

Certified Nursing Assistant



The course is designed for students interested in a career in Nursing

Program information

- 8.5-unit program (CNA 20: 5.5 units and CNA 20L: 3 units)
- Estimated total cost: \$750 - \$850 (Eligibility for financial aid can help offset the cost)
- ***30-40** students accepted for each class
- Offered four times per year
- Program is located at SWC
HECOM: 8100 Gigantic Street,
San Diego, CA 92154

CNA program schedule

***Class meets: 8 am – 4:30 pm**

***Clinical work: 7 am – 3:30 pm**

**Schedule may slightly adjust due to holidays and COVID*

- Classes start every:
 - **August (Fall):** 18-weeks/2 days
Thurs. & Fri.
 - **January (Spring I):** 9-weeks/4 days
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 - **March (Spring II):** 9-weeks/4 days
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 - **June (Summer):** 9-weeks/4 days
Mon.-Thurs.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Gather all required documents and forms using the CNA Program Checklist & Application provided on the [CNA webpage](http://www.swccd.edu/nursing) of the SWC Nursing website (www.swccd.edu/nursing):
 - Physical exam/immunization forms filled out, immunization records and/or titers (lab work), social security card, driver's license/state ID, and CPR certification.
- **Submit your CNA application packet in person or by U.S. Mail to:** Southwestern College Higher Education Center, Nursing & Health Occupation Programs, 8100 Gigantic Street, Room 4502, San Diego, CA 92154.
- Program & clinical requirement: communicate effectively in English language (comprehension, verbal and writing skills).
- No prerequisite courses needed to apply.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

For SPRING I, 2026 submit CNA application:	For SPRING II, 2026 submit CNA application:	For SUMMER 2026 submit CNA application:	For FALL 2026 submit CNA application:
September 8, 2025 through November 7, 2025 (Class starts January 2026)	November 17, 2025 through February 12, 2026 (Class starts March 2026)	February 23, 2026 through March 27, 2026 (Class starts June 2026)	May 4, 2026 through June 4, 2026 (Class starts August 2026)

CNA application packets will be submitted in person or by U.S. Mail.

English Learner Support for CNA Students!

• CNA Spring II, Summer & Fall

- Spring II (March-May) 9-week class
- Summer (June – August) 9-week class
- Fall (August-December) 18-week class

CNA Students will get extra **English language support** from an English as a Second Language (ESL) **professor**

- This is a free resource available to all CNA students accepted and enrolled in CNA Spring II, Summer and Fall classes. (Register for NC 404-301 and NC 405-301).
- You will have support from the ESL professor DURING your CNA classes!
- Meet with the ESL professor outside of your CNA class times for extra help
- Some extra homework as suggested by ESL professor to help with overall learning.
- For more information:
 - Go to the [Certified Nursing Assistant](http://www.swccd.edu/nursing) webpage of the Nursing & Health Occupations Programs website (www.swccd.edu/nursing)
 - Contact Veronica Pineda at vpineda@swccd.edu

