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Step Up to Health Careers: PCA+

Career Focus: Patient Care Assistant with exposure to the LNA scope of work

A supported pathway into health careers in rural Vermont

Thinking about a career in healthcare, but not sure where to start?

Step Up to Health Careers is a new program designed to connect Vermonters to entry-level employment and technical training in healthcare.
You can gain workplace readiness skills, academic confidence, and certifications that will prepare you for healthcare jobs in Lamoille County and the NEK.

This program is for you if you:

- Are a Vermont resident age 16 or over
- Are not currently enrolled in public school
- Need help preparing for a job in healthcare
- Are unemployed or looking for a new meaningful career path
- Want academic support and computer skills to build confidence before enrolling in college or technical training
- Are motivated to build a career that supports yourself and your family

What Step Up to Health Careers offers:

- Skill-building in key professional and academic areas
- Exposure to healthcare roles and career pathways
- Certifications in healthcare
- Support to find further healthcare training or introductory college classes
- A local, supportive approach designed with rural Vermonters in mind

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Step Up to Health Careers is an on-ramp for entry-level jobs in healthcare.

This Spring 2027 session focuses on Patient Care Assisting with exposure to LNA scope of work.

Step Up to Health Careers PCA+ prepares participants for employment or further education at CCV, Vermont State University, and Adult Career & Technical Education (CTE) Programs, leading to careers in Medical or Dental Assisting, Licensed Nurse Assisting (LNA), Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, and more.

Before starting the program, you must:

- Complete an application
- Participate in an interview
- Complete requirements including background check and required vaccinations

Once accepted, participants agree to:

- Attend all classes and program sessions
- Communicate regularly with instructors
- Complete required homework, certifications, and job shadow commitments
- Follow program expectations and professional behavior standards

To remain eligible for healthcare job shadow experiences, you must:

- Be in good standing in all required learning components of the first half of the program
- Maintain regular attendance

Program completion includes:

- Certificates for skills and knowledge (First Aid/CPR, infection control, HIPAA)
- Step Up to Health Careers Certificate of Completion (identifying all completed content)
- Prepares you to be a competitive applicant for a PCA position and beyond

You don't have to do this alone.

Step Up meets you where you are. We help you take the next step forward. Your commitment makes that support possible.

Financial assistance is available!

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