

# Health Care Assistant (HCA) ESL

## Information Session



\* Note, completing this information session is a pre-requisite for entry into this program.  
Upon completion, you will be asked to complete a short survey.





# Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

# Chair's Welcome

We, the faculty and staff of the Continuing Care department welcome you! By choosing one of our programs you are demonstrating that you care about your community and that you have an interest and commitment to working with people. During the course of your studies we will partner with you to strengthen your knowledge, skills and values in preparation for your chosen career.

We are delighted that you are considering the Health Care Assistant program as your area of study and will take great pleasure in getting to know you, while we work and learn together. We hope you enjoy your experience with us, and wish you success in all that you do!



Ros Giles-Pereira,  
Chair, Continuing Care  
Department





# What does an HCA do?

## HCA's are front-line care-givers

- Work in home support, adult day care, group homes, assisted living, complex care, and acute care
- Under the direction and supervision of a health professional, HCA's provide care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, psychological and social well-being of clients across the life-span with the focus being on the older adult
- If unionized, starting wage is approximately \$29 – \$30/hr.
  - Non-unionized is approximately \$23 – \$29/hr.

# HCA Program Intakes

## **Full-time programs:**

- January, May & September intakes
  - (29 weeks / 7 months) Monday to Friday daytime

## **Full-time English as a Second Language (ESL):**

- Starts in October
  - (11 months) Monday to Friday daytime

## **Full-time Indigenous program:**

- September
  - (10 months)




# HCA Admission Requirements

- Attend an **Information Session** - *complete the survey to confirm attendance*
- **Self-declaration form** confirming level of English proficiency.
  - See Camosun website:  
<https://webservices.camosun.ca/events/hca-english-competency>

# HCA Admission Requirements

## Proof of HCA Program English Language Competency Requirement:

- There are two options for meeting the English Language Competency Requirements (as set out by the BC Care Aide Registry), depending on whether your previous education:
  1. English Educated: Applicants educated in an English-speaking environment/country with English language systems/institutions for a minimum of seven years or for four consecutive years at the secondary or post-secondary level (C or higher in English 11).
  2. Non-English Educated: Applicants not educated in an English-speaking environment/a country with English language systems/institutions (See website  CAMOSUN for details on accepted tests).



# HCA Application Process

**Submit an application online and pay \$47.10**

- All prerequisites need to be submitted.
- Applications are date stamped.

**The first 24 fully qualified applicants (numbers depend on the program) are offered a seat.**

**\$175.00 non-refundable deposit is required when offered a seat. It will then go towards your first semester tuition.**

**If for any reason you change your mind after you have accepted a seat, phone Registration at 250-370-3550 and let them know immediately.** There students waiting for a seat that would appreciate advance notice that they have a seat in the program.



# Program Participation Requirements

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete the following:

- TB skin test
- Current immunizations
- Criminal Records Check
- Food safe
- Basic Life Support
- COVID-19 double vaccination or one dose of Jansen COVID 19
- The Health Care Assistant Practice in BC E-Learning Modules (LearningHub)
- The Recognizing and Responding to Adult Abuse course (LearningHub)
- The Student Practice Education Core Orientation (SPECO) (LearningHub)

Please note these are program requirements and should **NOT** be done before you have an accepted seat.

# Who Are Our Students?

**The HCA program accepts student of all backgrounds:**

- Mature students changing career
- Recent high school graduates
- People with health education from other countries

# Who Are Our Students?

**Camosun offers limited priority admissions to Indigenous students**

- Visit [Eyē? Sqâ'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections \(IECC\)](#) for information on how to apply.



# What Helps Students Be Successful?

- Support from family and friends.
- Devote approximately 15 to 30 hours each week to study, laboratory practice and assignments.
- Attend classes regularly.
- Achieve a balance between home and school life.

# What Helps Students Be Successful?

- Have daycare and alternatives set up for children (remember practicum shifts can start early or end late and may also require travel).
- Have good physical health (you need to have good mobility, stamina and skin integrity).

Connect early with the Centre for Accessible Learning (if applicable).

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

# Why Choose Camosun?

## **Experienced & highly qualified faculty**

- All faculty are Registered Nurses/ teaching faculty have a minimum Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## **Well established Nursing Lab**

- Set up with the same supplies and equipment used in health care facilities

# Why Choose Camosun?

## **Camosun College Support Services**

- Counselling, learning skills, writing centre, disability resource centre, library, computer labs, career resource centre, financial aid, ombudsman

## **Camosun College Fitness Centre**

- Free for students

**Our graduates have very high employment rates after graduation.**





# Camosun College

## **Camosun College is B.C.'s largest public college**

- 19,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas

# School of Health Sciences & Human Services (HSHS)

Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post-degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses.

Our School, the School of HSHS is a place of warmth and caring. Our goal is to educate and support “flourishing individuals, families, and communities”.

# Centre for Health and Wellness (CHW)

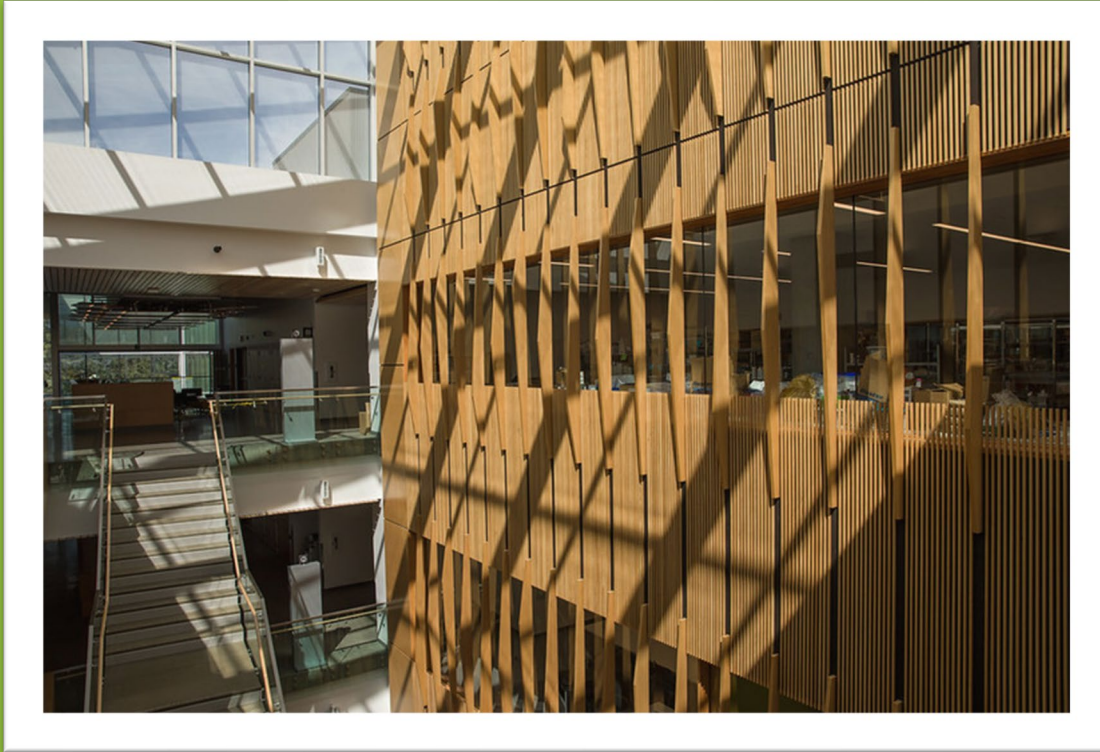
- Most of the HSHS Programs are delivered at the CHW at Interurban Campus
- The CHW brings together HSHS Programs and allows a more interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning
- The CHW provides twenty-first century learning environments including modern classrooms designed to foster active learning, hands-on labs, high technology simulation environments, and lots of collaboration spaces



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21st century education for outstanding health and wellness professionals

- \$63.8 million investment
- 89,000 sq. ft. facility at Interurban campus
- 800+ students
- Latest in health education teaching
- Interdisciplinary approach is aligned with Island Health



# Student Services at Camosun





# HSHS Indigenous Student Support

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor on the unsundered territories of the ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

Artemis is an instructor with Community, Family and Child Studies and can assist Indigenous students with education challenges and navigating supports at the college between September and April.

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Welcome and the School  
of Health Sciences &  
Human Services (HSHS)  
and the Student  
Handbook online





# Review the Health Care Assistant ESL program pages online

Program at a Glance



Program Overview



# NEXT STEPS

**Completing this Info Session is a pre-requisite for entry into to the HCA program.** Please complete the short survey with your information, to ensure we receive a record of your attendance.



[Click here to complete the survey](#) or scan the QR code



# Thank you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

- School of Health and Human Services

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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