Nurse Aides are state-registered and work in a variety of healthcare settings under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Nurse Aides help residents with personal care and hygiene, emotional and mental health needs, and perform a variety of patient measurement services, including blood pressure, radial pulse, respirations and weight.

**Job Outlook:**

Nurse Aides and assistants are among the fastest growing occupations, as noted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing a **48% growth rate** of employment from 2012-2022.
**Program:**
This 120.5 hour program includes classroom theory, lab and a clinical practicum over a five-week period. The classroom instruction consists of lectures, group activities, discussions and exams, and the lab provides an opportunity for students to learn, practice and demonstrate nurse aide skills. The clinical portion is held in a skilled nursing facility where students apply the skills they have learned in a real-world healthcare setting.

**Fee:** $1,200, paid in full prior to the start of the program, plus books and supplies (approximately $300)

**Day Schedule:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (5 weeks)

**Evening Schedule:** Monday-Friday, 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. (5 weeks)

**Program Dates:** Visit [www.edinboro.edu/CNA](http://www.edinboro.edu/CNA) for current schedule

**Location:** Porreco College of Edinboro University

**Students may be eligible for funding through CareerLink.**

After completing the Nurse Aide Training Program:
- Students will be eligible to take the Pennsylvania Nurse Aide Competency Exam* and, upon successful completion, be able to apply for Certified Nurse Aide positions
- Career placement assistance will be available
- Students who have self-paid for the program will be reimbursed for tuition and books when they are hired at a long-term care facility

*It is the responsibility of the student to register and pay for the state competency exam after successful completion of the Nurse Aide Training Program.

**Requirements:**
Applicants residing in the Commonwealth for the last two years must complete and submit a Pennsylvania State Police – Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) report before the first day of class. A resident of the Commonwealth for less than two full years prior to the date of application must complete and submit a Pennsylvania CHRI and an FBI Report before the first day of class. An applicant’s Pennsylvania CHRI report must be in compliance with the provisions of Act 14.

Additionally, to be considered for admission, applicants must:
- Possess a high school diploma or GED (must provide transcript)
- Pass assessment test for basic English reading and writing skills and basic math skills, using the WIN or Work Keys Assessment via CareerLink, or assessment provided by Edinboro University
- Be at least 18 years old
- Purchase malpractice insurance for Nurse Aides
- Have full use of hands, ability to stand for extensive periods and bend, pull, push and lift a minimum of 40 pounds without restriction
- Abide by the Uniform Policy (royal blue scrubs, sneakers, wristwatch with second hand, and other requirements)
- Agree to provide the facility with a completed physical, including 10-panel urine drug test and 2-Step TB test (PPD)

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**How do I register?**

All applicants must register with the Edinboro University Department of Continuing Education in person or online at:

**Porreco College**
2951 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
(814) 732-2544
[www.edinboro.edu/CNA](http://www.edinboro.edu/CNA)

For more information, contact Beth Zewe at zewe@edinboro.edu or (814) 732-1420.

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