

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Interested students must complete the following steps for enrollment:

1. Call or email to make an appointment with a PCA Student Program Advisor: 805-898-8121 or ncsss@pipeline.sbcc.edu (Wake Campus)
2. Apply and register (Your Advisor will help with this process).



SBCC School of Extended Learning Student Services offices are located at:

Wake Campus
300 N Turnpike Road
Santa Barbara, CA
805-898-8150 or 805-898-8121



PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT SALARY RANGE

The median salary for Personal Care Attendants in Santa Barbara is approximately \$17 per hour. Hourly rate is based on completion of a training program and experience.



For more information on other health career programs offered by Santa Barbara City College (in both credit and noncredit), please contact a Student Program Advisor at Schott or Wake Campus: 805-898-8160 or email ncsss@pipeline.sbcc.edu.



Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Training Program



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WHAT IS A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT?

Personal Care Attendants assist patients and family with non-medically directed personal care and home management.

HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM PREPARE ME?

Students in the program learn the information and skills required to seek entry-level employment as Personal Care Attendants.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM CONSIST OF?

Two required courses:
Personal Care Attendant I: Basic Care
Personal Care Attendant II: Dementia and End-of-Life Care

Classes are in the evenings, for approximately ten weeks. Teaching methods include: lectures, demonstrations, discussion, videotapes, guest speakers, and group activities.

Students who successfully complete the Program's two required courses, and successfully demonstrate competency skills, will receive a CSI Vocational Certificate and a Digital Badge.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO ENROLL?

The program is tuition FREE



PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT I: BASIC CARE

Course topics include:

- **Introduction:** The Personal Care Attendant as a member of the patient's Home Health Care Team.
- **Home Safety and Infection Control**
- **Physical Movement**
- **Communication**
- **Nutrition**
- **Medication Guidelines**
- **Skin Care and Cleanliness**
- **Understanding and Working With Older Patients**
- **Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease**
- **Following Personal Care Instructions and Accurate Reporting and Documentation**
- **Caregiver Skills and Ethics**
- **Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse**
- **Caring for the Caregiver**



PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT II: DEMENTIA AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

Course topics include:

- **Alzheimer's Disease: An In-Depth View**
- **Communication Skills: Caring For Persons with Alzheimer's Disease**
- **Alzheimer's Disease: Difficult Behaviors**
- **Structuring the Day: Planning Activities for Success**
- **Advance Planning**
- **End-of-Life Care**

The PCA Program is offered fall and spring terms each academic year.