Cost

$ **1500.00 Tuition & Fees**

*Books and Supplies not included. Costs may change at any time without notice.

Details

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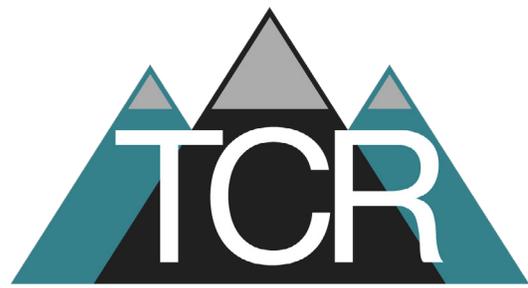
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1765 Hwy 50
Delta CO, 81416

Apply

1. Visit www.tcr.edu
2. Fill out quick application https://tcr.edu/quick-application/
3. Send a copy of your drivers licence to admissions@tcr.edu
4. Request high school transcripts or GED to be sent to admissions@tcr.edu
5. Visit www.tcr.edu/programs/nurse-aide/ for additional requirements and admissions packet.

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Where Careers Begin

Nurse Aide

This **139 hour, 7.5 credit, 10 week online** program prepares the student to work in long term care facilities, hospitals, home care, and other extended care facilities. Our program meets the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training requirements outlined by the Colorado State Board of Nursing. Upon completion of the program students are eligible to take the state CNA written and skills examinations. Qualities of a Nurse Aide include the knowledge of your calling to help others, strong communication skills, attention to detail, sense of humor, and compassion. Nurse Aides provide patient care under the direction of nursing staff. Skilled care includes; the ability to identify abnormal signs and symptoms or changes in a person's condition and report to nursing staff, providing assistance with daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, assistance with meals, toileting, and exercise. Assisting with mobility and repositioning, meeting the emotional and social needs while providing quality care stability, dependability, good communication skills, and an ability to perform routine tasks.

COURSE & TITLE

CREDITS	COURSE & TITLE
4	NUA1001 · Nurse Aide Health Care Skills
.5	NUA1002 · Certification Exam Prep-Nurse Aide
2	NUA1005 · Home Health Aide Theory
1	NUA1070 · Nurse Aide Clinical Experience

Nurse Aide Packet Contents

*Must be completed for consideration of registration

How to Apply

Stage 1: Application Process

1. Go to https://tcr.edu/registration/ to fill out and submit an application. Please make sure to SAVE YOUR STUDENT ID & PIN# so that you can continue to access your profile to complete the Application Process requirements. The Student ID and PIN# will be sent to you via email after you submit the application.

2. Check your email for instructions on completing your checklist items for the program you are applying for. These include, but are not limited to:

- A copy of your photo ID, Drivers License, or official High School ID
- Transcripts (Sent to us directly from the school you attended)
- Tuition and Fee Acknowledgement Form

It is highly recommended that you complete a FAFSA form early in this process if you are using financial aid, so it is processed with plenty of time before school begins.

If you would like to track your progress in completing the admissions checklist , you may log in to your account by going to https://tcrsonis.jenzabarcloud.com/appsect.cfm and entering the Student ID and PIN#. If there are items you have submitted to us, but they are not checked off, please email admissions@tcr.edu to let us know.

3. After you have completed your checklist items, you will move on to the Enrollment Process. This process will begin after you receive an email notifying you of your completion of stage 1. This email will contain additional instructions for stage 2.

Stage 2: Enrollment Process

1. You will receive an email from schoolapp.info with a link that will allow you to create a User ID and password for our App.
2. Download the App using provided link, and Login.
3. Click on Programs, and select the program you have applied for.
4. Complete the requirements found in your program and submit them.
5. Once you finish the previous requirements, complete and submit the Completed Program Requirements form.
6. Once this final step is completed, the admissions office and the business office will be notified and you will be accepted*.
7. Once all payment arrangements have been finalized and submitted, you will be enrolled on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. If the program you are applying for is full, you will be added to the waitlist and notified.

*Note: Acceptance and enrollment for programs requiring a background check is dependent on this background check. See Background Check for more information.

**Note: AEMT, EMT and Medical Assistant students will be enrolled before all of their immunization requirements are completed. The immunization proofs and additional requirements for those programs will be due by the first week of class or you will be dropped from the course.

Nurse Aide Application Checklist

This checklist is for you're own organizational purposes. See page 3 for application instructions. For any questions please call 970-874-7671.

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Application:
see page 3

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Background Check:
Allow at least 2 weeks for processing. This is done on-line at http://cccs.castlebranch.com   If you are being sponsored by a facility, their background check will be accepted if within one year.

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2 Step TB tests:
Allow 2 weeks for completion   T-spot blood test accepted. This is a 4 step process of 2 skin tests and 2 readings

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Hepatitis B immunization:
One shot in the series of 3. Documentation if you already had this series. A minimum of the initial vaccination of the three step series is required prior to admission

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Transcripts:
Official copy sent directly to TCR
High School Transcript Or GED CertificateOr College transcript (we may waive the TABE with enough credits or a degree)

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ID:
Copy of your Driver's License, Driver's Permit or state government issue picture ID

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Essential Functions:
If you have an IEP or a learning disability, please note this on the Essential Functions form.
If you are pregnant, please inquire regarding enrollment limitations. If approved, you must provide a note of Physician's clearance.

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Flu Vaccine:
 "Influenza Season" is October 1 through March 31 of the following year.

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COVID – 19 Vaccine:
A primary component of the Nurse Aide Training Program is clinical skills, which takes place in a nursing home. These nursing homes as clinical sites require proof of immunizations in order to be eligible to attend clinicals. Currently this includes the two step TB test, Hepatitis B vaccination (or a waiver), and the influenza vaccine during the active season of October to April. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment rules

Nurse Aide
Admissions Policy

- See page 3 for application instructions.
- Payment must be received in full five business days prior to the first day of class.
- We do not accept installment payments.
- If being sponsored, written authorization from the sponsoring facility must be submitted to reserve a position. Authorizations may be faxed to 970-874-6593.
- All students must be 16 by the time they take their state examination. Please note many facilities will NOT hire before the age of 18.
- All students must be able to speak, read, write and comprehend English.
- Students must be physically able to perform required activities in the care of the client and patient. Medical releases may be necessary for students in some circumstances.
- Students must sign and date the Essential Functions Questionnaire which will be kept in their file. If a student is unable to maintain essential functions, it will be grounds for dismissal.
- If you have an IEP or a learning disability, please note this on the Essential Functions Questionnaire.
- We must be informed in advance of any special learning accommodations that are needed or required.
- These accommodations will be presented in the classroom setting only. Only under special circumstances will accommodations be presented in Lab or Clinical setting.
- Students who require special learning accommodations must document these circumstances with a statement from an M.D. or Psychiatrist

Nurse Aide
Tuition Policy

- After dropping the CNA Program twice, you must wait 3 months prior to re-admission. You will be charged all the applicable tuition and fees per Drop/Withdrawal Policy in the TCR catalog.
- No refund will be given once 10% (percent) or more of the scheduled time for the class has elapsed. Please see the TCR drop, withdrawal, and refund policy for further information.

    10% of Online hybrid class: 10 calendar days (class total is 10 weeks)
    10% of High School class: 10 calendar days (class total is 139 hours)

Exceptions: There may be exceptions to policy due to extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Program Coordinator and the School Administration.

REIMBURSEMENT
"Pursuant to Section 483.152(c) of the Federal Rules and Regulations related to Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP), a long-term care facility ("facility") that receives Medicare or Medicaid funds:

A. Is prohibited from charging nurse aides that it employs, or to whom it offers employment, for any portion of the NATCEP (including any fees for textbooks or other required course materials).
B. Must reimburse a nurse aide who pays for a NATCEP and becomes employed by the facility within 12 months of date of certification, prorated for the portion of the 12-month period that the individual was employed by the facility."

TUITION
Effective July 1, 2020 the cost of the State TOTAL Tuition & Fees: $1572. This includes the cost of the textbook and uniform. The cost for the State Certification exam (current cost $135.00) is included. This is in the form of vouchers that will be provided upon successful completion of the course. Please note all costs are subject to change.

Nurse Aide Completion Policy

Students will graduate, be awarded a certificate of completion, and will be allowed to test for certification when ALL of the following have been completed

- Pass NUR 101, NUA 105, NUA 170, and NUA 102 with a 75% cumulative or greater for each section, students cannot miss more than 8 hours of inseat class, and zero hours of lab or clinical.
- Pass all exams with a 75% cumulative or greater.
- Achieve 75% cumulative grade on assignments, quizzes, and online discussions in NUA 101 AND NUA 105.   Achieve 75% in clinical, NUA 170.
- NUA 102 is Pass/Fail and has a prerequisite of a grade of 75% or better in NUA 101 and NUA 170.   Successfully completed a minimum of 24 hours of clinical with a positive evaluation.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 24 hours of laboratory practice. Online/hybrid Nurse Aide class laboratory requirement is a minimum of 24 hours. Students must make arrangements with the instructor for missed lab time.
- Successfully complete the program skills checklist defined by the Colorado Board of Nursing. Satisfactorily attained the terminal competencies standards as defined by the Colorado Board of Nursing.   Full payment of all monetary obligations.

Nurse Aide
Dismissal Policy

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- Missing more than one class day or combined total of 8 hours.
- Failure to maintain a 75% or greater in assignments, quizzes and online discussions.
- Failure to pass exams with a 75% cumulative or greater.
- Failure to complete 24 hours of Clinical + 4 hours Facility Orientation.
- Failure to follow Students the Substance Abuse Policy will result in immediate termination.
- Drug Screens may be performed at any time with or without cause. The school district assumes no financial responsibility for the expense of drug or alcohol assessment or treatment provided by other agencies or groups unless otherwise required.
- Testing positive for marijuana with or without a prescription is not acceptable. Although possession and use of marijuana for certain medical conditions consistent with the requirement of the Colorado Constitution is no longer a crime in the State of Colorado, the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and/or possession of marijuana continues to be prohibited while a student is on campus.
- Violation of patient rights or any abusive behavior as deemed by the clinical instructor or facility staff. Failure to use proper Nurse Aide Procedure in clinical or lab (per instructor's discretion). Failure to follow Behavioral Standards Policy and Academic Dishonesty Policy – including, but not limited to cheating, stealing, abuse of a classmate, client or instructor.
- Performing a skill or task for which the student has not been trained and found proficient by the instructor. Inability to maintain Essential Functions.
- Failure to demonstrate the Lab Skills Critical Criteria will not be allowed to participate in Clinical. Students may be dismissed without refund after first warning.

Nurse Aide Certification

Each student must demonstrate satisfactory theory and clinical practice to be eligible for certification. Graduation from the program does not guarantee licensure by the State Board of Nursing. Upon completion of the Nurse Aide course students are eligible to sit for the state certification exam.

- In order to become certified as a nurse aide you must pass a written examination and a practical skills exam in the lab as per Colorado State Board of Nursing (Nurse Aide Practice Act). The written and skills exams MUST be passed with a maximum allowed is 3 attempts, or the Nurse Aide class must be repeated.
- Credentia is responsible for administering the state CNA exam. For more information you may contact them at 1-888-274-5050. A list of locations for the test is available on their website

  https://credentia.com/test-takers/co
- Read the Colorado Nurse Aide Certification Program Candidate Handbook available at TCR or https://credentia.com/storage/co/CO-Handbookv3.pdf
- ADA accommodations are available if you notify Credentia prior to testing. (Please refer to Pearson Vue https://credentia.com/storage/co/CO-Handbookv3.pdf for further information regarding ADA accommodations).

Financial Aid

EMS, Fire Fighter I and Nurse Aide do not qualify for federal financial aid due to not meeting credit hour requirements. However, these programs do qualify for other grant and scholarship opportunities that will use information from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application to determine eligibility. If you would like to apply for these grants or scholarships please use these instructions to complete a FAFSA application.

The first step in applying for financial aid is completing a FAFSA form. This is completed at:

www.studentaid.gov
School code: 014050
Year: Current year in which you plan to attend
(example: applying for Fall 2021 use 21-22 school year)

Items you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form:

Your Social Security number
Your Alien Registration number (if you aren't a U.S. citizen)
Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA form using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
A FSA ID so you can electronically sign the FAFSA form.
If you're a dependent student, then you'll also need most of the above information for your parent(s).
If you need assistance with completing or submitting FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), please call and speak with one of our financial aid administrators
It takes up to a week for our financial aid administration to receive your information. You will need to call and speak with a financial aid administrator about your awards.
If you have previously created a username and password for FAFSA and received a FSA ID, you will need to use this ID to log in. You are able to change your password but your username would be the same. A new FAFSA application will be needed for each year you attend.

For Scholarship and Grant Infomation visit

https://www.tcr.edu/admissions/grants-and-scholarships.php

Contact Us
970-874-7671

www.tcr.edu

Financial Aid

Scholarships

Nurse Aide Education Scholarship of $700 towards the cost of the Nurse Aide Program for individuals who exhibit a strong desire to become Certified Nursing Assistants. Interested applicants need to complete the application packet and attach an essay explaining what draws them to the healthcare field to be a nurse aide, and what attributes will help them succeed. Applicants must also submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member, past or present employer, instructor or other school personnel. If students are enrolled in the Delta County School District, their tuition is covered for a grade of C or better. Students outside this school district may still be required to pay a portion of their tuition.

Technical College of the Rockies(TCR) is also in partnership with Western Colorado Area Health Careers in promoting the Nurse Aide & Personal Care Aide National Apprenticeship Program. This grant is part of a nationwide registered apprenticeship program. Funding for apprenticeships pays for the cost of the Nurse Aide Program.

This program is not Pell grant eligible.

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS WILLING TO
WORK AT THE FOLLOWING SPONSORING NURSING HOMES:

Paonia Care Center Paonia 527-4837
San Juan Living Center Montrose 249-9683 Homestead at Montrose Montrose 252-9359
Horizons Health Care Eckert 835-3113
Valley Manor Care Center Montrose 249-9634

- You must contact the individual facility for scholarships
- Qualifying student may also contact the Colorado Work Force Center for assistance.
- Care Centers will only sponsor you if you are planning on working for them.

Course Description

NUA101 Nurse Aide Health Care Skills

Prepares the student to perform the fundamental skills of the nurse aide. Basic nursing skills, communication skills, restorative services, personal care skills, safety and emergency care issues are covered. Includes knowledge and/or principles of asepsis, OSHA and HIPAA regulations. Ethical behaviors, cultural sensitivity and principles of mental health will be addressed, as well as patient/resident rights.

NUA170 Nurse Aide Clinical Experience

Applies knowledge and skill gained in NUA 101 to patient care.

NUA105 Home Health Aide Theory

Introduces the expanding field of Home Health Nursing, the uniqueness of Home Health Care and the vital role that the nursing assistant plays as part of the home care team. Covers how to assist home care patients with activities of daily living and maintain a safe, clean and comfortable environment. Covers the differences and challenges of caring for patient in their natural home environment versus institutional settings.

NUA102 Certification Exam Prep

Helps prepare the student for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) examination.

Background Check

The Colorado Community College System ("CCCS") and the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education authorize the nursing programs to conduct a background investigation of all student applicants. The clinical sites used in the nursing programs require background checks of all potential interns. The purpose is to maintain a safe and productive educational and clinical environment. New students who refuse to comply with the background investigation will not be allowed to enter a CCCS Nursing Program.

An Applicant will be disqualified from a CCCS nursing program based on the following guidelines:

Any violent felony convictions of homicide. (No time limit)
• Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any felony theft crimes in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any misdemeanor theft crimes in the 5 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
• Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)
• Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
• More than one (1) D.U.I. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
If the investigation reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual responsible for background checks may request additional information from the applicant. The offense shall be reviewed on a case by case basis.

A student must have a background check completed by Certified Background prior to enrollment. Background check information will be accepted in only one of the following three manners:

• Complete criminal background check only through Certified Background at http://cccs.castlebranch.com
• Select, Technical College of the Rockies. Select CNA from the drop down menu. Applicants 18 years or older, cost is $34.50. Applicants under 18 years of age, cost is $24.90.
• If a long-term care facility is sponsoring a student and they have an acceptable criminal background check for the student on file, completed in the past year, this will be accepted.

Certified Background will send the report electronically to the Nursing Program Coordinator at the Technical College of the Rockies and a copy will be provided to the nurse aide clinical training facility. Students may obtain a copy from TCR upon request or have a copy directly emailed to them upon request.

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Immunizations

☐ ## TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST or T-SPOT BLOOD TEST

How is two-step tuberculin skin testing done?
The two-step tuberculin skin test (TST) is used to detect individuals with past tuberculosis
(TB) infection, who now have diminished skin test reactivity. This procedure will reduce the likelihood that a boosted reaction is later interpreted as a new infection.
 Visit 1: Place the 1st TST
 Visit 2: Return in 48-72 hours for the test to be read.
 Visit 3: Place a 2nd TST. (1 week after the first visit)
 Visit 4: Return in 48-72 hours for the test to be read.
FYI: We will accept 2 TB tests within the past year prior to class

☐ ## HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION

Series or signed a waiver of exemption. You may contact your health care provider or employer, if applicable,

☐ ## FLU VACCINE

"Influenza Season" means October through March of the following year. The County Health Department, doctor's offices, some grocery stores or independent pharmacies provide this. Request a verification copy and submit this to the nursing department. for these records.

☐ ## COVID – 19 Vaccine:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment rules require COVID-19 vaccination for staff and students in licensed healthcare settings such as nursing homes. Some facilities allow exemptions. All doses must be complete at least 2 weeks prior to the clinical rotation.

Essential Functions

Please review the following Questionnaire to determine if you are suited for Nurse Aide work. You will also be asked to sign this form the first day of class.

Questionnaire of Student Essential Functions

1. I am able to concentrate and focus on one thing for 20 minutes or more? YES / NO
2. I am able to do basic math? (Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide) YES / NO
3. I am able to speak, write and read English? YES / NO
4. I am emotionally and mentally stable and able to work in highly stressful situations? YES / NO
5. I am able to walk the equivalent of 5 miles per day? YES / NO
6. I am able to reach above shoulder level? YES / NO
7. I am able to stand for long periods? YES / NO
8. I am able to lift 50 pounds? YES / NO
9. I am able to assist patients in ambulation? YES / NO
10. I am able to grip small objects? YES / NO
11. I am able to hear (with correction) well enough to respond appropriately to monitor alarms, emer gency signals, and cries for help? YES / NO
12. I am able to hear well enough and have the ability to observe and assess client responses? YES / NO
13. I am able to observe and read equipment – analog watch, BP equipment, scale? YES / NO
14. I have adequate tactile ability to accurately take a pulse, and perform tasks that would require my accurate manipulation of small objects? YES / NO

I am requesting the following exceptions and/or accommodations and will discuss the following with the Program Director:

To the best of my knowledge I have answered the above questions truthfully and accurately. I understand that if I start a health career program and do not demonstrate the ability to achieve the essential functions that I will not be able to complete that program. I understand that money will be refunded according to the Refund policy as outlined in the TCR catalog, (no refund will be given once 15% or more of the scheduled time for the class has elapsed).

_____ _____
Printed name Date

_____ _____
Student signature Date
This questionnaire needs to be signed and returned.

Scrub Top Size

Per the State Board of Nursing, all students must have a matching uniforms with a name tag at their clinical rotation. A matching teal scrub top will be ordered through the school, paid under books and supplies in total cost of tuition and fees. Black scrub pants, in good repair, and proper fit (no dragging on the floor) of the students choice must be purchased by the student.

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Signature and Date

Circle size

SMALL   MEDIUM   LG   XL   XXL

OTHER_____ (specify)