

Certified Nurse Aide Training Program

Goodwill provides an enhanced Certified Nurse Aide Training program to prepare individuals for jobs in the rapidly growing health care field. Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids Certified Nurse Aide Training course is located at Porter Hills Village, 3600 E. Fulton. This course is four weeks long, totaling 115 hours. The extended hours allow for a longer learning time for the student to master the competencies that are necessary to pass the CNA training course and be eligible for certification testing. Class hours are M-F from 8:30 to 3:00pm. Eden Alternative principles that focus on a non-traditional, elder-centered model of long term care have been integrated into the curriculum. In addition, students have the opportunity to do part of their clinical training at the LEED certified Porter Hills Green Houses where they are able to observe and participate in green living principles. Upon successful completion of the training students receive individualized job placement and job retention services to secure a job in the health care industry.

The Certified Nurse Aide student will need to meet the following eligibility and interest criteria:

- Is seeking a job in the health care field
- Reads (at minimum) at a 4th /5th grade level
- Understands basic math concepts (adding, subtracting, basic fractions)
- Is able to lift 50+ pounds
- Is interested in caring for others
- Is able to deal with a stressful work environment
- Enjoys challenging work that is rewarding
- Is able to pass a criminal background check
- Has access to reliable transportation

Before starting a Certified Nurse Aide class, students can expect to:

- Learn about CNA jobs and class by attending an orientation session with GWI staff
- Attend an assessment that includes ICHAT and TABE testing
- Attend an intake session with GWI staff

The cost of the Certified Nurse Aide training is \$1800.00. This fee includes the following services:

- CNA orientation and assessment
- 115 hours of enhanced instruction
- Uniform, equipment and classroom supplies
- CPR and First Aid certification
- Practice certification testing
- Payment for certification testing (Eligible students will have the cost of CNA certification test paid for one time. Does not include fees for missed tests)
- Individualized Job Placement services
- 180 days of Job Retention services

To refer your client to the Certified Nurse Aide Training Program:

- **Contact Wendy Veldheer at (616) 588-2209**
wveldheer@goodwillgr.org with prospective student's name
- **Complete the Goodwill Industries Occupational Skills Training referral form and send it to the Hartley Center ATTN: CNA Training**