**Certified Nursing Assistant**

**What is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)?**

A Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) helps patients with healthcare needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). CNAs often relay important information about patients to nurses and are crucial in providing quality-of-life care. They work in residential care facilities, hospitals, and outpatient clinics, interacting daily with patients and providing updates to supervisors about patient conditions.

**Degrees & Certificates at Los Angeles Mission College:**

* **Certificate of Achievement**: Certified Nurse Assistant & Home Health Aide

**Transfer-Related Majors**

* **CSU Chico Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Fullerton Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Fresno Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU East Bay Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Dominguez Hills Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Channel Islands Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Long Beach Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **CSU Northridge Bachelor of Science** Nursing
* **UC Los Angeles** Nursing
* **UC Davis** Nursing
* **UC San Francisco** Nursing

**Potential Job Titles**

* Nursing Assistant
* Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
* Patient Care Assistant
* Critical Care Nurse
* Clinical Nurse Specialist
* Acute Care Nurse
* Nurse Midwife
* Home Health Aide
* Medical and Health Services Manager

**Potential Employers:**

* Hospitals
* Clinics
* Retirement Homes
* Nursing Homes
* Private Homes

**Work Environment**

* Indoors, often in nursing homes, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities
* Work as part of a team
* Involves heavy lifting (20-50 pounds) and can carry a higher risk of injury
* Work may include nights, weekends, and holidays

**Earnings:**

Earnings vary based on experience and occupation. As of 2019, the average annual wages for CNAs in California range from entry-level to more experienced positions. For specific details, visit **California Career Zone** at [cacareerzone.org](https://www.cacareerzone.org).

**Helpful Resources:**

* LAMC Career Center: lamission.edu/careercenter
* CSU Majors: [degrees.calstate.edu](http://degrees.calstate.edu/)
* UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
* Career Exploration: [cacareerzone.org](https://www.cacareerzone.org)

For more detailed guidance on CNAs, degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC Career Center at **careercenter@lamission.edu**.