

Advanced Nursing Assistant (119)

About Our Program

An Advanced Nursing Assistant (CNA), also known as a CNA II, cares for patients with activities of daily living and other health-care needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). CNAs do not perform the same duties as an RN. Just like a basic nursing assistant program, the Advanced CNA requires state certification. Many hospitals require the CNA II certification to perform advanced care.

Your journey begins at Highland with an introduction to the CNA II role along with the introduction and use of the EKG machine and running a 12-lead EKG. This course includes compliance issues, conflict resolution, critical thinking, mentoring, and understanding learning styles. During the phlebotomy section, you'll learn how to perform blood collection techniques by determining site selection and proper equipment use. Finally, the Advanced Nursing Assistant course will focus on theory and advanced skills required in the long-term and acute-care settings.

Upon completing the Advanced Nursing Assistant, you are eligible to take the certification exam to become a CNA II. As a CNA II, you will become active in the Illinois Department of Public Health's Health Care Worker Registry, be recognized as a Phlebotomist, and perform EKGs.

Certificates offered:

- Advanced CNA Certificate to become a CNA II
- Phlebotomy Certificate
- EKG Certificate

Nature of Work and Employment

With the CNA II certificate, you can work with residents or patients in a hospital setting, senior care facility, or other types of medical facilities, all under the direction of nursing and medical staff.

Special Considerations

While performing the Advanced CNA duties, you are regularly required to stand, walk; use your hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; talk, and hear. You are frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. You must regularly move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift or move up to 100 pounds or more.

Program Contacts

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Admission Requirements

Must be completed prior to admission.

1. Complete a BNA course.
2. Certified on the Health Care Worker Registry in the State of Illinois as a CNA I.
3. Must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Attend a mandatory Advanced CNA orientation.
5. Two-step TB test or equivalent.
6. Current health care worker background check.
7. Influenza vaccine.
8. Valid Social Security Card.
9. Documentation of vaccines.
10. Physical exam and health history.

Please visit the Illinois Nurse Aid testing site for more information about the BNA and ANA training program or testing: nurseaidetesting.com.

For more information about finger printing, criminal background check, disqualifying convictions, and waiver information, please contact program coordinator.

Required Courses 16 Credit Hours

NURS	109	Nurse Assistant	8
NURS	119	Advanced Nurse Assistant	8

Total Credit Hours = 16