

Program Entry Requirements

Applicants must provide evidence of meeting the following requirements prior to acceptance into the NVIT Health Care Assistant Program:

- **Proof of Grade 10 completion (or equivalent)** or mature student status*.
- **English Language Competency Requirements:**
 - Applicants with **three years of full-time instruction in English** (secondary or post-secondary, starting from Grade 8, in [an approved English-speaking country](#)) must provide proof of one of:
 - Completion of Grade 10 English or higher (minimum grade of C) via an official transcript.
 - Equivalent college-level Grade 10 English course or higher (minimum grade of C) via an official transcript.
 - ACCUPLACER Next Generation Test Results: Reading 230, Writing 230, Writeplacer 4.
 - Applicants who cannot provide **three years of full-time instruction in English** must provide proof of one of the following standardized test results (taken within the last two years). Official results must be shared with NVIT. Results received directly from applicants will not be accepted:
 - **IELTS Academic/General/Online:** Overall score of 6 with no score lower than 6 in Speaking & Listening and no score lower than 5.5 in Reading & Writing.
 - **TOEFL iBT:** Overall score of 4 with no score lower than 4 in Speaking & Listening and now score lower than 3.5 in Reading & Writing.

*For admission purposes, a mature student is 19 years of age or older, and has been out of high school for at least one year. Adults are encouraged to apply to specific programs even if they are unable to meet specified educational requirements since other factors such as maturity and work experience may be considered in some programs.

Prerequisites for HCA Practice Education

Evidence of completion of all of the following listed prerequisites for practice education must be in learner files prior to the first practice education experience. Learners must provide documentation to the NVIT Registrar's Office (info@nvit.ca) of the following:

- 1) To be completed by the learner:

- **An acceptable criminal record check (CRC) from [B.C.'s Criminal Records Review Program \(CRRP\)](#).** RCMP Checks will not be accepted.
- **Immunizations** (as required by practicum sites and recommended by the BC Centre for Disease Control, 2024) (<https://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual/immunization/immunization-of-special-populations>):
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, polio, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella, pertussis.

Please share your COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination status and provide supporting documentation if you have received your annual doses. If you cannot provide proof of these vaccinations, you will need to follow the protocols set by your clinical/practicum placement. These may include measures such as wearing a mask or completing a disclosure report.

- **Tuberculosis Screening:**
 - Proof of a negative TB skin test.
 - If positive, a negative TB chest x-ray report is required.
- **Standard First Aid with CPR Level C**
- **BC Food Safe Level 1 (or a [certificate course deemed equivalent](#))**

2) Learning Hub Transcripts - to be completed with instructor guidance.

- A signed [SPECO Checklist](#) (after completion of curriculum)
- [Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum E-Learning Modules](#)
- [WHIMIS - Provincial Course](#)
- [Health Care Assistant Practice in BC E-Learning Modules](#)
- [Recognizing and Responding to Adult Abuse](#)