



CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE (CNA)

Your first step toward a medical career!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) THRIVE offers a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training program that will equip you with the skills you need to begin a new career in the healthcare industry and excel as a CNA.

- Classes taught by an experienced educator
- Successful completion of this program prepares you to take a certification exam
- Program combines lecture and the state-required clinical hours
- Financial Literacy classes and Financial Coaching included
- Career Coaching and Job Search Assistance available

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A CNA?

CNAs are typically responsible for the general care of their patients. Duties will vary, depending on the specific needs of the patient. The most common responsibilities are taking and recording vital signs such as heart rate and blood pressure; assisting them to and from their bed or chair as needed and helping them with feeding and personal hygiene. CNAs may also assist doctors or nurses during medical procedures. Entry level pay for certified CNAs is typically \$12-13 an hour or more.

THRIVE QUALIFICATIONS

You can apply to receive a grant to train in the NAM THRIVE Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Program if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are 18 or older
- You are legally eligible to work in the United States
- You have a diploma or GED
- You are at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for family income

LOGISTICS AND FEES*

- 8 week program
- Training held at NAM or virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions
- All applicants who are accepted into THRIVE receive a grant, which covers all of the costs of the program, including tuition, books, immunizations and exam fee, valued at \$1,500.

*A \$50.00 fee is required. The fee is part of the STEP UP fund. STEP UP is a program designed to assist THRIVE graduates who wish to continue their professional education.

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