

## Steps to Become a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)

1. Apply to become a student at the College of DuPage: [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu)
2. Visit the Certified Nursing Assistant home web page:  
<https://cod.edu/academics/programs/cna/>
3. Complete a Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program **ADVISING SESSION**.  
~In person~ OR ~Online~
4. Follow the pre-enrollment requirements found in the CNA Registration packet and CNA Health Requirements packet (on the CNA Home Page).  
  
~Academic requirements  
  
~Health Requirements  
  
~Financial
5. The pre-enrollment **HEALTH** requirements:  
  
~Must purchase and set up the Castle Branch account (Use code found in the Health Requirement packet)  
  
~Must complete required documents on Castle Branch (i.e. IDPH Health Care Worker Background Check form, Professional Conduct Policy form.)  
  
~Must complete the Chart Review at Edward Corporate Health.  
  
~Must complete the drug screen ordered through Castle Branch.
6. Check the 'OPEN' and 'CLOSE' dates for registering in the Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program (on the CNA Home Page).
7. Register on myACCESS for a NURSA 1105 class and a C.N.A. Student Orientation
8. Attend a CNA Student Orientation scheduled one week before class begins.
9. Successfully complete the NURSA 1105 class.
10. Apply to take the Illinois state nurse assistant competency exam.
11. Pass the written competency exam.