

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course is an occupational preparatory program offered by the School of Sciences Department. The student completing the Nursing Assistant course will be prepared to assist the professional nurse in direct client care, undertaking those tasks which are supportive to the care of the stable client. This course meets the Nevada State Board of Nursing requirements to prepare Nursing Assistants to be eligible to take the written and manual skills Nursing Assistant exams. Enrollment is open to the general community.

NOTE: Before registering for NURS 130, students must complete a background check with PreCheck.com, provide proof of an American Heart Association HealthCare Provider CPR card, major medical insurance, 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), hepatitis B (1st of a series of 3), TD or TDap, (tetanus/diphtheria), Varicella (chicken pox) and 2 separate negative TB skin tests."

Cost of CNA Program

Students who attend CNA classes will follow the fee schedule and refund policy described in the current TMCC catalogue, <http://catalog.tmcc.edu>. Testing fees are NON-refundable. Costs for the CNA classes are outlined below. These costs are approximate and subject to change.

Tuition for 6 credits @ \$64.00/credit	\$384.00
Lab Fees	\$40.00
Textbook and Workbook (approx.).....	\$80.00
Total Approximate Cost for 6 Credits	\$504.00

*These costs are subject to change.

Americans with Disabilities Act - ADA Statement: "Qualified, self-identified students with documented disabilities have the right to free accommodations to ensure equal access to educational opportunities at Truckee Meadows Community College. For assistance, [contact](#) TMCC's Disability Resource Center at 775-673-7277, TTY 775-673-7888 or come by the Red Mountain Building, room 315. "

Procedures for Certification

The examinations for Nursing Assistants are offered monthly. Candidates wishing to take the Nevada State examination for Nursing Assistants must complete the following steps:

1. Submit an application at least 30 days prior to testing date to the Nevada State Board of Nursing located in Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada. The Nevada State Board of Nursing will place qualified individuals on an eligibility list.
2. Apply to TMCC, School of Sciences Department at least 20 days before the selected test date. The Nevada State Board of Nursing furnishes the list of eligible candidates to TMCC. Applicant's name must appear on the eligibility list at least by the Thursday 16 days prior to testing. These exams are given monthly.

Cost for Certification

Fingerprints (approximate costs).....\$52.00
(The cost is less when fingerprints are done electronically at the Nevada State Board of Nursing's location.
An appointment is required).

Fees for fingerprinting from law enforcement (approximate costs).....\$10.00

Written Skills (Testing fees paid to Board of Regents).....\$30.00

Manual Skills (Testing fees paid to Board of Regents).....\$90.00

State Board of Nursing Application Fees\$50.00

Total Cost.....\$232.00

State Board of Nursing Application is good for one year from **date of receipt**.

Testing fees are non-refundable. ONLY one rescheduling is permitted on state testing.

All applications must be received by the State Board of Nursing 30 days in advance of testing to be processed for the state eligibility list for testing that is closed 16 days in advance of testing each month.

Please see the following list of test dates:

2009 Test Dates

January 10	February 21
March 21	April 18
May 30	June 20
July 18	August 15
September 12	October 3
November 14	December 12

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The hospitals associated with our clinical education program require background checks on incoming students to ensure the safety of the patients treated by students in the program. You will be required to order your background check in sufficient time for it to be reviewed by the hospital prior to starting your clinical rotation. A background check typically takes three (3) normal business days to complete.

The background checks are conducted by PreCheck, Inc., a firm specializing in background checks for healthcare workers. Your order must be placed online through StudentCheck.

Go to www.PreCheck.com and click on the StudentCheck link/log in (right) and then choose Students. On the next page, scroll to select the school and then program.

Complete all required fields and select Continue to enter your payment information. The payment of \$48.50 can be made securely online with a credit or debit card. You can also pay by money order, but that will delay processing your background check until the money order is received by mail at the PreCheck office. For your records, you will be provided a receipt and confirmation page of your background check order placed through PreCheck, Inc. **Bring this receipt to the TMCC Dandini Campus, RDMT 417.**

PreCheck will not use your information for any other purposes other than a background check. Your credit will not be investigated and your name will not be given out to any businesses.

If you need assistance, please contact PreCheck at StudentCheck@PreCheck.com.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How long does the report take to complete?**
Most reports are completed within three (3) business weekdays.
- **Do I get a copy of the report?**
No. Only the hospitals in the program have access to the reports. However, you can order a copy of your report for an additional fee at the time you place your order.
- **Does PreCheck need every street address where I have lived over the past seven (7) years?**
No. Just the city and state
- **I have been advised that I am being denied entry into the program because of information on my report and that I should contact PreCheck. Where should I call?**
Call PreCheck's Adverse Action hotline at 800-203-1654. Adverse Action is the procedure established by the Fair Credit Reporting Act that allows you to see the report and to dispute anything reported.
- **I have a criminal record. What should I do?**
Disclose the crime on your application.
- **I have had a recent background check completed. I have a copy right here. Can it be used?**
No, because the facility has to be able to access it from Precheck.
- **Can I check my background before it is submitted to the hospitals?**
No, only the status can be checked.

Background Checks are Applicable for Two Semesters