PCSS Post secondary Spotlight
So, you want to be a...
Health Care Aide

Health Care Aide Certificate - 1 year

Become an integral part of the health-care team as a Health Care Aide. In this rewarding field, you will work in acute care facilities, continuing care facilities, hospitals, as well as in client's homes, providing high level front-line care to clients in need of assistance.

The program uses a variety of learning approaches including online readings, assignments and lessons, in-person labs with a certified instructor and in-person clinical placements. This program follows the Government of Alberta approved Health Care Aide 2020 curriculum and successful graduates are certified as Health Care Aides in Alberta.

This certificate is offered in a blended delivery format with lectures and class work being done online, and all practicum placements and labs being in person. This program is offered in multiple communities, including Red Deer, Drumheller, Innisfail, Ponoka, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler and Sundre.

Students in the Health Care Aide program will participate in practicum placements to experience hands-on learning.

Academic Requirements
Students applying to Health Care Aide must have English Language Arts (ELA) with a minimum of 60% in:
- English 20-1 or English 20-2, or Canadian Jurisdiction equivalent

OR

A minimum of 55% in:
- English 30-1 or English 30-2, or Canadian Jurisdiction equivalent

Average Wage $18.53

https://rdpolytech.ca/programs/health-care-aide-certificate
https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/health-care-aide/