

Certified Nurse Aide Program

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The certified nurse aide (CNA) program at Jasper High School, a partnership with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, is a fall semester class and clinical rotation. The classroom activities are performed primarily at Jasper High School with some hours performed at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. The clinical portion of the rotation is completed at Memorial Hospital and Good Samaritan Society – Northwood Retirement Community.

After these requirements have been fulfilled with a C average or better, students will have the opportunity to take the exam administered by Ivy Tech to become a certified nursing assistant, which authorizes a student to work in this capacity in a health care facility.

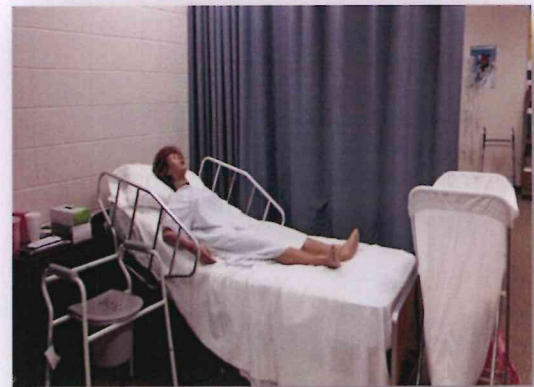
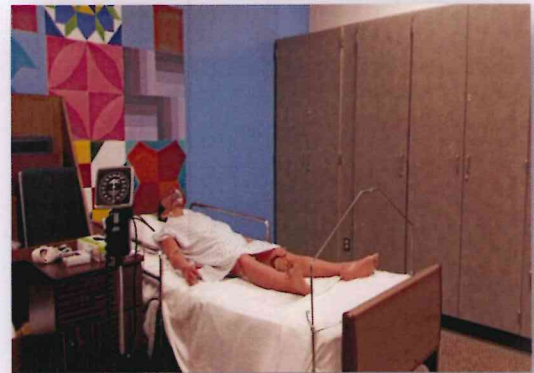
AFTER PROGRAM COMPLETION

After completion of the CNA program and successful achievement of the certification exam, students have the opportunity to enter into the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE) program, a work-based learning option, in the spring semester.

CERTIFICATION

The administrative standards set forth by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), governance of CNA certifications, stipulate that students perform a:

- Minimum of 30 hours in the classroom, and
- Minimum of 75 hours in clinical setting.



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BENEFITS OF BEING A CNA

Having the opportunity to become a certified nursing assistant while a student in high school is a great investment in the future of our students. Becoming a CNA will provide a great working experience for students desiring to pursue a career in health care and/or nursing. In addition, this area of work is experiencing rapid growth. Currently, the U.S. is experiencing a critical shortage of nursing assistants, which will translate into great employment opportunities.

TYPICAL DAY

On classroom days, a normal day will consist of covering and reviewing the ISDH's lesson plans, practicing and performing patient/ resident care procedures in our simulation lab. After students have completed a minimum of 16 hours in the classroom, they start the clinical rotation, in which they will work with patient/residents in a clinical setting.

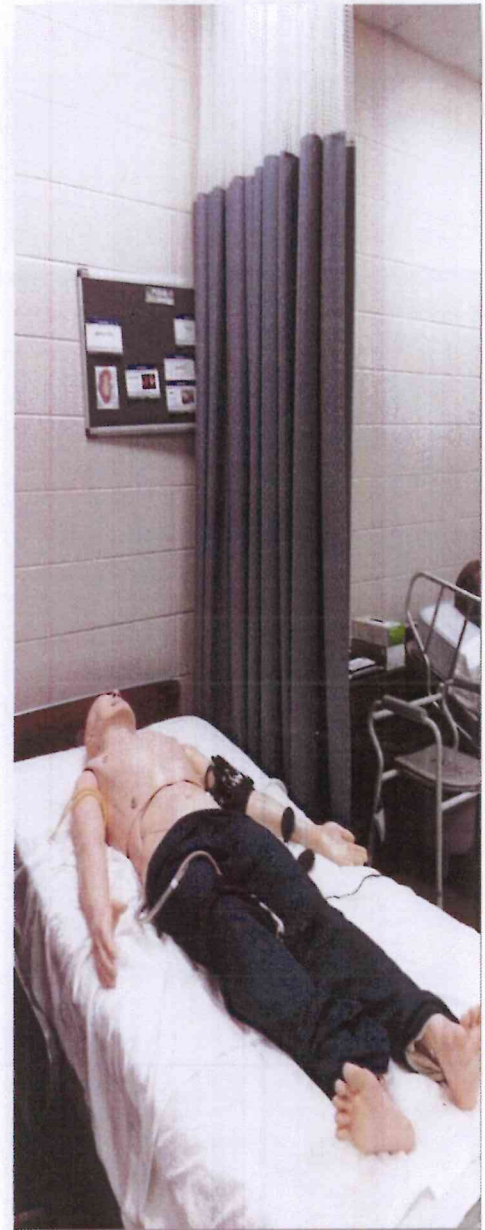
2016 CNAs: WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Twelve students completed the certified nurse aide program in the 2016 Fall Semester, and all are currently working in a health care setting in various local facilities. The local facilities include Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Good Samaritan Society – Northwood Retirement Community, Brookside Village, Cathedral Health Care Center, and Scenic Hills Care Center.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Be a junior or senior
- Recommended that student have license and means of transportation
- Attendance and participation in class and clinical is vital
 - If you do not complete the mandatory 105 class/clinical hours, you will be unable to take certification test

**After acceptance into the certified nurse aide program, there will be additional requirements prior to start of class/clinical*



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Classroom Sites

Jasper High School
1600 St Charles St
Jasper, IN 47546

Clinical Sites

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center
800 West 9th Street
Jasper, IN 47546

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800 West 9th Street
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Good Samaritan Society - Northwood Retirement Community
2515 Newton St.
Jasper, IN 47546