

C.N.A. – Certified Nursing Assistant F.A.Q.

Q: What is a C.N.A.?

A: A **Certified Nursing Assistant**, also known as a **CNA**, has a demanding, challenging, but ultimately rewarding job. Working in hospitals, long term care facilities, assisted living centers, adult day care centers, home health agencies, hospice agencies, and other medical, community, and residential settings, CNAs work closely with patients to care for their basic physical and emotional needs. A Certified Nursing Assistant, is authorized to perform specific duties to assist nurses. CNAs work closely with patients to help provide care for their basic physical and emotional needs, and may also perform vital signs. <http://www.nursingassistants.info/> 2011

Q: Does my C.N.A. course have to be completed by the BSN application deadline?

A: No. Students may apply and be considered without completion/certification, however it is required for enrollment in Nursing courses if admitted.

Q: Why does UWG require admitted students to complete a C.N.A. course?

A: In 2012, the School of Nursing will begin a new BSN curriculum for pre-licensure students. It is imperative that new students come into the new curriculum prepared with basic nursing skills outlined in the Certified Nursing Assistant/Aide programs.

Q: How recent does the C.N.A. training have to be?

1. If you are employed with in a position where you practice these skills and hold a current certificate, the course could have been Within the last 5 years.
2. If you took a CAN course more than two years ago and are not currently certified you will need to become recertified before enrolling, if admitted to the BSN program at UWG.

Q: I completed a C.M.A. (Certified Medical Assistant) course, will this exempt me?

A: No. Certified Medical Assisting is more loosely defined; their job duties can range from administrative/clerical to collecting labs, checking vital signs to handling/ordering medical supplies for various types of medical facilities. It is hard to determine what a C.M.A. actually does in their working environment as their course of study is not as clearly defined as a Certified Nursing Assistant/Aide.

Q: I have other medical credentials (ex: Army Medic, EMT, etc) that have provided me with basic nursing skills. Am I exempt?

A: No exceptions will be made in this case.