Health Care Assistant: Certificate

Faculty of Community And Health Studies	kpu.ca/health
Implementation Date	01-Sep-2011
Start Date(s)	September January
Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Limited enrolment
Program Type	Vocational
Credential Granted	Certificate
Offered At	Langley
Format	Full-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Health Care Assistant (HCAP) program is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary to function as a front-line caregiver in a variety of long-term care settings that include both residential care facilities and home support agencies. The graduate is prepared to provide care to older adults experiencing diverse, often complex but relatively stable, health and illness needs.

Graduates are prepared to function collaboratively as members of an inter-disciplinary health care team. In a facility they work under the direct supervision of an appropriate health professional. In the home care setting they work more independently but are always under the direction of a health professional.

In addition to tuition fees, students will spend approximately $1,500 for textbooks, course materials, uniforms and shoes, transportation and parking, etc., during the program. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical experiences.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Upon completion of the program, graduates are qualified to work in any level of continuing care services, including:

- Home Support
- Complex Care
- Assisted Living
- Adult Day Care

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements including the vocational-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

- A criminal record review, issued by the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Applicants who are not a Canadian citizen are required to secure a Criminal Record Search with the Vulnerable Sector from their country of origin.
- Immunizations consistent with the requirements of clinical agencies.

- Food Safe Level I course
- Valid First-Aid Certificate (St. John's Ambulance Standard First Aid or Red Cross Standard First Aid)
- Canadian CPR level C
- Canadian TB test
- Attendance at a Health Care Assistant information session

Students who do not meet KPU's General university admission requirements for English Proficiency may meet this requirement with:

- A minimum score of writing level 8 on KPU's Accuplacer test. Applicants whose first language is not English and who have taken less than 9 years of education in Canada are required to take KPU's Accuplacer ELST test and achieve a score of 98 with a writing band of 5.

Students in the program are required to demonstrate the ability to perform a variety of cognitive, emotional and psychomotor skills safely and knowledgeably. Students with physical, intellectual, or emotional disabilities are obligated to contact the coordinator of the Health Care Assistant program to discuss the required skills and competencies.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program is 30 weeks in length.

The student will spend a total of approximately 870 hours in a variety of learning environments over the program length, including classroom, nursing laboratory, resident care facilities, and home care environments. They will be expected to do both daytime (0700–1500) and evening (1500–2300) shifts.

The last five weeks of the program will be a full-time work experience.

Semester 1

All of:

ABTY 1141	Introductory Word Processing	3 credits
ECHS 1114	Communications for Caring Professions	2 credits
HCAP 1120	Wellness: Health, Lifestyle & Choice	1.5 credits
HCAP 1124	Health and Healing: Concepts for Practice 1	3 credits
HCAP 1126	Personal Care Skills & Clinical Practise	8 credits
HCAP 1135	Person Centered Practice in Healthcare	1.5 credits

Semester 2

All of:

HCAP 1224	Health and Healing: Concepts for Practise 2	3 credits
HCAP 1225	Health Care Assistant Advanced Skills	3 credits
HCAP 1240	Dementia and Special Needs: Theory and Practise	5 credits
HCAP 1245	Health Care Assistant Final Practicum	5 credits

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2013-14 Calendar   **www.kpu.ca/calendar/2013-14**

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate in Health Care Assistant**.