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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE - WINTER 2026

Health Care Aide Certificate: Online and In-Person Learning

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students track their progress within their chosen program. The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice. It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official (print) version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

TERM 1: January 5, 2026 (New Student Orientation) – April 24, 2026		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE
HCAP 140: Health Care Aide Role & Responsibility - 3 credits: Lecture and Lab Co-requisites: HCAP 141, HCAP 142, and HCAP 143		
HCAP 141: The Human Body, Health, & Chronic Illness - 3 credits: Lecture Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP142, and HCAP 143		
HCAP 142: Communication & Documentation in the Health Care Environment - 3 credits: Lecture and Lab Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, and HCAP 143		
HCAP 143: Providing Person-Centered Care & Comfort - 4 credits: Lecture and Lab Co-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, and HCAP 142		
HCAP 144: Clinical Placement 1 (Mar 25, 2026 – Apr 24, 2026) (80 hours) - 4 credits: Clinical Pre-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, HCAP 142, and HCAP 143		
TERM 2: May 1, 2026– August 14, 2026		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE
HCAP 145: Meeting Complex Care Needs - 4 credits: Lecture and Lab Pre-requisites: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, HCAP 142, HCAP 143, HCAP 144 Co-requisite: HCAP 146		
HCAP 146: Special Activities for Clients with Various Health Conditions - 4 credits: Lecture and Lab Pre-requisite: HCAP 140, HCAP 141, HCAP 142, HCAP 143, and HCAP 144 Co-requisite: HCAP 145		
HCAP 147: Clinical Experience 2 (June 17, 2026 – July 24, 2026) (160 Hours) - 6 credits: Clinical Pre-requisites: HCAP 145 and HCAP 146		
HCAP 148: Consolidated Clinical Placement (July 27, 2026– August 14, 2026) (80 Hours) - 4 credits: Clinical Pre-requisite: HCAP 147		

Program Notes:

Continuation/Graduation Requirements

To complete this program, the learner must:

- Attain passing grades in all theory/lab/clinical assessments
- Meet attendance requirements as stated in the Health Care Aide Program Learner Handbook
- Should the student fail to achieve these outcomes, they will be required to withdraw from the program

NOTE: Students who do not achieve a passing grade in a course will be required to repeat it, and must meet with the Department Chair, or designate, or Academic Advisor to determine a progression plan.

All HCA students must successfully complete all coursework, including final course exams, and pass the provincial comprehensive final exam in order to graduate from the program and receive the Government of Alberta Health Care Aide Provincial Curriculum Certificate.