What is the Certified Nurse Aide Program?
The Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program is a basic course to begin a career in the healthcare industry. The courses are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to assist patients with the essential activities of daily living. This program is required by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and must be completed prior to being approved to sit for the state certification exam.

What are the prerequisites for the Certified Nurse Aide program?
The student must have the ability to speak, read, and write English well enough to understand course content and communicate effectively with patients. Students, who are unsure if they will meet this requirement, may request an interview with the program coordinator. Interested students must also have a clean criminal record and pass a background check.

What is the schedule for the Certified Nurse Aide courses?
We offer various times and locations that work for all types of scheduling needs, including weekends and evenings. The classes are held at the Eastview, Round Rock, Highland Business Center, and Cypress Creek campuses. The clinical training is held at long term care facilities in Austin, Georgetown, Cedar Park, and surrounding areas. To access the current list of available classes, follow the link below:
http://continue.austincc.edu/nurseaide
Scroll to the bottom of the page. There, you will find links to both the classroom course (NURA 1001-XXX) and the clinical course (NURA 1060-XXX). You will be able to view course location, dates offered, and number of available seats. Please note: You must take the classroom portion and clinical portion that have matching three digits at the end. This is called the section number. Ex. NURA 1001-100 must be taken with NURA 1060-100

How do you apply to the Certified Nurse Aide program?
You must submit the first 3 pages of your application on the 4th floor of the Highland Business Center. The following is a link to the application:
http://continue.austincc.edu/files/programs/nurseaide/application.pdf
At this point you will not have completed the checklist. This step merely gets you on the “radar” of the application specialist. Once done, continue to complete all of the steps on the application checklist as directed.

Austin Community College has adopted the services of a company called Castle Branch. You will find very specific information and instructions regarding the steps to create your account, upload, and submit all required information.

Once you have completed the application process, you will be notified by the application specialist that you are clear to register for the class and its corresponding clinical rotation.

Do you have to attend class/ Are classes offered online?
It is mandatory that you attend class each day it is offered. If you do not attend 100 hours, as required by the state, you will not pass the course. This course is not offered online.

The immunization process? Each student is required to submit proof of their current immunization status. Please note: All immunization information MUST be transcribed to the appropriate ACC form by your healthcare provider, then uploaded to your Castle Branch account. These forms are included in the application packet. DO NOT scan your actual records.

Pay close attention to the Tuberculosis (TB) Screening requirement and its step by step process. If you start with option “A”, you will be required to visit your healthcare provider at least four times. If you start with option “B”, you may only have to visit your healthcare provider twice. You may choose either option A or B.

What supplies do I need for the course?
Students need dark purple scrubs, closed toed shoes, a watch with a second hand, and textbooks. You may purchase a blood pressure cuff and stethoscope for additional practice outside of class. Uniforms and supplies may be purchased at:

Total Uniform
1301 W. 34th St
Austin TX 78705

Textbooks can be found at the following link:
https://austin.bncollege.com

- Hartman’s Nursing Assistant Care
  The Basics 5th Edition
- Workbook
  Hartman’s Nursing Assistant Care
  The Basics 5th Edition

What does the program cost?
The tuition for the course is $1110. This covers both the classroom and the clinical portion of the program. There is also a $30 cost to set up an account with Castle Branch and approximately $50 for the required background check. There is an additional cost of $104.50 to sit for the Texas Nurse Aide Certification exam. Please Note this is a separate expense and is NOT paid to ACC. The cost of immunizations and visits to healthcare providers will vary for every student depending on individual needs.

Do you provide financial aid
If you need financial assistance, please contact the financial aid office for guidance at 512•223•4243. You will be asked to apply, specifically, for the TPEG Continuing Education Grant. Funds are allocated based on student income assessment and determined need. You may also consider contacting Texas Workforce Solutions Capital Area to inquire about assistance. Once qualified to register for our program, you will be required to pay the total tuition cost of $1110 within 24 hours or you will be dropped from the courses. We do not offer payment plans for this program.

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