About Our Instructor

Tami Birkholz, BSN, RN is a staff nurse at Ellsworth County Medical Center (ECMC) and an adjunct professor at Barton Community College. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Prior to working at ECMC, Tami has worked in a variety of nursing settings including: adult care homes, acute large and small hospitals. Students will find her to be a competent, energetic instructor with a wealth of experience to draw upon. "I am thrilled to be teaching the 2022 CNA classes and am hopeful that this year's students will become active in the Ellsworth Medical community."



Tami Birkholz, BSN, RN



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Certified Nursing Assistant Classes

June 1–June 16, 2022 July 6- July 21, 2022



2022 CNA Classes

About Responsibilities

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) are certified professionals that provide direct care towards patients, in hospitals and long-term care facilities. CNAs assist tasks, including taking vitals, dressing, eating, toileting, bathing and personal hygiene.

Becoming a CNA is a chance to begin a long-term career in healthcare and opens the door for a wide variety of work settings. CNAs make a difference in the lives of those patients and residents they serve.



About Our Class

The 2022 Certified Nursing Assistant Classes are made possible through the estate of a charitable donor. All books, fees, CastleBranch account fees, meals and closing receptions are generously paid in full. High School students enrolled in the class will take advantage of state-paid tuition knowing that remaining expenses will be covered.

The class is 90 hours in length and held in a two week format. Didactic presentations are held at Ellsworth County Medical Center (ECMC) Administrative Building Conference Room and clinical experiences at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center in Ellsworth, Kansas. Each class will conclude with a graduation reception at ECMC.

About our Anonymous Donor

Many years ago, our charitable donor was moved by the care and testimony of a CNA who was able to support her family after obtaining a CNA Certification. He quickly established a goal to enable others to get their CNA certification. The 2022 classes are fully funded from the estate of this most generous donor.



About Requirements

Requirements for acceptance into the program:

- Twenty students will be selected for acceptance into the classes with additional students on a waitlist for both classes.
- Applications for the classes are available online at: www.ewmed.com. Applications will be reviewed and selections announced by March 30th. (Late applications will not be considered.) Selection by ECMC does not guarantee enrollment. Once selected, individuals must apply to Barton Community College and successfully pass a Reading Test prior to enrolling in the CNA class.
- Students must be at least 16 years of age by the first day of the CNA class.
- If still in high school, must have written permission from guardian and high school principal to receive college credit.
- Students will each have a CastleBranch account established through Barton Community College. Included in the account will be a required reference check, immunization records, proof of current health insurance, etc.

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