

# Florida Certified Nursing Assistant

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do certified nursing assistants do?

Certified nursing assistants (CNAs) have a way with people.

They possess a genuine desire to help others, and their selfless nature helps inform the deep connections they make with patients and coworkers. They're also the primary point of contact for these patients, so they often act as the eyes and ears of their health facility. It's these desirable qualities that make every CNA an essential force in the healthcare industry.

Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Turning or repositioning patients
- Gathering supplies for the RN or MD
- Obtaining vital
- Answering patient calls
- Bathing patients
- Feeding patients
- Combing hair, shaving, caring for nails, and brushing teeth
- Cleaning rooms and bed linens
- Stocking supplies
- Dressing wounds

### Where do they work?

The need for exceptional CNAs is pretty much universal in the healthcare industry, which means there's opportunity to work in a wide variety of environments—hospitals, long-term care facilities, and homes.

### How much do they earn?

As with most healthcare professions, pay rates for CNAs vary depending on geographic location and experience. Burning Glass reports that the average salary falls between \$30,000 and \$35,000 a year, with the top 10% earning \$50,000.

### How's the job outlook?

Healthcare is one of the fastest-growing industries in the United States, adding millions of new jobs over the next 5–10 years. This means CNAs are in high demand—in fact, job rates in Florida are expected to grow 8% over the next 10 years.

"I was very impressed with what CareerStep had to offer. Affordable pricing for a comprehensive program, combined with the support and flexibility I needed. A perfect choice!"

JESSICA, CAREERSTEP LEARNER

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. New opportunities explored. With CareerStep, it all could happen in as little as 1 month.

### Prepare For A Better Job

As a CNA, you'll have all the upward mobility you could ever hope for. CNAs work closely with Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs), so they see exactly what the next level looks like—and they're provided with a roadmap that outlines how to get there. Throw that in the mix with the rewarding day-to-day responsibilities, and you have an exceptional career path.

### Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

### Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Clinical externship support

### Get Certified With Free Exam Vouchers

We'll provide free certification exam vouchers to take nationally recognized or state-specific exams so you can register as a nursing assistant in Florida:

- **Nursing Assistant Certification Exam**  
This program will set you up to take the Nursing Assistant Certification exam through the American Medical Certification Association (AMCA).
- **Prometric Nurse Aide Assessment Exam**  
Sit for this state-specific licensing exam if you want to register as a nursing assistant in Florida.

### Program Outline

#### Courses With Externship Pathways

Program Orientation

Preparing for Your Externship

Certified Nursing Assistant Core

State-Specific Training

HIPAA in the Workforce

Clinical Externship

Completing Your Externship

Program Completion

**TOTAL HOURS WITH EXTERNSHIP: 175**  
**135 Didactic, Simulations, and**  
**Experiential + 40 Externship**

#### Courses Without Externship

Program Orientation

Certified Nursing Assistant Core

State-Specific Training

Program Completion

**TOTAL HOURS WITHOUT EXTERNSHIP: 120**

Job market and salary data from Burning Glass Technologies  
"Labor Insight™ Real-Time Labor Market Information Tool"