

YOUR CAREER PATH TO BECOMING A **HEALTH CARE** ASSISTANT



Health Care Assistants (HCAs) are front-line care providers who provide personal care assistance and services in a variety of health care settings (acute care hospitals, assisted living, group homes, residential care and community care). The term HCA is used to describe a variety of workers including, but not limited to, the following job titles: Community Health Workers, Care Aides, Resident Care Attendants, Home Support Workers and Personal Support Workers.

INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSE?

With your existing education and experience, you may apply for registration as a HCA and, within months, you could be earning pay and benefits as you continue to move towards a nursing career in Canada.

Starting as a HCA will allow you to gain valuable Canadian healthcare experience and keep your nursing care skills in practice. Some noted benefits include: using a team approach to provide person-centered care, learning about organizational structures, deepening your professional values and increasing your proficiency with healthcare language / terminology in Canadian practice environments.

Consider integrating into the Canadian healthcare workforce more quickly as a HCA while you bridge to a nursing career!



NEXT STEPS

Please contact the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry for more information on becoming a HCA.

Toll-Free Telephone: 1-877-867-3061 Email: register@cachwr.bc.ca

Application information can be found here: www.cachwr.bc.ca/Application/International.aspx

WHY CHOOSE TO BE A HCA

- ◆ You can make a positive difference every day! HCAs have the opportunity to help others in their time of need.
- ◆ Community Health Worker (CHW) positions offer variety and flexibility! When you have other commitments, a career as a CHW may be the perfect opportunity for you.
- ◆ Care Aide positions offer structure and consistency! If you prefer a structured, fast-paced environment, a career as a Care Aide may be the perfect opportunity for you.
- ◆ Health Authority employers offer a comprehensive benefit package to permanent employees.

