

Personal Care Attendant/Home Support Worker

Program Description

The 20-week Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program is designed to provide training to ensure that individuals employed in this area are prepared to provide the appropriate care and assistance to support services to clients living in their homes or to those residing in Personal Care and Long Term Care Facilities.

General Information

Students participating in this course will, through a combination of theoretical, practical and clinical applications, acquire knowledge in the fields of anatomy and physiology. This acquired knowledge will support the physiological, psychological, social, spiritual and cultural needs of a diverse client base. The increased aging population in Newfoundland and Labrador requires a skilled and knowledgeable workforce who is educated and trained in all aspects of caring for the aging population and those with disabilities.

Application Process

Individuals interested in this training are required to complete an official College Application Form and submit along with the required prerequisite documentation and a \$30 application fee to the nearest campus location.

Once applications have been received and screened for entrance requirements, applicants will be issued a Letter of Acceptance acknowledging seat availability for a particular campus offering.

Entrance Requirements

Interested applicants are required to submit the following documentation with their College application form:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent (ABE or GED)
- Current Certification in Standard First Aid and Basic Cardiac Support (Level C)
- Recent Letter of Conduct from RCMP or RNC
- Completed Medical Form and Immunization Status
- Tuberculin Skin Test (possible Chest X-Ray)

Students who do not meet the educational requirements noted above may apply for consideration under the Mature Student Regulations. Further information on this option is available from your local campus. It should be noted that some Regional Health Authorities and other potential employers may require High School Diploma or Equivalent as a condition of employment.

Class Schedules

Specific dates and locations for program offerings may vary. This course is offered upon demand and scheduling may occur at any time during the academic year. Please contact the campus nearest you for information on course availability.

The 20-week program consists of a combination of 14 weeks classroom training and 6 weeks of clinical training/placements.

Certificate Requirements

To qualify for a certificate, participants are required to obtain at least 65% on testing of all modules or combination of modules, and a Pass in the Practical component. Upon successful completion of all components of the program, students will be issued a Certificate of Achievement.

Tuition Fee

The tuition cost for this program is \$8,500.

Sponsorship/Funding

Applicants may be eligible for funding sponsorship. For further information on funding opportunities, please contact the Business Development Officer at your local campus.

Financial assistance may also be available under the Canada Student Financial Services Program (Student Aid). Please call 888-657-0800 for further information on eligibility.

About the College ...

College of the North Atlantic is Newfoundland and Labrador's public college. It is the largest post-secondary educational and skills training centre in Atlantic Canada. The College has 18 campuses across the province of Newfoundland and Labrador with approximately 12,000 full and part-time students, 700 faculty and 400 administrative staff. The College offers 70 full-time programs and courses as well as 300 part-time credit and non-credit courses.

For more information contact.....

The campus nearest you and speak to a **Business Development Officer** with Community, Corporate & International Services.

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