CNA Information

A CNA, or certified nursing assistant, is an individual who assists patients in providing health care needs. Michigan residents who wish to become a CNA are required to complete a CNA training program that is accredited and approved by the Michigan Department of Community Health. Aspiring CNAs must also pass the Michigan state nurse aide examination.

Institutions that Accept Federal Funding for CNA Programs

- Baker College- Flint, MI
  810-766-4000

- Delta College- University Center, MI
  [http://www.delta.edu/nursing/cna-program.aspx](http://www.delta.edu/nursing/cna-program.aspx)
  Can only accept federal funding if student is trying to achieve Health Certificate Program/Health Professions Certificate
  This certificate takes one year to complete.

- Kirtland Community College- Roscommon, MI
  989-275-5000
  [http://www.kirtland.edu/academic-programs/certified-nursing-assistant-course](http://www.kirtland.edu/academic-programs/certified-nursing-assistant-course)

- Lansing Community College- Lansing, MI
  800-644-4522
  [http://www.lcc.edu/nursing/chse/staff/](http://www.lcc.edu/nursing/chse/staff/)
  If taking CNA courses while working on another degree (e.g. Nursing), federal funding is allowed. If only taking CNA courses, there is no federal funding available.

- Latoya’s Health Education Center- Saginaw, MI
  989-797-4606
  They accept MI Works students, and MI Works uses federal funding.

- Mott Community College- Flint, MI
  810-762-0200
  [http://www.mcc.edu/workforce_dev/wfd_hs_cna.shtml](http://www.mcc.edu/workforce_dev/wfd_hs_cna.shtml)
  Can get federal funding if majoring as a pre-nursing student or general studies, in general 6 credits.

- Visit the following website to learn about other community colleges in Michigan that offer CNA Programs: [http://www.cnaclasses.org/cna-training/cna-classes-in-michigan/](http://www.cnaclasses.org/cna-training/cna-classes-in-michigan/)
Follow these steps to get your CNA certification in Michigan:

**Find an approved program in your state**

- You will need to complete a minimum 75-hour nurse aid training program.
- CNA training can often be obtained in high schools, adult education programs, nursing homes, and community colleges. Michigan does not recognize online courses.
  - The Bay Arenac ISD and Saginaw Career Complex both offer a CNA training program for high school students, visit the following websites to learn more: [http://www.baisd.net/careercenter/programs/nursingassistanthealthcareers/](http://www.baisd.net/careercenter/programs/nursingassistanthealthcareers/) [www.saginawcareercomplex.com](http://www.saginawcareercomplex.com)

**Complete a CNA training program**

- Your program’s classes will cover various nurse aid skills and day to day duties.
- You will learn the proper procedures to follow in the event of an emergency.
  - CPR certification is also required. Many schools offer this as a part of their program. The American Red Cross offers CPR certification as well.

**CNA Testing Procedures and Applying for Certification in Michigan**

- Register to take the certification exam, which is administered by Prometric. You must take the exam within one year of completing the training program. [https://www.prometric.com/en-us(clients/michigan/Pages/landing.aspx](https://www.prometric.com/en-us(clients/michigan/Pages/landing.aspx)
- To register, you will need to fill out and send in a State of Michigan Competency Evaluation Registration Form and submitting it along with any requested documentation. [https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/Nurseaide/Documents/Michigan/MICNARegForm20110121.pdf](https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/Nurseaide/Documents/Michigan/MICNARegForm20110121.pdf)
- If you are eligible to test, you will be sent an Authorization to Test. Next, call testing center; they will assign you a specific location and time.
- Visit the following link to view testing centers by region: [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_63294_27529_27544---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_63294_27529_27544---,00.html)
  - Testing centers located in the Great Lakes Bay Region:
  - Often fees are associated with the exam, so make certain that you make these inquiries at this time.

  **Bay Nurse Assistant Program** - Bay City
  989 Sherman, Bay City, MI 48708
  989-894-2151

  **Valley Training Center, LLC** - Bay City & Mt. Pleasant
  1806 South Euclid Ave., Bay City, MI 48706
  989-667-8802
  $960 total ($500 down payment included))
  Accepts financial assistance through MI Works programming.
Tridge Training Institute – Midland
2513 Louanna St., Midland, MI 48640
989-633-3348
$1242 total ($470 down payment)
Accepts financial assistance through MI Works programming

Elite CNA Program, LLC – Bridgeport
Dixie Hwy., Ste. 2, Bridgeport, MI 48722
989-401-7268
$850 for tuition and book, additional cost for uniform
Three weeks long.
Not accredited, so cannot accept federal funding

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- **Financial assistance for the exam:**
  - As a part of the No Worker Left Behind Act implemented in Michigan, the Detroit Branch of the Red Cross provides free CNA training to those individuals who annual income is less than $40,000.
  - Under the FAFSA federal grant extended by the Government you can put in an application for a free CNA training at community colleges. The key deciding factors for this grant is your financial history and the income you are currently generating.
    - If you need assistance filing the FAFSA contact us at 989-893-6026
  - Contact local college’s financial aid offices to determine if you can qualify for any grants or other financial assistance for the training program.
  - If you are currently unemployed, check with the unemployment offices and job placement programs to determine if you can receive assistance to train as a CNA.

**Taking the certification exam**

- To ready yourself for the exam, you can take practice tests.
  - [https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/Nurseaide/Pages/Nurse-Aide-Practice-Exam.aspx](https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/Nurseaide/Pages/Nurse-Aide-Practice-Exam.aspx)
- When testing, you must first pass the clinical test and then the written test. You will have three opportunities to take and pass the clinical portion of the exam.
- If you pass this portion, you will be allowed to move on to the written section. If not, then you may need to take CNA classes again. Both must be passed with a minimum score of 70% for you to be added to the Michigan Nurse Aide Registry.
- You will need to renew your certification every two years. A renewal application is generally sent to you about two months before your certification expires.
After the exam

- If you pass the certification exam, you should create a resume and start looking for a job. Here is a sample resume.
- Continuing your education can give you access to higher paying nursing jobs. Some CNAs, for instance, enroll in RN or LPN degree programs.
- If you have any additional questions, contact the state registry:
  Bureau of Health Professions
  Licensing for Health Care Professionals
  PO Box 30670
  Lansing MI 48909
  Phone (517) 335-0918

Certified Nursing Assistant Positions- June 2014

- St. Mary’s- Saginaw
  Position: Nursing Assistant- full time (7am- 7pm)
  Qualifications: a certified nursing assistant training program or State Certification
  Where to apply: www.stmarysofmichigan.org
- Wellspring Lutheran Services- Saginaw AFC
  Position: Nursing Assistant
  Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED, Certification in MI 6 months experience
  Where to apply: www.wellspringlutheran.com
- Michigan Community Service INC- Bay City
  Position: Caregiver- full time
  Qualifications: 18 yrs or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, possess valid driver’s license
  Where to apply: www.Miracleworkers.com
- Health Source- Saginaw
  Position: Nursing Assistant- full time (11pm- 7am)
  Pay: $10.70 Hourly
  Qualifications: Certified Nursing Certification
  Where to apply: www.Healthsourcesaginaw.org
- HCR Manor Care- Bay City
  Position: CNA
  Qualifications: High school diploma or GED, eligible/passed state test
  Where to apply: www.hcr-manor.com