

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Background

Academic pre-requisites and graduation requirements for the health care aide program.

Procedures

1. Academic English Language Arts (ELA)
 - English 20-1 or 20-2 with a minimum score of 60% achieved or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent; **or**
 - English 30-1 or 30-2 with a minimum of 55% or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent, such as a Canadian High School Equivalency Diploma (General Education Development-test (GED)); **or**
 - Deemed equivalent by completion of Next-Generation ACCUPLACER (assessment placement test) reading and writing tests, with a minimum score of 237 in each category. The math test is not required.

Note: *Students who have not met the ELA requirement (i.e., 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, or 30-2 English level) with the minimum grade are subject to completing the Next- Generation ACCUPLACER assessment test. This can include students out of province, out of country, or mature students that have been out of school for a significant length of time.*

2. English Language Proficiency (ELP)
 - Candidates where English is a Second Language (ESL) must meet the English Language Proficiency requirement in addition to the Academic English requirement. Equivalencies are as follows:
 - By presenting a Canadian High School Equivalency Diploma (General Education Development-test (GED)), or
 - By attending high school in Canada. Studies must have been in English at an approved Canadian high school (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) with at least three consecutive years of full-time academic study; or
 - Providing evidence of attending two consecutive years of full-time equivalent post-secondary study in English in a subject other than a HCA program at a Canadian institution; or
 - By completing an Approved ELP Test with the required Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB): A minimum CLB of 7 in each of the 4 language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and not an average of 7.
 - Official test results must be submitted directly to the PSI.
 - PSIs will accept submissions from any one of the following approved ELP tests:

Approved English Language Proficiency (ELP) Tests:

1. *International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic: 6 (no section score below 5.5);*
2. *Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Testing (TOEFL iBT): 71;*
3. *Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELP) General: 7 (with no section score below 6);*

4. Canadian Language Benchmarks Tests/Milestones Test (7 in each strand, not an average of 7);
5. Duolingo English Test (minimum score of 95); and
6. Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN): 7 in each area of listening, reading, writing and speaking, not an average of 7.

Note:

Test Currency: results must have been obtained within two years of the start date of the program. Test Validity: IELTS (Academic) and TOEFL results are valid for two years from the day of testing. Results that expire prior to the Start Date of the program will not be accepted.

3. Digital literacy

Candidates must possess knowledge of computer/technology tools to be successful in the program.

Candidates must:

- Be able to communicate, research and understand information
- Know how to use computer to surf web, email
- Be able to critically evaluate and understand how technology can affect one's behavior
- Be able to create, produce content and effectively communicate using email, media, internet

4. Health and safety requirements: The following health and safety requirements must be met to proceed to clinical placement.

- 4.1 HSPNet consent form
- 4.2 Confidentiality
- 4.3 Police Information Check
- 4.4 Immunizations as per site requirements
- 4.5 Yearly Influenza and Covid Immunization as per site requirement

5. Graduation Requirement: The following requirements must be met for students to receive the HCAA College Health Care Aide Certificate

- 5.1 A minimum overall grade of 70% in courses 1,2,3,4,6 and 7
- 5.2 A successful PASS in all clinical placement courses, including courses 5,8 and 9
- 5.3 Attendance during all lab and clinical placements are met according to Health Care Aide provincial standard
- 5.4 PASS Provincial Exam within the 3 attempts – 60 days as per Policy 18.0 HCA Licensing policies

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