

ACTS Medical Caregivers Training Program

Starting in Spring of 2012, ACTS is partnering with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) to provide free Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training classes to motivated low-income PWC residents. This program is an exciting opportunity to gain the tools necessary to pass the Virginia State Certification Exam and start a career in medicine.

The need for CNAs, particularly at nursing homes is on the rise due to high turnover rates and the retirement of baby boomers. Over the next 7 years, the Virginia Employment Commission projects that "health care support" occupations in Prince William County will grow faster than any other occupational cluster. CNA jobs are entry level, starting at an average of \$12, and provide a stepping stone for further opportunities in the medical field.

All course fees, books, and materials will be free of charge. Students will be responsible for arranging their own daycare and transportation to and from the site. Students will have access to a tutor and a job coach to assist them with course material and to find a local CNA job upon certification.

Course will be 130 hours of intensive training, and will cover all basic CNA skills, including both class time and a clinical at a local healthcare facility.

To be eligible, candidates, **must**:

- 1) Be a resident of Prince William County (PWC)
- 2) Have a High school Diploma or GED
- 3) Be fluent in the English language, and have a basic reading and writing comprehension.
- 4) Be within 30% or below of the Area Median Income (AMI) for PWC.
- 5) Be BLS CPR certified by the clinical portion of the class. You can be considered without the certification, but you must obtain if accepted.

As this is a free program, ACTS is looking for motivated applicants who will be on time and able to attend 100% of classes.

Referrals: If you are referring a client of your organization, please complete the Referral form, available on the website, and fax it to (703) 221-3585, or e-mail rspence@actspwc.org.

If you are interested in applying for courses, you must fill out the CNA Program Application form, also found on this website, which can be faxed or e-mailed to the above locations or dropped at:

ACTS Administrative Building
3900 Acts Lane
Dumfries, VA 22026

Qualified candidates will be contacted for interviews.

For more information, contact

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