

Health Care Aide Certificate Program



MaKami College offers the newest Health Care Aide curriculum from the Government of Alberta in a blended format, with both online and in-person training.

We are a publicly-funded independent academic institution, and are included in the Government of Canada's List of Designated Learning Institutions.

About the Program

MaKami's curriculum follows the 2019 Government of Alberta Provincial Curriculum and is regulated by Alberta Health. The HCA program offers a 40-week (735 hour) curriculum in either Calgary or Edmonton, Alberta in a blended format with theory offered online and practical labs and clinical placements completed in-person. Your training includes 3 clinical placements that total 360 hours of the program, so you can gain the real-life experience needed to succeed after graduation.

MaKami College's Health Care Aide certificate program offers an iPad-based curriculum with realistic, interactive materials to help you fully understand how the body works. With the latest iPad you'll have the ability to translate documents into multiple languages, so even if English is not your first language you still have the potential to be successful!

The purpose of the HCA curriculum is to standardize the education and training of HCAs in Alberta. It is designed to prepare learners for a certification as unregulated care providers to work in a variety of career settings. The curriculum ensures that students are equipped with the required knowledge and skills to provide safe and effective care.

In addition to a variety of transferrable skills and clinical placements, you'll also earn a certification in First Aid during this program.

When you finish the Health Care Aide program you will be eligible to take the Provincial exam to become a Health Care Aide and work in Alberta.

Health care aides can work in acute care hospitals, assisted living facilities, long-term care and more. Individuals with HCA certification provide important assistance to a wide variety of patients including the elderly and individuals with disabilities who require support and care.

Please refer to your curriculum outline for a complete course list.

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High Demand
Occupation
Earn \$19 – \$25 per hour

Student Services

We know being a student can be challenging - that's why MaKami offers full support services for our students from the time they enroll to when they are established alumni.

Student Advisory Services (SAS)

The Student Advisory Services (SAS) department will help you with everything you need, from the application process and paying tuition, walking you through Student Aid loans and grants, student loan repayment and more!

Strategic Academic Learning Team (SALT)

The Strategic Academic Learning Team (SALT) will help you with any learning barriers, such as learning disabilities, accessing disability funds, free tutoring, ESL counselling and more. And yes - we said FREE Tutoring!

International Tuition Costs	
Total	\$19,440 CAD

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Admission Requirements

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for entry into a licensed HCA program.

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 Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC).
- 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.

Notes: 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.

English Language Proficiency

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.

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Program

Approved English Language Proficiency Tests

PSIs will accept submissions from any one of the following approved 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 (CELPIP) General: 7 (with no section score below 6);
4. Canadian Language Benchmarks Tests (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);

Notes: 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.

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

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3 Clinical
Placements

Health Care Aide Dual Credit Program Entry Requirements

Dual Credit students may start the HCA program in grade 10 and must meet the ELA requirements by the end of grade 11.

The entry requirements for Dual Credit students is English 10-2 60%, and students must meet English 20-2 to 60% by the end of grade 11 to remain in the program. For schools that will offer the entire **HCA program, this is approximately half-way through, after Course 5.**

Dual Credit Delivery Options

PSIs in consultation with secondary schools and or school division may choose to have students:

- Complete the entire HCA program in high school, with clinical placements usually taking place in the summers; or
- Complete the first half of the program, including the first clinical placement (course 5), which may occur during the summer after grade 12. After high school completion, the student must enroll as a post-secondary student.

HCA Program Policies

Alberta Health implemented policies and program standards for the HCA program. This includes policies which address transfer credits and the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR). Please refer to the Government of Alberta HCA Provincial Curriculum and Licensing Policies and the Government of Alberta HCA Provincial Curriculum Program Standards.

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