



HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKAGE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The [Health Care Assistant](#) program offers the BC Provincial HCA Curriculum, is 27 weeks or 745 hours in length and consists of courses in the basic concepts of health, client centered care, personal care and assistance, common health challenges and cognitive challenges as they are applied to the care of older individuals and their families.

Studies will give students the technical knowledge, human understanding and practical skills to provide responsible and competent client-centered care.

Graduates of the program will be prepared to function as Health Care Assistants and team members in residential care facilities and home care agencies.

It is suggested that the student should be in good physical health with no back problems. It is important that the prospective HCA demonstrate a caring and interested attitude toward older adults and physically challenged persons and be willing to work with these clients and their families to encourage independence. Flexibility, maturity and a sense of humor are very desirable.

The prospective student is strongly advised to volunteer in a Continuing Care facility and to talk to a Home Support Worker before registering for the program.

INTAKE DATES

Fall (September)

Winter (January)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of Grade 11 (Grade 12 preferred) (or equivalent)
- English Studies 11 with a minimum B (or [equivalent](#))
- Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- [English Language Competency](#) for Non-native speakers of English. Please note that only the listed language competency tests will be accepted.

Applicants who do not have English 11 or 12 may do so by submitting a successful [Accuplacer assessment test](#) result. Contact the [Assessment Centre](#) to book a testing date.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online through [EducationPlannerBC](#)
2. [Submit official transcript\(s\)](#) to Enrolment Services

Official High School Transcripts:

BC high school applicants must register to release their transcript to TRU through the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#). For assistance with this process, please refer to the Transcript Service help videos or connect with our Future Students team at 250-828-5006. Out of province applicants must send their official transcripts now and at the time of graduation. Please visit your provincial or territorial Ministry of Education for further information on how to order.

Official Post-Secondary Transcripts:

Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently attending another post-secondary institution, you must submit an official transcript at the time of your application. Should you have courses in progress, you will be required to submit a final official transcript at completion. You are not required to submit your TRU transcript.

Option to submit transcripts by mail: Official transcripts can be mailed directly from the school in a sealed envelope to:

**Thompson Rivers University
Enrolment Services
805 TRU Way
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8**

3. Submit additional required supplementary documentation to Admissions. Documents emailed to admissions@tru.ca must be in PDF format. Include your TRU ID number in the subject line.

NEXT STEPS

We will contact you within 5 working days to confirm receipt of your application. You will then be able to review your application status and document receipt on [myTRU](#). Please allow 3-5 days from submission of your documentation for the receipt date to be reflected on your account.

Accepted students must submit additional [documentation](#) to nursing@tru.ca:

- Standard First Aid with CPR Level 'C' or equivalent
- Food Safe Level 1
- [Consent to a Criminal Record Check](#)
- [HSPnet Consent Form](#)
- [HCA Requisite Skills and Abilities Form](#)
- [Student Immunization Record](#)

NEED HELP?

[Contact Us](#)

Enrolment Services – Admissions & Registration
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