

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Health Care Assistant Program Information Session



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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Program Objectives
- Program Outline
- Course Descriptions
- Admissions Requirements
- Costs for program
- Job prospects



WHAT IS A HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT?

- An HCA functions as a front-line caregiver in a variety of health care settings, including acute care, complex care, and home support.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- HCA's provide personal care assistance and services in a caring manner.
- Recognize and support the unique needs, abilities and backgrounds of clients and residents.
- Work as members of a health care team in a variety of settings.
- Receive direction and supervision from other health professionals.
- Maintain the health, safety, independence, comfort and well-being of individuals and families.



PROGRAM OUTLINE

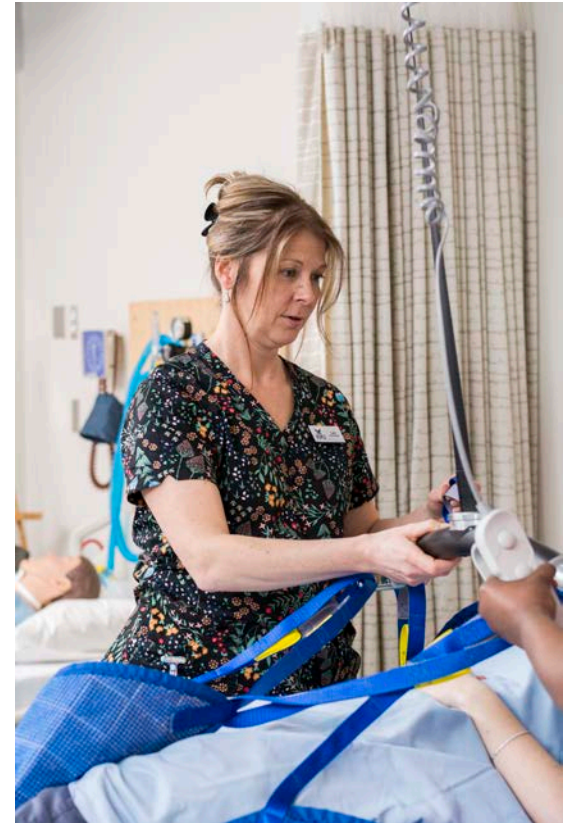
- The program is 2 semesters long.
- The intake for each class is 32 students.
- There are 2 program intakes a year (September and January)
- September intake graduates in April and January intake graduates in August.
- The program has 33 credits

Graduates receive the **Health Care Assistant Certificate**



SEMESTER 1 COURSES

- **HCAP 1100** **Interpersonal Communication**
- **HCAP 1110** **Common Health Challenges**
- **HCAP 1121** **Lifestyle & Choices**
- **HCAP 1130** **Personal Care Skills Lab**
- **HCAP 1136** **Concepts for Practice**
- **HCAP 1150** **Complex Care Practice**



SEMESTER 2 COURSES

- **HCAP 1210** **Complex Challenges**
- **HCAP 1220** **Cognitive Challenges**
- **HCAP 1230** **Advanced Skills**
- **HCAP 1236** **Introduction to Practice**
- **HCAP 1250** **Final Practicum**



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Functions of the human body
- Common diseases and illnesses
- Interpersonal communications
- Personal care
- Self care
- Delegated tasks
- Cognitive and mental health challenges
- Employee rights and responsibilities
- Technology in healthcare



LEARN ABOUT PERSON-CENTERED CARE



D
Dignity



I
Independence



p
Preference



P
Privacy



S
Safety



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Acute Care – hospital settings (Medical, ER, Surgical etc.)
- Complex Care – LTC Senior Residences, 24/7 care
- Assisted Living – funded apartment complexes, some assistance required with pc, meals, meds
- Adult Day Centers – place for seniors to socialize & participate in therapeutic rec. activities
- Home Support

HCA's are part of a growing field with new job opportunities in new settings everyday.



WHY CHOOSE HCAP AT KWANTLEN?

- Unique clinical opportunity to experience supporting people living with Alzheimer's in a specialized care unit.
- Distinctive clinical opportunity for students to experience acute care in their final practicum.
- Variety of experiences over the program length, including classroom, laboratory, simulations, complex care, and home support facilities.
- Learn how to meet the care needs of adults who may be experiencing diverse and often complex health and illness challenges.



KPU SUPPORT SERVICES

Library

Cafeteria

Athletics/Recreation

Learning Centers

Assessment & Testing

Counseling & Advising

Financial Awards

Bookstore

Student Association

Intercampus Shuttle Bus



Early Alert



BEYOND THE PROGRAM

Upon **successful completion** of the HCAP Certificate:

- **3 seats** reserved for HCAP graduates in Health Foundations Certificate*

Upon successful completion of Health Foundation Certificate **with a competitive GPA:**

- **3 seats** reserved in the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing Program (**competitive**)
- **3 seats** reserved in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program(**competitive**)



*Health Foundation pre-requisites must be met



COST OF THE PROGRAM

Students can calculate their **expected tuition fees** at:

<http://www.kpu.ca/tuitionEstimator>

Tuition Fee 2019-20: \$5386.59 (33 credits)

Student loan eligible

- Students will also spend **approximately \$500** for textbook, course materials, uniforms and shoes, transportation and parking etc., during the program.
- Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinic experiences.

Note: The HCA program has 11 of 12 courses that have ZTC (zero textbook cost) status.



INITIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

- BC English 11* with a passing grade, or BC Communications 12* with a passing grade; or
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): IBT 76 or higher, with no sub score less than 20 in Speaking and Listening and no sub score less than 18 in Reading and Writing, taken within the last two years; or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Overall band of 6.0 or higher, with a minimum of 6.0 in the Speaking and Listening band, and a minimum 5.5 in Reading and Writing band, taken within the last two years; or
- Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL): Score of 60 or higher with no sub score less than 50, taken within the last two years.

Students who need to upgrade can contact the future students' office at
study@kpu.ca

Students who need more information on Tests can connect with **testing@kpu.ca**



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon completion of the English requirement students will receive a **conditional offer** of admission.

Before **final admission** to the program is granted students must submit the following:

- TB test
- Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR Level C
- Food Safe Level I
- Ministry of Justice Criminal Record Check (completed within six months prior to enrolment in the program)
- Immunization Record (required by Health Authority prior to clinical placement)



TESTIMONIALS

"The instructors and staff really went the extra mile to help you succeed. I was able to find a job within 2 weeks of graduating in home support. The clinical courses provided great hands-on experience that I found no surprises on the job; I knew how to do everything! I really enjoy the one-on-one time with clients in the community, it helps me to get to know the person better and build".

"I obtained a job within 1 month of graduating in a facility that the program totally prepared me for; it was an easy transition from student to worker. I really enjoy my job and receive major satisfaction in seeing the residents well cared for".





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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