

# Ways to meet the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) requirement for Nursing at the College of Lake County

## 1. Complete a CNA course

- CNA courses are offered at the College of Lake County and other community colleges in the area such as McHenry, Oakton and Harper colleges. These courses meet the State of Illinois guidelines for becoming a CNA, completing the state exam and being placed on the state CNA registry.
- Courses are also offered in other states, but you must be certain that those courses meet the Illinois guidelines for CNA.
- If you have questions about a course that you completed in another state please contact the Illinois Department of Public Health for additional information at [www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm) or 217-785-5133.

## 2. Paramedics

- Paramedics are not eligible to test out of the CNA courses at this time. The IDPH does not allow testing for paramedics. Paramedics must take the CNA course to meet the requirement for Nursing.

## 3. Recertify as a CNA in Illinois

- Please refer to recertification information on following web page <https://nurseaidetesting.com/recertification-process/>

## 4. Military personnel

- Military personnel such as corpsmen and medics may be eligible to test as a CNA without completing the course. Information regarding required documentation to test as a CNA is located on the IDPH website. Complete the forms and provide the requested information to the IDPH. If you are eligible to test and need to complete the 21 skills, please follow the above directions to recertify and arrange testing.

## 5. How to navigate the IDPH website

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulates the nurse assistant courses and registry in the State of Illinois.
- The website <https://hcwrpub.dph.illinois.gov> provides information to answer the above questions and many more.
- Review the CNA Facts section to see information pertaining to your situation or question.
- Download the forms that you would need to complete to apply for certification (e.g. Military personnel application, out of state CNA application, Manual skills evaluator application).
- Submit the forms as directed.