

# Health Care Assistants

**Job Description:** Health care assistants can work as nurse aides, orderlies, and patient service associates. In B.C. hospital and facility assistants are known as care aides. They assist in the basic care of patients.



**Provincial Hourly Rate:** \$18.00 – \$25.00 / hr

**BC Labour Market Outlook 2019-2029:** Over 17,890 job openings throughout BC

- [Click here](#) to visit the WorkBC labour market outlook site

**Future Opportunities:**

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Registered Nurse (RN)



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**Skills and Competencies Courses:** Health care assistants need to be service oriented, socially perceptive, and skilled in active listening, speaking, critical thinking, and reading comprehension. *Click on the course titles below for more information:*

	Online-Self Directed	Online Instructor Lead	Virtual Face to Face	Instructor Support Add on	In Class Face to Face
<a href="#">Critical Thinking</a>	●	●	●	●	●
<a href="#">Creative Problem Solving</a>	●	●	●	●	●
<a href="#">Keys to Effective Communication</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Interpersonal Communication</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Stress Management</a>	●	●	●	●	●

**Exploratory Courses:** These courses are a great start for those who are interested in pursuing career as a health care assistant. *Click on the course titles below for more information:*

	Online-Self Directed	Online Instructor Lead	Virtual Face to Face	Instructor Support Add on	In Class Face to Face
<a href="#">Explore a Career as a Clinical Medical Assistant</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Handling Medical Emergencies</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Pain Assessment and Management</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Medical Terminology II: A Focus on Human Disease</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Medical Terminology Series</a>		●		●	
<a href="#">Explore a Career in Nursing</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Explore a Career in Medical Coding</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Explore a Career in Medical Transcription</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Explore a Career in Medical Writing</a>	●	●		●	

**Professional Development:** With further education and experience, health care assistants can become nurses, or they can advance to other positions in the medical field. The courses below help you explore some of these medical careers. They also train skills needed by all medical professionals. *Click on the course titles below for more information:*

	Online-Self Directed	Online Instructor Lead	Virtual Face to Face	Instructor Support Add on	In Class Face to Face
<a href="#">Medical Math</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Violence Prevention &amp; Awareness</a>	●	●		●	
<a href="#">Grammar and Writing Skills for the Health Professional</a>	●				

**Online-Self Directed Offering:** These courses are for those who have moderate computer experience and want to be able to fit course work around their schedules. These courses are entirely done online with the majority of courses having a 3-month completion time frame. (with some exceptions) These courses can be enrolled in at any time.

**Online Instructor Lead:** These courses have a structured schedule and are instructor lead. This is a great option for those who have time in the schedules and who need some support of an instructor

**Virtual Face to Face:** These courses have a structured schedule and are conducted like a more traditional face to face course that allows instructor and students to communicate in real time and collaborate together in break out rooms.

**Instructor Support Add On:** These courses can have the option of instructor support added on to the course itself. This is the perfect option for those are new to online courses or just need a bit of extra support and check ins. This option would have more of a structured schedule.

**In Class Face to Face:** These courses are delivered in the traditional classroom setting. This option is great for courses that have hands on components as well as deeper discussions, role play and a more personal setting.

**Customized Private Group Training:** If you have a group of people that you want to train at one time, you can have a class that is just for your group. This can be for one course or a group of courses. Group trainings can also be customized to fit the needs of your group.