

You've learned the skills. You have the knowledge. NOW GO FOR THE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION . . .



Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Ozarka's programs that provide C.N.A. training and testing:

Certificate of Proficiency Certified Nursing Assistant- https://www.ozarka.edu/program_details.cfm?prg_cod=4750

Certificate of Proficiency Pre-health Sciences- https://www.ozarka.edu/program_details.cfm?prg_cod=1270

ABOUT C.N.A. employment in Arkansas (per <https://www.onetonline.org/>):

- Median wages \$30,140 annually in rural areas, \$33,066 annually in non-rural areas
- Job outlook: **BRIGHT (212,700 projected job openings from 2023-2033)**

ABOUT the CNA credential and licensure in the state of Arkansas:

"The Arkansas Department of Human Services oversees the rules regarding CNA certification. According to the department, aspiring CNAs must attend at least 90 hours of training that has been approved by the state. After completing the required training, they must then complete a CNA competency exam offered by Headmaster LLP. This is a two-part test that consists of a computerized exam and a practical skills evaluation. Acceptable scores are required on both parts to obtain certification.

Headmaster is honored to partner with the Arkansas Department of Human Services to offer our Nurse Aide Testing and Registry Services to the Arkansas Health Care Community. (https://www.hdmaster.com/testing/cnatesting/arkansas/AR_CNA_Home.htm)

"The Arkansas Mock Skills are available to view on the Arkansas Nursing Assistant website, (https://hdmaster.com/testing/cnatesting/arkansas/AR_CNA_Home.htm) these skills are the pool of skills that the candidate may receive on the skills portion of the state exam. For the knowledge exam the last several pages of the candidate handbook will include a knowledge word bank to study, and on www.hdmaster.com there are questions of the day, a sample free test and sample tests to purchase."

Why should I get certified?

- It is a recognized credential that will strengthen your resume
- Without a valid C.N.A. license, you will not be able to work as a C.N.A.
- It is a pre-requisite to some L.P.N. and R.N. training programs

When, how, and where can I be certified?

Upon successful completion of the Basic Health Skills course (a 7 credit-hour, 9-week, hands-on skills class) and passing a criminal background check you may take the Headmaster certification exam. The certification exam consists of a skills test as well as a written test. The test is provided on the Melbourne campus following the 9-week Basic Health Skills Course given each fall and spring semester on one or more Ozarka campuses.

How much does the test cost? \$125 (if you have a job in a Long Term Care facility at completion of the program, and have not tested in the past, the testing fee will be waived with a letter of intent from the facility)

How can I pay for the test?

Suggestions:

- If you are receiving federal or state financial aid, plan in advance to reserve some of your Pell refund, student government loan disbursement, or other financial aid disbursement so that you have the funds available at the end of the semester. (Consider the cost of the test as part of the cost of your education—save money to COMPLETE your education.)

How can I best prepare for the test?

Learn all you can during your Basic Health Skills class time. Then, find practice questions at: <https://hdmaster.com/testing/cnatesting/>