



## Recognized BC Health Care Assistant Programs

Below is the list of educational institutions that offer recognized Health Care Assistant (HCA) programs in British Columbia. The BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry reviews and recognizes Health Care Assistant (HCA) programs in BC to ensure that they are: following the provincial curriculum, implementing a common set of training standards and graduating competent front-line health care providers.

BC educational institutions may deliver HCA programs in both on-campus formats (classroom-based instruction) and combined delivery formats (online and/or video-conference instruction). Regardless of the program delivery format, HCA programs students must complete in-person skills lab coursework and practice education coursework (e.g., clinical experiences). For more information about program delivery options, please contact educators directly.

### **Recognition Status:**

**New Program; Site Visit Pending** – This status is awarded to new programs for a period of up to 2 years during which time the institution is expected to deliver the program. As with the other statuses, program graduates are eligible for registration upon completion of the program. A compliance assessment site visit is scheduled after the first graduating class completes the program.

**Interim Recognition** – This status is awarded after a compliance assessment site visit and can be held for a period of up to 2 years. Interim recognition status indicates condition(s) need to be met in order for the program to remain in good standing. Programs with interim recognition status are limited from applying for new program variations, including delivery at new sites and one-time funded delivery, until they have achieved full recognition status.

**Full Recognition** – This status is awarded after a compliance assessment site visit and can be held for a period of up to 5 years. Full recognition indicates that the institution does not have any conditions in place.

*\*Recognition Status is subject to change. If a program is under review for compliance related issues with the Registry, the following note will appear with their listing: **\*program under review**. This serves as an indication that a program's recognition status may be subject to change (e.g. from full to interim recognition). Please consult this list for updates.*

*Stakeholders are also advised to check the status of private educational institutions offering HCA programs on [Private Training Institution Branch Institution Directory](#) to ensure they are in good standing and do not have any enforcement actions.*

**HCA program students:** *It is important to complete a recognized HCA program so that you can be registered to work as an HCA in BC. You need to check that you take a program on this list.*

***Important Note: The Stratford Career Institute Health Care Aide Program is not recognized by the BC Care Aide Registry.***

Educator	Program	Locations	Recognition Status
<b>Cambria College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Richmond, Surrey, Victoria, Vancouver	Full Recognition
<b>Camosun College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant - ESL Health Care Assistant - Indigenous	Victoria	Full Recognition
<b>Capilano University</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	North Vancouver, Sechelt	Full Recognition
<b>CDI College of Business, Technology &amp; Health Care</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Richmond, Surrey	Full Recognition
<b>Coast Mountain College (formerly Northwest Community College)</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Terrace, Smithers <i>*Regional program delivery may be available.</i>	Full Recognition
<b>College Educacentre College</b>	Health Care Assistant in French- Préposé aux soins de santé (Combined Delivery)	Vancouver	Full Recognition
<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	Health Care Assistant	Prince George, Quesnel, Vanderhoof <i>*Regional program delivery may be available.</i>	Full Recognition

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<b>College of the Rockies</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Invermere	Full Recognition
<b>Discovery Community College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Campbell River, Courtenay, Maple Ridge, Nanaimo, Parksville, Surrey	Full Recognition
<b>Douglas College</b>	Health Care Assistant Program	Coquitlam	Full Recognition
<b>Drake Medox College</b>	ESL – Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)  Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)  ESL – Health Care Assistant  Health Care Assistant	Surrey, Vancouver	Full Recognition
<b>Edison College Canada</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Victoria	New Program; Site Visit Pending
<b>Excel Career College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Courtenay, Victoria, Kelowna	Full Recognition <i>*program under review</i>
<b>First College</b>	Health Care Assistant Program	Kelowna	Full Recognition

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<b>Gateway College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant – Accelerated Health Care Assistant – Access Health Care Assistant & Communication Year 2 (recognized as an HCA ESL Program) Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant – Accelerated (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant – Access (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant & Communication Year 2 (recognized as an HCA ESL Program (Combined Delivery))	Vancouver	Full Recognition
<b>Heritage Community College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Surrey	Full Recognition
<b>Kwantlen Polytechnic University</b>	Health Care Assistant	Langley, Surrey	Full Recognition
<b>NEC Native Education College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Vancouver	Full Recognition

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<b>Nicola Valley Institute of Technology</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Merritt	Full Recognition
<b>North Island College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Comox Valley, Port Alberni, Campbell River	Full Recognition
<b>Northern Lights College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Dawson Creek, Fort St. John	Full Recognition
<b>Okanagan College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, Vernon	Full Recognition
<b>Selkirk College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant Access (within Post-Graduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing) Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant Access (within Post-Graduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing) (Combined Delivery)	Trail, Castlegar	Full Recognition

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<p><b>Sprott Shaw College</b></p>	<p>Health Care Assistant</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Upgrade (Combined Delivery)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Access (within Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Program)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Internationally Educated (recognized as an HCA ESL Program)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Access (within Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Program) (Combined Delivery)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Internationally Educated (recognized as an HCA ESL program) (Combined Delivery)</p>	<p>Abbotsford, Kelowna, Chilliwack, Kamloops, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Penticton, Surrey, East Vancouver, Vancouver, Victoria, Osoyoos</p>	<p>Full Recognition</p>
<p><b>Stenberg College</b></p>	<p>Health Care Assistant</p> <p>Health Care Assistant – International (recognized as an HCA ESL Program)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Access (within Post Graduate Diploma in Canadian Nursing)</p> <p>Health Care Assistant Access International (within International Post Graduate Diploma in Canadian Nursing)</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Full Recognition</p>

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<b>Thompson Rivers University</b>	Health Care Assistant	Kamloops Williams Lake	Full Recognition
<b>Thompson Rivers University - Open Learning Division</b>	Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Multiple Locations in British Columbia	Full Recognition
<b>Universal Learning Institute</b>	Health Care Assistant	Richmond	Interim Recognition
<b>University of Fraser Valley</b>	Health Care Assistant	Chilliwack	Full Recognition
<b>Vancouver Career College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Abbotsford, Burnaby	Full Recognition
<b>Vancouver Community College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant – ESL Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant Diploma (International Cohort)	Vancouver	Full Recognition
<b>Vancouver Island University</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery)	Duncan, Nanaimo, Powell River	Full Recognition

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<b>Western Community College</b>	Health Care Assistant Health Care Assistant + ESL Health Care Assistant – Access Health Care Assistant (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant ESL (Combined Delivery) Health Care Assistant - Access (Combined Delivery)	Abbotsford, Surrey	Full Recognition
<b>Westminster College</b>	Health Care Assistant Program	Surrey	Full Recognition