

# 3 Reasons to Choose a Health Care Assistant Career



If you're looking for a career that will provide you with job satisfaction and security, while also making an impact in the lives of others, consider a job as a Health Care Assistant.

WorkBC projects that 5,980 Health Care Assistant jobs will be created in British Columbia over the next ten years, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, several of today's fastest growing professions are in the health care industry. This means that as a health care professional, you'll have more career opportunities – and find jobs more easily – than those in other industries.

There are a number of industries losing jobs in BC but the healthcare field continues to grow rapidly. You will not only be enjoying more options as a health care professional, you will also have better job stability and security.

## 1 Competitive Earning Potential

Due to the high demand for workers in the healthcare industry, careers in healthcare are some of the most well-paying options available. The more training you have and the more highly skilled you are, the higher your pay will be. Even in entry-level healthcare jobs the earning and growth potential are better than in many fields. According to information from the Health Employers Association of BC, the average annual compensation (2018) for a full-time Health Care Assistant is approximately \$68,217 (including the cost of wages, benefits, and non-employee specific costs), or \$34.98 per hour.

## 2 You Can Live & Work Anywhere in B.C.

Almost every region of the province has a strong demand for HCAs, meaning that you can live and work almost anywhere in British Columbia once you receive recognized training and register as a Health Care Assistant. There are very few fields that offer such widespread career opportunities as the healthcare field.

## 3 You Can Finish School in as Few as 7 Months

Health Care Assistant training program duration varies from school to school, but an average time range is seven months. Most HCAs graduate and register to start working in less than a year.

If you're ready to take the first step towards becoming a Health Care Assistant, visit our website for resources and information about:

- **Training and Education**
- **Registration**
- **Employment**



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