

# HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT (HCA)

FIRST COLLEGE - FACULTY OF HEALTH

INSPIRING MINDS THROUGH EDUCATION



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### DIPLOMA - 8 MONTHS (32 WEEKS)

Care aides and community health workers are also known as health care assistants or HCAs. They are frontline care providers in a variety of institutional and community settings including home support agencies and residential care facilities.

The 8-month HCA health care assistant diploma program prepare students to become top notch care givers. A graduate from our Health Care Assistant program will be fully competent and confident in performing skills in a variety of settings including acute care, health care facilities, private community agencies and individual homes.

The BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry reviews and recognizes Health Care Assistant (HCA) programs in BC. First College is on the list of educational institutions that offer recognized Health Care Assistant (HCA) programs in British Columbia. Also, Health Care Assistant (HCA) program was reviewed and approved by the registrar of the Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB) of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training.

### WHAT WE PROVIDE:

Flexible Course Schedule - 3 days a week

Earn a HCA Diploma while continue to work

Highly Qualified & Professional Instructors

Scholarship and Subsidy Available

Small Class Size With State-of-the-Art Lab Facilities

### WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE OPPORTUNITY?

Quickly get a job in Health Care System  
- As a Health Care Assistant

The Entry Level Salary From \$18.50 To \$26.95 Per Hour

### WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:

Health Care Assistant (HCA) Diploma

Eligibility for the BC HCA Registration number

FREE TRAINING at CPR, First Aid, Food Safe, and Student Practice Education Core Orientation (SPECO)

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FACULTY OF HEALTH

www.firstcollege.ca - (778)478-6611 OR (778) 754-2888  
532 Leon Ave, Second Floor, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6J6

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

1. The student has graduated from Grade 12 or equivalent (B.C. high school diploma, B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma, General Educational Development) or an equivalent secondary school completion from another jurisdiction; or
2. The student has mature student status (is 19 or older before the start of classes) and has demonstrated evidence at the appropriate level of literacy, numeracy, comprehension and/or written skills to enable successful completion of the program.

Proof of meeting English Language Competency Requirements\*(Students must have strong verbal and written communication skills, as well as satisfactory and active English comprehension skills. All applicants must meet the English Language Competency requirements)

Applicants whose first language is not English, please contact the enrollment office for more details at (778) 478-6611 or enrollment@firstcollege.ca

## PROGRAM COST

### DOMESTIC

**Total Cost: \$8,500.00 CAD**

Application Fee - \$150.00 CAD  
Tuition Fee - \$7,795.00 CAD  
Course Materials Fee - \$455.00 CAD  
Textbook Fee - \$100.00 CAD

### Student Loan Available

For scholarship and subsidy, please feel free to contact the Student Service Department to receive more information.

### OR

### Funding Available with Conditions

Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement. (Detailed Information on Page 3)

### INTERNATIONAL

**Total Cost: \$10,585.00 CAD**

Application Fee - \$150.00 CAD  
Tuition Fee - \$9,580.00 CAD  
Assessment Fee & Administrative Fee - \$300.00 CAD  
Course Materials Fee - \$455.00 CAD  
Textbook Fee - \$100.00 CAD

## PRACTICE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements are due prior to the first day of Clinical Placement, the Student Service Department will assist you with obtaining necessary documentation.

1. A Criminal Record Check Clearance
2. Immunization Record
3. A Tuberculin Skin Test (also called a Mantoux tuberculin test) performed by CDC or physician
4. Medical Exam

Practice Education Requirements Provided Free by First College:

First Aid, CPR Level "C", Food Safe Level I, Student Practice Education Core Orientation, WHMIS.

## DATE AND SCHEDULE

For the upcoming intake schedule, please refer to [www.firstcollege.ca/hca](http://www.firstcollege.ca/hca) under the section "Date and Schedule."

Also, please contact the Academic Advisor, Alexandria Krause, for the detailed Academic Calendar at [admissions@firstcollege.ca](mailto:admissions@firstcollege.ca), OR call us at (778) 478-6611; (778)754-2888



# FUNDING INFORMATION

## HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT (HCA) PROGRAM

### January 2022 HCA Cohort - Fully Supported with Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement with 24 Available Seats

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First College offers an 8-month Health Care Assistant (HCA) Diploma Program that enables the students to develop the essential knowledge and skills to function effectively as frontline caregivers of the healthcare team. Graduates will be fully competent and confident in performing skills in a variety of settings, including health care facilities, private community agencies and individual homes.

The upcoming January 2022 cohort is fully supported with funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement with a total of 24 available seats. The program will run from January 21, 2022 to August 31, 2022.

Participants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons (as designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act) entitled to work in Canada. Also, participants must be at least 15 years old, living in BC with a Social Insurance Number (SIN), as well as unemployed, or employed part-time, seasonally, casually, or precariously employed, and seeking training to find a new job, preparing for changing job requirements or for new job opportunities in the community. It is also for participants who have been impacted by COVID-19 and are seeking training to obtain a job.

Participants currently receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, and those on Income Assistance (IA), are eligible to participate in this training project if the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) has been informed.

Participants who are employed full-time are not eligible for training. If a participant repeatedly does not complete training, that participant may become ineligible under any future grant applications.

Please contact the First College Student Service Department for more detailed information about the eligibility requirements.



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