

Compton College CNA Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) **When will the CNA Program start?**

The next CNA class will begin in the Fall semester, during the second 8-week session.

2) **How do I apply?**

Submit the online application by the deadline on provided on the website.

3) **How are the candidates selected?**

On a first come, first-serve basis. Subject to completion of all eligibility requirements listed in the announcement.

4) **What are the steps that I need to take for the application process and prepare for enrollment in the program?**

a. Obtain application to the program

b. Submit online application paperwork to the nursing department email

at: _____

c. Enroll at Compton College

d. Register & Attend the CNA Information & Application Workshop

5) **What about the physical examination, drug screen and immunizations?**

a. Prior to acceptance into the program, entering students must provide proof of a physical exam, negative drug screen, and necessary immunizations including a TB test within the last 2 months.

i. The requirements will include:

___ Physical Examination provider report inclusive of a health history, lab work (CBC and urinalysis, immunizations (to match current ADN Program) and drawn titers (blood test) for Rubella, Rubeola, Mumps, and Varicella. Additionally, students must provide proof of hepatitis B (series of three-vaccine regimen) and evidence of immunity (titer).

i. Proof of negative Tuberculosis

___ Negative tuberculin skin test, a two-step (2-step TST) (also known as a PPD) is required. If the first test is positive, TB infection is suspected, and a negative chest x-ray (CXR) result is required. A second positive TST indicates a history of a distant TB infection among asymptomatic patients. A second positive TST result requires a negative CXR result to indicate no active disease. A negative QuantiFERON- TB Gold (QFT-G) blood test meets acceptable proof of tuberculosis screening.

b. Students may get these services from their private physician or go to clinics listed on the student resource list in this packet.

c. Students are required to have met these requirements as mandated by the Department of Health Services and our clinical affiliates. This protects you from residents that may have a communicable disease and vice versa.

6) **What about fingerprinting and background check?**

Will be provided with the necessary forms and performed in class at no cost to the student.

___ LIVE Scan criminal background check demonstrating no DUI, misdemeanor, or felony convictions.

7) **What about the CPR card?**

Students will be expected to obtain an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR for the Healthcare provider.

8) **What is the total cost of the program? (Estimate)**

a. Compton College fees at approximately \$46.00 per unit (Nurse Assistant course is 5 units = \$230.00)

b. Course Textbooks, approx. \$10.

c. Malpractice Insurance, approx. \$23

d. CPR Course \$45 - \$65

- e. Uniforms, approx. \$35 each
- f. Stethoscope, approx. Prices varies
- g. Drug screen, physical, and immunizations (prices varies)
- h. Closed toe shoes (no tennis shoes, no clogs, no heels) solid white rubber soled shoes.
- i. State examination administered by the American Red Cross is approximately \$105.

9) **How is the CNA Program (course) scheduled?**

The CNA Program also known as the CNA 103 course is scheduled as follows:

This eight-week intensive course is generally held four days per week, beginning with daily lectures, integrative activities, adding skills laboratory practice, followed by daily clinical courses held at a long-term care facility. The lecture and skills laboratory courses are held on campus and are not remote, virtual or on-line courses.

10) **How do I become a Certified Nurse Assistant?**

Upon meeting the hour and academic requirements for the Certified Nursing Assistant program, students are eligible to sit for the State of California Certifying Examination. Students must have a valid photo identification (i.e. driver's license, state ID card or passport AND an original social security card to sit for the examination.