

Vocational Health

Health Care Assistant Certificate

SD22 Dual Credit Program

What does the certificate program offer?

This six-month program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to function effectively as direct client care providers in community and long-term care settings. Under the direction of a health professional, graduates provide person-centred care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, emotional, cognitive and social well-being of clients.

Where can I find employment?

Graduates Work in a variety of continuing care environments, such as:

- Home support
- Adult day care
- Assisted living
- Complex care (including dementia care units)

Practicum, Extern and Clinical Experiences

Practicum, extern and clinical experiences are an integral part of health and social services programs. Locations are throughout the Okanagan Valley. Students must arrange for their own transportation to and from practicum, extern and clinical sites. In most cases, a driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle is required. Travel expenses are the student's responsibility. Hours vary from six to nine hours per day during the practicum for a total of 30 hours per week.



For program information visit:
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Admission Requirements

- B.C. secondary school graduation or equivalent with Grade 12 (waived for Grade 12 dual credit students)
- English requirement: a completed self-declaration and a minimum grade of 60% in English 11; or a minimum score of 24/40 or Level 4 on the Language Proficiency Index (LPI); or a minimum grade of 50% in English 12 or English 12 First Peoples
- It is recommended that students also complete a Grade 11 Science or ABE Science at the 70 or 80 Level
- Completion of a Red Cross Standard First Aid or St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid that includes Basic Life Support Level C course no more than 12 months before admission
- A criminal record check clearance from the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Criminal Records Review Office
- A medical examination confirming good health is required. Applicants must provide evidence of a negative tuberculin test, taken no more than six months before the date of application (or evidence of appropriate follow-up if the test was positive)
- Completion of the provincial FOODSAFE training program
- Proof of meeting current immunizations / vaccinations as per health care organization policies

When and Where is this Program Offered?

Vernon campus

November through April

Length: 25 weeks, Monday - Friday, six hours per day

Material Fees

- Text approximately **\$775** if purchased new (used texts available)
- Dental/Extended health **\$130** (may be waived)
- Uniform - approximately **\$200**
- Student activity, parking, printing and other ancillary fees approximately **\$650**

All fees and textbooks costs are subject to change.

If you have any further questions about the Health Care Assistant Certificate program, please contact:

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