

# CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

**Aligned Program of Study:** Nursing Services

## **Description**

The Certified Nurse Aide is a nationally known credential in nursing care and is a key stepping stone in career advancement for patient care providers. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA 1987) required states to initiate and maintain Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs and Nurse Aide Registries. The Act was designed to improve the quality of care in long-term health care facilities and to define training and evaluation standards for nurse aides who work in such facilities. The CNA credential allows a student to enter the health care field as a certified health care provider and is required, by law, for all nurse aide practitioners in Tennessee.

## **Certification Information**

Test Owner

D&S Diversified Technologies LLP

Testing Sites/Centers

Testing Sites/Centers can be found [here](#), but can also be arranged by the teacher if the school is a recognized test site.

Registration Procedures

Forms and directions for registration procedures can be found [here](#).

## **Preparing to offer the certification**

Required Instructor Qualification

This course can only be taught by Registered Nurses. First-time teachers must also complete online training provided by the Department of Education.

Additional training requirement

Work-Based Learning training and D&S Diversified training

Exam Details

This certification exam consists of two parts: The knowledge test and skill test.

Materials and Resources

D&S provides a candidate handbook.

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<b>Candidate handbook, registration, testing sites, and test details are supplied by the vendor.</b>	
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<a href="#">D&amp;S Diversified Technologies LLP</a>	