

Certified Nursing Assistant

What Nursing Assistants Do:

Nursing Assistants work under the supervision of RN's and assist with all aspects of providing basic care to patients. This may include assisting patients with their daily care and attending to their needs, as well as moving patients. Nursing aids also take note of patients' medical issues and may take their blood pressure.

Where They Work:

Nursing Assistants work in hospitals, nursing care facilities, community care facilities for the elderly, and home health care services.

Salary Information:

Mean Hourly Wage: \$15.87 in New York State
Mean Annual Wage: \$33,010 in New York State
The lowest 10% earn \$10.57 hourly and \$21,980 annually in NYS

*Please note: The mean wage is an average wage. Salary may increase as technicians' experience and education increases. Industry also will affect salary – private doctors' offices generally pay less, hospitals more. The lowest 10% of salary may reflect those with the least experience.

Career Outlook:

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, the employment of Nursing Assistants is projected to grow 18 percent from 2012 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Because of the growing elderly population, many nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed in long-term care facilities. There is a high demand for CNA's in bilingual and multi-ethnic communities.



Program at Queensborough Community College:

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program consists of 30 sessions (120 hours) of coursework including lecture, lab and clinical practice. The program prepares students to work effectively in long-term and acute-care facilities, and in the community.

Advising, career counseling & job search assistance are offered at no charge to students during and upon completion of any course or program at Queensborough Community College, Office of Continuing Education.

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*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, December, 2015, State Occupational Employment & Wage Estimates. Sources for Career Snapshots include Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, O'Net,.