

CNA FAQs

- ★ **What does a CNA do?** A certified nursing assistant, or CNA, helps patients or clients with healthcare needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- ★ **Where do CNAs work?** CNAs can work in a variety of health care settings, including nursing facilities, hospitals, residential care facilities, and home health care services.
- ★ **What is the job growth outlook?** Overall employment of CNAs is projected to grow by 11% through 2026, much faster than the average job growth. As the baby-boom population ages, there is an increasingly high demand for CNAs to assist and care for elderly patients. (*bls.gov*)
- ★ **How much do CNAs make?** In 2017, the average salary for a CNA in Illinois was about \$27,000 per year. Wages can depend on what type of facility you work in, your experience level, the number of hours you work, and several other factors. Experienced CNAs in some areas can earn over \$38,000 a year. (*bls.gov, careercruising.com*)
- ★ **Are there opportunities for advancement?** By taking on more training, CNAs can move on to higher-paying roles as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, etc.
- ★ **What qualities should a CNA have?** To be a successful CNA, you need to be compassionate, an excellent listener, able to follow directions well, observant, dependable, a team player, a good communicator, and able to do physically demanding work.

Urbana Adult Education Center (UAEC) CNA Program Facts:

- For over 40 years, UAEC has successfully trained over 2,500 CNAs.
- Our CNA instructors are licensed, registered nurses with over 50 years of combined experience.
- Through our partnerships with local long-term care facilities, UAEC helps provide students with job opportunities after graduation.
- The cost of our CNA program is significantly lower than other area programs.
- UAEC offers fee waiver and scholarship opportunities for CNA students.