

Certified Nurse Assistant Training FAQs

❖ Are there prerequisites for the CNA training?

Yes. Please see the [sample course syllabus for face-to-face CNA training](#) or the [sample course syllabus for online CNA training](#) for important information regarding course prerequisites such as Mantoux (Tuberculosis) testing and influenza vaccination.

❖ What is Mantoux testing?

A Mantoux test is a skin test for Tuberculosis. Your test results are required to be submitted to TrainND Northeast prior to attending clinical. [Click here for a guide on Mantoux testing.](#)

❖ Is there an attendance policy?

Yes. Students are required to attend a minimum of 75 hours to successfully complete the training program. Please see the [sample course syllabus for face-to-face CNA training](#) or the [sample course syllabus for online CNA training](#) for important information regarding attendance and other policies.

❖ What if I don't pass the certification exam after I attend CNA training?

You are allowed to retake the exam twice. The cost to retake the exam is your responsibility to pay to the ND Board of Nursing. Only one testing fee is included in the tuition. Please contact the [ND Board of Nursing](#) to schedule the retake. If a student fails the exam after three attempts, he/she will be required to complete a nurse aide training program prior to testing again.

❖ Is there financial aid available?

Students who plan to complete only the Nursing Assistant program only (whether the training is for credit or non-credit) are not eligible for federal financial aid. Students who are degree-seeking may be eligible to receive federal financial aid. If you go to work as a CNA within one year of receiving your certification, contact your employer about reimbursement of training costs. If these options will not work for you, contact your local [Job Service North Dakota](#) office to inquire about your qualification to receive WIOA funding to cover your tuition. Some students may be eligible to complete the training through the [Next Steps II Program](#).

❖ How long is the certification effective?

Certified Nurse Assistants must re-certify every two years. If you allow your certification to lapse, you must contact the [ND Department of Health](#).

❖ **Do you help students find a job?**

No. Our advice to you is to start applying for open positions. Some facilities will pay for your training up front, and a facility must reimburse you if they hire you within one year of course completion. To find open positions go to www.jobsnd.com or contact facilities in your area.

❖ **I completed both CNA training in North Dakota and the certification exam last month and paid the tuition for the training myself since I was not employed at the time. I have now applied for a job in Minnesota. Is the facility in Minnesota required to reimburse me for my tuition?**

No. There may be some facilities across the North Dakota border willing to reimburse you for your tuition, however, they are not required by law to do so. If you completed a training program in North Dakota, only facilities within North Dakota are required by law to reimburse you for the costs if you become employed within 12 months of completing the training.