

# HCAP – Program Entry Requirements

## Program-specific

### *English Requirements:*

All BC Health Care Assistant program applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency as set by the BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry. NEC will adhere to the Registry's entry requirements.

- [English 10 with a passing grade, or equivalent according to the Registry's entry requirements \(for applicants whose first language is English\) or](#)
- [English Language Proficiency, as required according to the Registry's entry requirements](#)

## Non-Academic Requirements:

Indigenous Ancestry: The NEC College views any student who is a descendant of the Indigenous peoples of North America to be an Indigenous student. This includes status and nonstatus Indians, Métis, Inuit and Native Americans who reside in Canada.

- Standard First Aid (Red Cross or St. John Ambulance) including current CPR level C or Health Care Provider CPR
- CPR certificates expire one year from the date of issue. Current status is required for all clinical and practicum experience.

### [FoodSafe Certificate Level 1](#)

## Upon Acceptance:

- Criminal Record Check o Students in this program are required to complete a CRC.

Students whose CRC results indicate they pose a risk to vulnerable populations will not be able to complete the requirements of the program (e.g., practicums) or graduate.

- TB Screening

Within six months of the start of the program, students must submit a negative TB skin test. If the TB skin test is positive, a negative TB chest x-ray is required.

- An Immunization Record must be submitted

Immunizations in the following are strongly recommended and, in some case, may be required for practicum placements

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps & Rubella
- Varicella (Chicken pox)
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza (annually)

### **Attendance Expectations**

- This is a full-time program with classes Monday to Friday between 9am – 4pm
- Clinical and/or Practicums can be during weekdays, weekends, and holidays for morning or evening shifts

### **Program Completion Requirements**

- Students must achieve an overall minimum of 65% in all HCA courses; successfully complete the practicums and clinical placement to graduate with a Certificate in Health Care Assistant

### **Recommended Characteristics**

- Ability to integrate the Longhouse values of Respect, Diversity, Understanding, Accountability and Gratitude into the learning journey.
- Ability to work under direction and to act with initiative as a member of the health care team
- A genuine concern for the well-being of others
- Patience and perseverance
- Flexibility, trustworthiness, and dependability
- Maturity
- Ability to communicate effectively in both written and spoken English
- High standard of personal hygiene and grooming
- Ability to use problem-solving approach
- Physical stamina
- Ability to work in environments where standards may be different from one's own