, training will include:

- Measuring and recording blood pressure
- Counting and recording respirations (breathing rates)
- Helping patients with limited mobility who cannot move much on their own
- Providing hygienic (cleaning and bathing) care for patients
- Demonstrating hand hygiene
- The transfer and transport of patients
- Venipuncture (learning how to draw blood)
- Specimen collection
- IV therapy
- Basic EKG skills

Potential Job Title:

CNA/GNA/PCT

Average starting wage:

\$11 - \$15 per hour

The program will also teach you about health care workplace skills, including:

- Customer service
- Working well with others
- Handling conflict
- Job hunting (creating resumés, writing cover letters, and participating in interviews)
- Managing your money

Credential or Certification Earned:

By completing this program, you will earn a CCBC Continuing Education Workforce Training Certificate. Additionally, students who successfully complete the instruction and clinical portions of this class will be able to apply to the Maryland Board of Nursing and test for the Certified Nursing Assistant certification. Students are also eligible to sit for the state GNA certification given by the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program and the national certification exam for Patient Care Technician issued through the National Healthcareer Association. CCBC staff would give you guidance and assistance in scheduling these exams.

Interested in signing up for this FREE program?

Contact Greg Couturier, Grads2Careers Participant Support Coordinator
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What do CNA/GNA/PCTs do?

CNA/GNA/PCTs work with residents in long-term care homes, assisted living facilities, or private organizations that provide in-home care. The CNA's or GNA's primary duties are assisting with activities of daily living, which may include helping patients/clients with meals, personal grooming, and toileting. Additional responsibilities include obtaining patient vital signs (i.e. pulse rate or blood pressure). PCT's perform higher-level nursing skills including venipuncture, specimen collection and IV therapy.

This program would be a GREAT fit for you if you...

- Enjoy working with people, especially older adults, people who cannot move much by themselves, people who have trouble with speaking, or people with dementia
- Are comfortable giving hands-on care like taking blood pressure and checking respiration, bathing, feeding, and helping a patient get from a bed to a chair or wheelchair with a transfer belt device
- Want work with a consistent schedule – typical CNA/GNA/PCT shifts are 7am-3pm, 3pm-11pm, or 11pm-7am
- Are positive, mature, hard-working, and dependable

This program and career might be a POOR fit for you if you...

- Prefer to work alone
- Are uncomfortable assisting older adults or people with mental and/or physical limitations
- Are not comfortable giving hands-on care
- Are uncomfortable around needles or blood
- Cannot work on your feet a lot
- Cannot physically assist other individuals with moving and bathing
- Cannot work the typical CNA/GNA/PCT shifts

To be admitted to this program, you must:

- Pass a math and reading test
- Complete a career assessment
- Pass a criminal record background check
- Pass a drug test
- Complete an in-person interview

Important Dates: The next step is to attend an **Info. Session** at CCBC. Due to the continued need to observe social distancing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, some classes may be held virtually, or in hybrid form. For specific dates and class logistics, please reach out to the program's main contact.

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