

## Program Overview

Health care aides provide personal assistance and support services for elderly, disabled, acute or chronically ill people who require short term assistance or ongoing support. NorQuest College's Health Care Aide program is among the largest in Canada and prepares you to be a part of a health-care team in a variety of different settings, providing a high level of front-line care to clients in need of assistance. NorQuest is licensed to deliver the HCA Government of Alberta Provincial Curriculum.

Upon successful completion, you will be prepared to work in continuing care institutions, home care agencies, group homes, assisted or supportive living, day programs, specialized care centres and programs, acute care hospitals, and private care.

Demand for HCAs across the province is strong.

*"The demand for health care aides continues to grow as an important and necessary role in delivering health care in Alberta, making it a great career choice."* Alberta Health Services  
From <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/careers/Page11729.aspx>



The Health Care Aide Dual Credit program is a great opportunity for:

- Students in Grade 12
- Returning Students
- Adults (Space permitting)

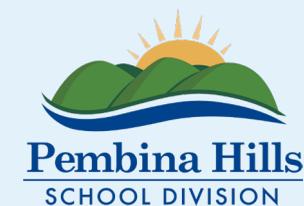
For more information or to pre-register online:  
Visit [www.pembinahills.ca/dual-credit](http://www.pembinahills.ca/dual-credit)

You may also contact your school counselor  
or school administration for more information.

Read more at  
[www.norquest.ca/cal/current/program/health-care-aide/](http://www.norquest.ca/cal/current/program/health-care-aide/)

2021-2022

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# Program Requirements

## Academic Requirements

- A minimum of 60% in English Language Arts 20-2 or 55% in ELA 30-2 or successful completion of academic testing through NorQuest College Assessment Services AND must be a student in good standing.

## Practicum / Clinical / Work Experience

- To be discussed at a spring meeting, as noted on the NorQuest College website: <https://www.norquest.ca/cal/current/program/health-care-aide/requirements.aspx>

## Graduation Requirements

- HCA students must achieve a minimum final grade of 70% in each course and pass the provincial HCA examination to graduate from the HCA program and receive the Government of Alberta HCA Provincial Curriculum Certificate.



# Program Details

## Length of Program:

- September 2021 to mid-August 2022 with the same schedule as the regular high school calendar.
- Half days (afternoons) Monday to Thursday and possibly some full Fridays.

## Additional Details:

Instruction by NorQuest Instructors and will be Registered Nurses & LPN's. The instruction will include a combination of lectures, labs and video conferencing.

Lab uniforms and equipment for students will be provided to the students at no extra fee.

The clinical practicums will take place at a health care facility within the region (as close to home as possible).

The (high school aged) students will be registered with Pembina Hills for the first term, and NorQuest College for the second term. Adult students will be registered with NorQuest for both terms.

\*\*Program limit is 24 students

## Application Process

Students must fill out an application for the program and must be a minimum of 18 years of age as of August 1, 2022.

Application forms will be available at BCHS, R. F. Staples, Swan Hills School or online at: [www.pembinahills.ca/dual-credit](http://www.pembinahills.ca/dual-credit)

The application process will include an interview.

# Program Costs

High school age students (no older than 19 as of Sept. 1/21) will be able to obtain 'dual credits' (high school & college credits) for the first term of the program, and will have their program subsidized by Pembina Hills School Division.

Adult students (space permitting) will be registered through NorQuest College and will pay the NorQuest registration fees.

During the second term, ALL students will be registered through NorQuest College, will pay the college fees, and therefore will be eligible to qualify for scholarships, bursaries, and student loans.

Fees are \$3,700 for Term 1 of the program. PHSD is able to refund about 93% to 3rd and 4th year high school students when students complete the term. (Eligible 5th year students can be refunded about 46%). A commitment deposit due in spring, 2021 will hold your spot in the program.

Please plan to attend online information sessions where further details will be provided and we can answer your questions.

- A deposit of \$1,000.00 due Spring 2021.
- First Term fees due in full by July 31, 2021.
- Cheques should be made payable to:  
Pembina Hills School Division

Call 780-674-8521 for more info.

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