RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

CNA (CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT) PROGRAM

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

THIS PACKET IS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Health Science Clinical Study (Honors)
Course #556000HD
Grade: 12 2 units

Health Science Clinical Study is a course that guides students to make connections from the classroom to the healthcare industry through work-based learning experiences/activities. This course is designed to provide for further development and application of knowledge and skills common to a wide variety of healthcare professions. The students in this course will build on all information and skills presented in the previous required course foundation standards. The student, teachers and work-based learning coordinators will work together to create opportunities for the students to get the best experience available in the district's geographic region. Students in this course should be First-Aid and CPR certified before participating in any healthcare experience outside of the classroom. Nurse Aide candidates: Under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse, students are prepared to perform nursing-related services to patients and residents in hospitals or long-term care facilities. For Nurse-Aide programs, students will review all foundation standards in the clinical study program, as well as the addition of the SC Nurse Aide Curriculum found in the training program packet. This course meets all DHHS federal and state requirements for a certified nurse aide program in an approved NA training facility (NA program is optional). All students must provide verification of medical insurance coverage or purchase schools accident insurance. All students will need at least 1 uniform with designated program shoes and a watch with a second hand. All students must be up-to-date including mumps, measles, and rubella (MMR). Other vaccinations such as diphtheria and tetanus may also be required. Prior to clinical internship experience, students must have a TB skin test and Hepatitis B injection. Student personal malpractice liability insurance is required and the cost will be paid by the district. Students will adhere to program requirement for training site agreements. Instructor approval is required to start the application process. The application and selection process must be completed before enrollment in Health Science Clinical Study.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites: Completion of Health Science 1, 2, and 3 (HS 3 may be substituted with the following courses: PLTW Human Body Systems, or Medical Terminology) with a **grade of 75 or higher**, plus Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification. Please note: Only HS3, Medical Terminology or PLTW HBS will count towards being a completer in the Health Science pathway.

Other factors that will be considered:

- Teacher recommendation
- GPA
- Attendance
- Disciplinary referrals
- Interview

TIMELINE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

2025-2026 School Year

A timeline for the CNA program has been established as follows:

- **October 10, 2025**
  - Program Prerequisites, Application and Interview Questions submitted to feeder schools/students

- **February 17, 2026**
  - Deadline for submission of Student Applications from Feeder Schools

- **March 13- 30, 2026**
  - Student Interviews conducted by Heyward staff and health care professionals.

- **April 15, 2026**
    - Acceptance Letter Mailed to Parents and Feeder Schools Notified
    - Waiting List Established

INTEREST SECTION

Use blue or black ink or type responses on the form.

Personal Information

Name_____
Last First Middle

Street Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Telephone_____ E-mail Address_____

Date of Birth_____ Age_____ Current Grade_____

Teacher Recommendation *(Please provide 2 different teacher references)*

Teacher's Name **Course(s) Taught** **Signature**

_____ _____ _____

Teacher's Email Address and Phone Number _____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the CNA program at Heyward:

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Teacher's Name **Course(s) Taught** **Signature**

_____ _____ _____

Teacher's Email Address and Phone Number _____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the CNA program at Heyward:

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****Student: Please attach a typed essay explaining why you should be accepted into the CNA program; at least 2 pages, Font Size 12, Times New Roman, Double-spaced.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

_____GPA **_____UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** **_____REFERRALS** **_____SUNS ID**

STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT

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Parent and Student Agreement:

I understand the requirements for being enrolled in the Heyward CNA Program. I agree to allow my child to participate, and I understand that completing this agreement does not guarantee my child's acceptance into the program.

Student's Name (please print): _____
(Last, First, Middle Name)

Student's Signature: _____

Feeder School: _____

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____