

# CNA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## How can I get information about CNA courses at NVCC?

1. Visit us online at [nv.edu/cna](http://nv.edu/cna) to view or download detailed course calendars, tuition installment plan and health form (CNA information packet).
  2. Call Waterbury campus at 203-575-8029 or email [WWW.NC@NV.EDU](mailto:WWW.NC@NV.EDU) for more information. Danbury campus can be reached at 203-437-9699.
  3. Visit Founders Hall – Room F323, on the Waterbury Campus or NVCC Danbury Campus, 190 Main Street, to register or obtain more information.
- I want to be a nurse. Do you have a nursing program? Yes. Many students pursuing a career in health care begin with the CNA program while earning money to continue their education. NVCC has an associate degree program preparing you as a registered nurse. Call the Admissions Office at 203-575-8040 or go to [nv.edu/nursing](http://nv.edu/nursing) for more information.
  - There are other CNA programs. Why NVCC? Are they all the same? NVCC is proud to offer one of Connecticut's largest, oldest and most respected CNA programs. All of our instructors are experienced Registered Nurses. We more than meet the minimum standards set by the State. You will get more hours of practice in our health lab and more supervised time working with residents in the clinical setting. Our program includes one opportunity to sit for the on-site Connecticut Nurse Aide Competency Exam and is included in the cost of the course. Students will attend classes in a college setting and have access to college support resources, including the library and Job Placement Center. We hope that you decide to join us. You will be happy that you did. Can I pay for tuition in smaller payments? Yes, we offer a tuition installment plan which allows you to pay in two or three payments. The specific payment amounts and dates are listed in the plan. Call 203-575-8029 to have one mailed to you or print one online at [nv.edu/cna](http://nv.edu/cna).
  - I have a criminal record. May I register for the CNA course? Those with a criminal record may have difficulty finding employment in the health care field at any level. A criminal background check is done for all students registered in the program during the first week of class. Students that do not pass the background check will not be admitted to the clinical facility and will be withdrawn from the program at their own expense. No refunds are awarded for withdrawal because of failure to pass the background check. Please consider this carefully before registering.

- My certification has lapsed. What should I do? Call the Department of Public Health, Nurse Aide Registry, at 860-509-7596. You may be required to either take the CNA course again or to retake the State certification exam. I am certified in another state. How can I work in Connecticut? Call the Department of Public Health, Nurse Aide Registration at 860-509-7596 for information about obtaining Connecticut credentials.
- Can I get financial aid for the CNA course? Sorry, federal financial aid is not available for any of our non-credit courses. You may qualify for educational funding through the Department of Labor's One Stop Center if you meet income and employment criteria. Please contact them in Waterbury at 203-574-6971 or Danbury at 203-730-0451. Some area employers offer tuition reimbursement; please check directly with your employer. As noted above, we also offer a convenient NVCC tuition installment plan that allows you to pay for the course in installments.