

Nurse Aide Training

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Western CO Area Health Education Center

2938 North Avenue Unit B
Grand Junction, CO 81504
970-434-5474

Class Schedule 2026:

**EVENING Classes: March 30 – May 7; May 11 – June 18; June 29 – August 6;
August 17 – September 24; September 28 – November 5; November 9 – December 17**

DAY Classes: To be determined

Instructors: Heather Lind; Eric Downey; Bev Olson; LeeAnn Downey; Carrie Holt

Location: 2938 North Avenue Unit B, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Miscellaneous:

- Clinical times** are scheduled during the **last 3 days of class from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm or 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm**. Clinical times are scheduled for the best possible clinical experience that can be provided to a student. **If any Clinical time is missed, you must redo all 3 days.**
- Prepares students to take the Colorado Certified Nurse Aide Exam.
- Classes are 104 hours.
- After successful completion of the course, students take a written exam and a skills evaluation for obtaining a state certification; test fees are included in the tuition fee of **\$1,425.00**.
- Tuition fee of **\$1,425** includes nonrefundable \$50 application fee, nonrefundable \$55 background screening required by the Colorado Board of Nursing, \$145 certification exam fee, malpractice insurance, books and a set of scrubs for clinicals.
- **If the background screening runs over the \$55.00, the tuition is increased by the difference between the background screening cost and \$55.00.**
- Scholarships may be available, based on eligibility criteria, through the Workforce Center (512 29 ½ Rd., Grand Junction). The first step is to create a Connecting Colorado account at connectingcolorado.gov
- To register for class, a candidate must submit a completed CNA application with a **deposit of \$350.00** (unless applying through the Workforce Center) and pay the **\$55.00** background check fee.

Health Requirements:

- Proof of a flu shot for classes with Clinical times scheduled for October through March. **Due by start of class.**
- Proof of a negative skin test for tuberculosis (TST/PPD skin test) **within the last year. Due by start of class.**
Cost is \$15 at the Community Hospital Occupational Health - 2004 N.12th Street. Phone: (970) 256-6490
Test placement: Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 7 am to 5 pm. Readings are 48 - 72 hours later.
If placed on Monday, test will be read on Thursday. If placed on Tuesday, test will be read on Friday.
If placed on Friday, test will be read on Monday.

Thank you for your interest! For an application or if you have questions, please call: **970-434-5474 ext. 2**

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Course Requirements

Western Colorado Area Health Education Center's (WCAHEC) Nurse Aide Training Program is 104 hours.

Attendance:

- WCAHEC and the State Board of Nursing require students attend all classes and clinical practice to fulfill their requirements.
- An absence due to an emergency or illness will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- The student must notify the Executive Director or the instructor **prior** to the missed class/clinical to be excused.
- If a student is absent due to an emergency or illness, the course work missed will be made up on the student's own time. If additional instructor time is required to assist the student with the make-up work or clinical practice, the student will reimburse WCAHEC for the instructor's fee (at a minimum of \$35.00 per hour). Make-up of a clinical practice is permitted at the discretion of the Executive Director/Program Instructor.
- Any request for variation of these procedures will be considered only in unusual circumstances and only with the permission of the Executive Director.
- Absences or tardiness in excess of a "collective" of 8 hours may be considered grounds for dismissal or reassignment to a future class.
- Future class attendance is approved on a space available basis only. Space available status is only granted for 90 days.

Grading:

- Students must achieve 75% or better on chapter quiz average.
- Students must actively participate in the classroom, lab and clinical setting.
- Students must satisfactorily perform all skills by the completion of the course.

Discharge Criteria:

1. Inability to achieve 75% or better on chapter quiz average and/or 80% on final exam.
2. Any form of cheating on exams or in clinical or classroom settings.
3. Excessive tardiness.
4. Unexplained or habitual absenteeism.
5. Misconduct as described in the Student Conduct Policy.

Refunds:

The Nurse Aide course is based upon the tuition of 10 paying students. Last minute cancellations, dropouts or no-show students impact the class.

1. The following fees are **non-refundable**:
 - a. The Deposit fee of \$350 if a candidate did not attend the class with notification within 7 calendar days of a class start date or without notification.
 - b. The Tuition fee of \$1,425 for a student who dropped out, failed or was dismissed from the class.
Certification Exam fee of \$145 is refundable.
2. If a student did not attend a class with notification within 7 days of a class start date or without notification, dropped out, failed or was dismissed from the class, the student is responsible for the tuition fee of \$1,425.00.

I am physically and mentally able to meet the demands of a Nurse Aide Class, including lab and clinicals, and have no functional limitations to lift or move a minimum of 50 pounds.

Student Signature

Date

Other Education and/or Training:

Course title	Institution	Date completed	Credit or hours

Work Experience:

Position	Employer	City/State	From/to dates

References:

1.			
Name			Relationship
Address		Phone	
2.			
Name			Relationship
Address		Phone	
3.			
Name			Relationship
Address		Phone	

**** On the back of this or on a separate piece of paper, please write about the following:**

Tell how your education, formal and informal, and your experience relate to the Nurse Aide training program and tell us why you want to be a Certified Nurse Aide. **

Signature _____ Date _____

