



Pine Technical &
Community College

Healthcare Foundations

• Certificate

The Healthcare Foundations certificate is a stackable credential that offers students the opportunity to advance their education into one of our healthcare professional programs or enter the workforce as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

In just one semester, PTCC's program delivers a high-quality education designed to prepare students for the Minnesota state registry exam for Certified Nursing Assistants and equip them for a career in healthcare.

Becoming a Nursing Assistant (NA) is a rewarding career on its own or a great stepping stone into nursing. Many Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) begin their careers as NAs.

COLLEGE CATALOG 2025-26

Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 1 Semester

Fall Semester 1

ENGL 1276 College Composition	4
BIOL 1240 Health and Disease in the Human Body	4
HEOP 1243 Nursing Assistant Comprehensive	3
HPPC 1000 Medical Dosages	1
HPPC 1002 Medical Terminology	1
HPPC 1004 Pharmacology	1
HEOP 1254 Critical Thinking in Healthcare	1
EMT 1710 First Aid/BLS for Healthcare Providers	1

TOTAL CERTIFICATE CREDITS 16

Healthcare Foundations Certificate Earned!

Nursing Assistant Certificate Earned!

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Career Outlook

In your career as a Nursing Assistant, you will work closely with patients and be responsible for activities of daily living such as checking patients' vital signs; feeding, grooming and bathing patients; assisting nurses with medical equipment and conveying vital information on patient conditions to nurses.



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Get the Credit You Deserve!

What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) values learning that happens outside of the classroom. Many students enrolling at PTCC bring with them a wealth of knowledge and real-world experiences that can be turned into college credit.

Ways students can gain Credit for Prior Learning:

- Job skills and work experience
- Employer training programs
- Volunteer or community services
- Self-study
- Military education and occupations
- Industry certifications
- High school articulate college credit
- Standardized exams

Earning Credit for Prior Learning is Easy

1. Visit the CPL website at mycpl.minnstate.edu to see a full list of eligible courses, requirements, and assessment methods to determine if CPL is right for you.
2. Reach out to records@pine.edu to discuss CPL opportunities, payment (if required), and assessment information.

New to PTCC? Visit Campus!

- Take a campus tour
- Learn about scholarships
- Meet the admissions team
- Tour housing and The REC

Book an appointment to explore PTCC!

Sign up to visit in person, or virtually, to learn more about PTCC programs, admissions requirements, housing options, and more.



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