

Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

HEALTHCARE



Nursing Assistants (CNA & PCT)

Standard Occupational Classification Code: **311131**

Also known as: Certified Medication Aide (CMA), Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Certified Nurses Aide (CNA), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA), Nurses' Aide, Nursing Aide, Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Assistant (PCA), State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA)

Are you good at ...

- Showing concern for others?
- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Keeping your emotions in check?
- Paying attention to detail?
- Being honest and ethical?

A Day in the Life

Being a Nursing Assistant means that you are taking care of patients. You answer patient call signals, signal lights, bells, or intercom systems to determine patients' needs. You feed patients or assist patients to eat or drink. You measure and record food and liquid intake or urinary and fecal output reporting changed to medical or nursing staff. You provide physical support to assist patient to perform daily living activities such as getting out of bed, bathing, dressing, using the toilet, standing, walking or exercising.

You will remind patients to take medications or nutritional supplements; review patients' dietary restrictions, food allergies, and preferences to ensure patient receives appropriate diet. You will undress, wash, and dress patients who are unable to do so for themselves and observe or examine patients to detect symptoms that may require medical attention, such as bruises, open wounds, or blood in urine. You will restock patient rooms with personal hygiene items, such as towels, washcloths, soap, or toilet paper. You will clean and sanitize patient rooms, bathrooms, examination rooms, or other patient areas. You will assist nurses or physicians in the operation of medical equipment or provision of patient care. This is a very important job, taking care of patients who cannot take care of themselves.

How do I get into this top job?

This job requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. You will need to complete a state approved training program before going to work. Training programs and tests may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$9.71**
Median Wage: **\$12.04**



What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 2,330 openings per year through 2026!



Educational Requirement



Postsecondary
Non-Degree Award



On-the-Job Training



None



Related Occupations

Check out these similar careers on O*NET online:

- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Registered Nurse](#)
- [Medical Assistants](#)

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