WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A CNA???



This course is designed for 11th and 12th grade students who have successfully completed **Diversified Health** Occupations and are interested in nursing and its related fields. The course is limited to 16 students and selection is concurrent with teacher recommendation. After completing classroom and outside clinical placements (long-term care and hospital), students take the **Connecticut State** Department Nurse Aide **Competency Test.**



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Honors Certified Nursing Assistant Program # 7552

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WHAT WOULD I BE DOING AS A CNA?

As a Certified Nursing Assistant, you will be on the front lines of patient care. Your compassion and skills will help minimize the stress of those who are sick or unable to care for themselves. CNA's work under the supervision of a nurse to provide assistance to patients with their activities of daily living. They give their patients important physical, social and emotional support and also provide vital information on patient conditions to the Registered Nurse.



WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE?

An experience as a CNA can be your foot in the door for other medical and health related fields. A CNA license adds to your resume for jobs in the health care field. It can also increase your probability of being accepted into a college level nursing program, physical and occupational therapy program and many other medical careers. Having the experience of being a CNA shows that you can relate to patients, provide physical and emotional support and most importantly, can work as an active team member in our complex health care system.

It is also possible that your career as a CNA will be short lived. Perhaps a CNA job will be a springboard in to another health care career. This experience will provide you with the necessary skills and communication needed for success in any health care career.