



Health Care Aide Certificate – Wainwright Cohort 2021

Alberta Health Services, the Town of Wainwright/Wainwright Economic Development and Wainwright Adult Learning have partnered with Medicine Hat College to offer the Health Care Aide Certificate blended program in Wainwright starting in January 2021. All coursework will be conducted online with labs being done at the Wainwright Health Centre and clinical practice conducted within the region.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

This program will prepare you for a rewarding career with strong employment opportunities and a clear sense of job satisfaction. As age and illness advance, many people need support from caring individuals who have the compassion and skills to provide basic health services. This program is designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to function as a front-line caregiver.

The Government of Alberta HCA Curriculum (2019) offered through Medicine Hat College includes a wide range of learning activities and experiences to prepare you for work in a variety of settings as a Health Care Aide.

Our Health Care Aide program provides you the theory and hands-on training you'll need to secure work in the field of health care. This blended program offers flexibility to students with a variety of needs.

Graduates of the program will find employment opportunities with:

- Continuing Care Facilities
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Community Agencies - both private and government
- Private individuals

The Wainwright Cohort requires a minimum of 8 students. The application deadline is **December 20, 2020**.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

PRE-REQUISITES: (Admission Requirements, as stated in the MHC Academic Calendar)

You will be required to submit official transcripts showing credit in

- ELA 20-2 (minimum 60%), Achievement of CLB Level 7 or equivalent



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Pre-Program Requirements

You must submit the following documentation prior to the first day of classes: January 5, 2021

- Standard First Aid Certificate
- CPR - Level C Certificate (HCAP or BLS Level)
- Health Form (indicating you are physically able to perform the duties of a Health Care Aide)
- Police Information Check (including vulnerable sectors check)
- Copy of filled-out Immunization Form AND a copy of your Immunization Profile/Records
Immunization records (deficiencies must be addressed or in the process of being addressed prior to clinical/practicum placement). NO - UP-TO-DATE IMMUNIZATION STATUS PRIOR TO CLINICAL PLACEMENT
- Address Information and Health Form
- FOIP General Release document
- Oath of Confidentiality
- Mask Fit Test Certification

Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete all HCAP courses and successfully complete the Provincial Exam to be awarded an HCA certificate.

TUITION & FEES (Estimated)

COSTS: (From MHC Academic Calendar, 2020-2021)

\$6516.20 (Tuition (\$4382), Athletic & Recreation Fee (\$130.20), Student Supports Fees (\$70), SA Fees (\$238), Books & supplies (\$1276), Health and Dental (\$420) = **\$6516.20**

*Tuition for International students differ – please visit www.mhc.ab.ca/tuition. Fees can vary if students opt out of health and dental from the Student Association.

NOTE: Books and Supplies – Please refer to below regarding Bookstore Pricing – Cluster 2 and Cluster 3 pricing has not yet been determined but will be considerably less than Cluster 1 costs. The costs for all books and supplies (assuming students purchase hard copies of the text, workbook and videos in a package, along with the Learning Guide packages, lab kit, transfer belt and nametag) will be less than \$400.



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BOOKSTORE: ORDERING OF HCA SUPPLIES: WINTER 2021

<https://bookstore.mhc.ab.ca/>

Students will need to go to the above website under Course Materials (HCA Program) for their books, videos and Learner Guide package:

1. Textbook
2. Workbook
3. Videos
4. Cluster 1 Learner Guide package
5. Clusters 2 and 3 Learner Guide package (can be purchased prior to the start of Cluster 2)

Then they will need to go to General Merchandise – Health Studies Supplies – for:

6. Lab kit
7. Transfer Belt
8. Name tag

1. Buy New \$105.97 – HARD COPY TEXTBOOK

Mosby's Canadian Textbook For The Support Worker Ed: 4

2. Buy New \$44.62 – HARD COPY WORKBOOK

Workbook To Accompany Mosby's Cnd Textbook For The Supp Ed: 4

OR Buy the textbook (1) and workbook (2) combination:

1.& 2. Buy New \$127.97 – HARD COPY TEXT/WB COMBINATION

Mosby's Cnd Txtbk For The Support Worker - Text And Workbk Ed: 4

3. Buy New \$67.48 – VIDEOS ONLY

Clinical Skills Videos Only

OR Buy the textbook (1), workbook (2) and video (3) combination

Buy New \$185.32 – HARD COPY TEXT/WB/VIDEO PACKAGE

Mosby's Cnd Txtbk For The Support Wrker W/Wrkbk & Video Ed: 4

Students can also purchase the textbook and workbook in Electronic format (E) as opposed to Hard Copy.

1E. Buy New \$57.21 – TEXTBOOK - ELECTRONIC COPY

Mosby's Canadian Textbook For The Support Worker - Elsevier Ed: 4



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2E. Buy New \$38.57 – WORKBOOK - ELECTRONIC COPY

Workbook To Accompany Mosby's Canadian Textbook For The Supp Ed: 4

4. Buy New \$61.70 – CLUSTER 1 LEARNER GUIDE PACKAGE

HCAP Pkg Cluster 1: 140-143

5. [HCAP Lab Kit](#)

Price: \$39.00

6. [HCAP Transfer Belt](#)

Price: \$43.00

7. [Name Badge Magnetic MHC](#)

Price: \$15.95

SCHEDULE:

Please refer to the below schedule for more specific information for the MH Blended/Hybrid cohort – Winter 2021 (in draft format – schedule may need to be altered depending on availability of laboratory time/space and clinical experiences).

CLUSTER 1 (50 Instructional Days)

January 5	• First day of Classes
January 11	• Last DAY to ADD courses for CLUSTER 1
January 18	• Last DAY to DROP courses for a refund for CLUSTER 1
January 25	• Fees Due for CLUSTER 1
February 15	• Family Day (College Closed)
February 16-19	• Study Break (No Classes)
March 8	• Last Day to WITHDRAW from courses to get a “W” from CLUSTER 1
March 19	• Last day of classes for CLUSTER 1

CLUSTER 2 (52 Instructional Days)

March 22	• First day of classes
March 26	• Last Day to ADD courses for CLUSTER 2
April 2	• Good Friday (College Closed)
April 5	• Easter Monday (College Closed)
April 6	• Last Day to Drop courses for a refund for CLUSTER 2
April 13	• Fees Due for CLUSTER 2
May 20	• Last Day to WITHDRAW from courses to get a “W” from CLUSTER 2
June 4	• Last day of Classes for CLUSTER 2



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CLUSTER 3 (53 Instructional Days)

June 7	• First day of classes
June 11	• Last Day to ADD courses for CLUSTER 3
June 18	• Last Day to DROP courses for a refund for CLUSTER 3
June 25	• Fees Due for CLUSTER 3
July 1	• Canada Day (College Closed)
August 5	• Last Day to WITHDRAW from course to get a “W” from CLUSTER 3
August 20	• Last day of classes for CLUSTER 3

COURSES

Cluster 1: January 5 – March 19/21: HCAP140-HCAP143

Classroom times are scheduled online from 0900 – 1200 hours and 1300 – 1600 hours Monday to Friday. Lab times are scheduled on Saturday and Sundays (schedule TBA). Classroom/lab times will not likely take the full time, depending on learning activities for the day and number of students in the cohort. ***If students are unable to attend scheduled classroom times, students can access class content through recordings of the class.*** Students will need to be available for in-person lab times. Students are expected to write all exams as per the schedule (TBA).

Course
HCAP 140: Health Care Aide Role & Responsibility Co-requisites: HCAP 141, HCAP 142 and HCAP 143
HCAP 141: The Human Body, Health & Chronic Illness Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 142 and HCAP 143
HCAP 142: Communication & Documentation in the Health Care Environment Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141 and HCAP 143
HCAP 143: Providing Person-Centered Care & Comfort Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141 and HCAP 142

Cluster 2: January 5 – March 19/21: HCAP140-HCAP143

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Course
HCAP 144: Clinical Placement 1 Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, HCAP 142 and HCAP 143
HCAP 145: Meeting Complex Care Needs Pre-Requisite: HCAP 144 Co-Requisite: HCAP 145
HCAP 146: Special Activities for Clients with Various Health Conditions Pre-Requisite: HCAP 144 Co-Requisite: HCAP 145

Cluster 3: June 7 – August 20/21:

- June 7 – July 30/21: HCAP147 - 160 hours – 3 days per week, instructor-facilitated clinical practice in AL and LTC
- August 2 – 20/21: HCAP148 – 80 hours - Consolidated Clinical Practice with a “Buddy” and assigned Faculty advisor – Experiences may be available in LTC, AL, Acute Care and in the community (EG. HOME CARE, Community Living)

Course
HCAP 147: Clinical Experience II Pre-Requisite: HCAP 144 and HCAP 146
HCAP 148: Consolidated Clinical Placement Pre-Requisite: HCAP 147

TECH NEEDED FOR THE PROGRAM:

Each student will require computer access with a webcam and strong internet access; A Lockdown Browser and Monitoring system will be required for completion of module post-quizzes and course exams. Blackboard Collaborate will be used for on-line sessions.

APPLY NOW



[applyalberta](https://www.mhc.ab.ca/Admission/Apply) is how you apply to a post-secondary institution in Alberta. The site includes information about how the process works. This site can also be reached by going to:

<https://www.mhc.ab.ca/Admission/Apply>

Choose: Health Care Aide – Wainwright



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You need:

- a credit card—VISA or MasterCard—to pay the application fee
- an Alberta Student Number (ASN). If you're from Alberta, the system will try to find your number. If you don't have an ASN, the system will assign you one

You also need to know:

- If you were in college and have been away for a semester or more, you must reapply for the program.
- If you have a problem or a question about the applyalberta process, please email us at info@mhc.ab.ca or phone 403.529.3819 Monday – Friday 8a.m. – 4:30p.m.

STUDENT LOANS

If you require a student loan please connect with the MHC Student Financial Aid team directly at 403.504.3594. The Health Care Aide program does not fit the model that the Alberta Government needs for loans so it is important to talk with MHC before applying.

For information on student loans go to: www.mhc.ab.ca/Services/FinancialAid/Student-Loans

COVID-19 UPDATE:

As of March 30, 2020, all Alberta and Canada student loan repayment and interest charges will be suspended for six months. Borrowers do not need to apply for this benefit; it will be applied automatically. This applies to student loan borrowers in good standing and those in collections.

During this time, borrowers will still be able to make payments that will be applied directly to their loan balance, should they choose to do so.

Government Student Loans & Grants Information

Looking for valuable resources about student loans and repayment? Check out these videos:

- [ORIENTATION](#)
- [REPAYMENT](#)

About Student Loans

Student loans are a popular option for funding your education but there are several things to keep in mind to ensure you secure the financial support in a timely fashion:

- Be accurately informed about eligibility. Many students who are eligible for loans fail to take advantage of this funding source because they don't have the right information.
- Apply early
- Funds are not actually transferred to your account until after classes have begun so ensure you have a plan in place to pay for textbooks and supplies.
- If your loan funding is likely to be late, speak to us in Student Financial Aid about options available to you.



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If you apply late (after Aug. 1 for Alberta and July 15 for most other provinces), the time from application to actually receiving funds is longer because of the volume of applications being processed by governments later in their cycle. In this case, we strongly suggest you put interim or short-term financing in place until your government loan funding arrives. (We may be able to provide a deferral of your tuition costs. We are unable, however, to provide for the larger expenses such as accommodation, living and book costs).

Alberta Student Aid

Apply online for full-time student aid, manage your loan repayment and access resources to help you budget while you study.

Learn more at: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>

Did you know?

Alberta Student Aid is providing student borrowers an opportunity to manage the repayment of their student loads through a self-service loan management tool.

[Click here](#) to download the information sheet.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

For information on Scholarships and Bursaries please visit:

<https://www.mhc.ab.ca/Services/FinancialAid/Scholarships-and-Bursaries>

Contact the below for further information Monday – Friday, 8a.m. – 4:30p.m.:

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Scholarship applications are open from March 1 to May 1st each year.

- **Scholarships** are based on academic standing,
- **Bursaries** are awarded according to financial need, while
- some awards are a combination of both academics and financial need.



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The criteria for each award are different, depending on the nature of the award and the wishes of the donor. However, given the number of scholarships and bursaries available through Medicine Hat College, there really is something for everyone. Over \$350,000 awarded annually through the Student Financial Aid Office to new, continuing and existing MHC students.

The best thing about the scholarship and bursary program at MHC is how easy it is to apply. One online application form automatically enters students for every award they are eligible for.

External awards

Many businesses and organizations offer scholarships and bursaries of their own. To see if you may be eligible for any of these awards, please visit the websites listed below.

www.alis.alberta.ca

www.studenawards.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.schoolfinder.com

www.yconic.com