



Home Health Aides

in Northern New York State

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How do I become a Home Health Aide?

Those looking to become a Home Health Aide must attend an approved 75-hour training program and successfully complete all competency examinations.

What do Home Health Aides do?

Home health aides provide assistance to people who need additional support caring for themselves. They work under the supervision of a registered nurse or other healthcare practitioner.

- Provide basic patient care
- Record vital signs
- Assist with feeding, bathing, dressing and toileting
- Assist with meal preparation, shopping and housekeeping

Where do Home Health Aides work?

Home health aides work in patients' homes, small group homes or larger care communities, such as assisted living facilities.

Are jobs available in Northern NY?

The demand for HHAs is growing significantly. Between 2016 and 2026, the number of jobs for home health aides is projected to increase by 47.3% nationwide and by 52.4% in New York.

How much do Home Health Aides make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that HHAs in New York earned an average annual salary of \$29,290 (entry level-\$23,960, experienced-\$37,510).



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Where can I find an education program?

Most HHA training programs are offered by hospitals, nursing homes, adult learning centers or community colleges. Check out this website for a list of training programs:

www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurseprogs-hha.htm

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NYS Certification Requirements

Complete the required 75-hour training program, pass all competency exams and complete 12 hours of in-service training each year. The National Association for Home Care and Hospice offers certification for home health aides.

<http://www.nahc.org>