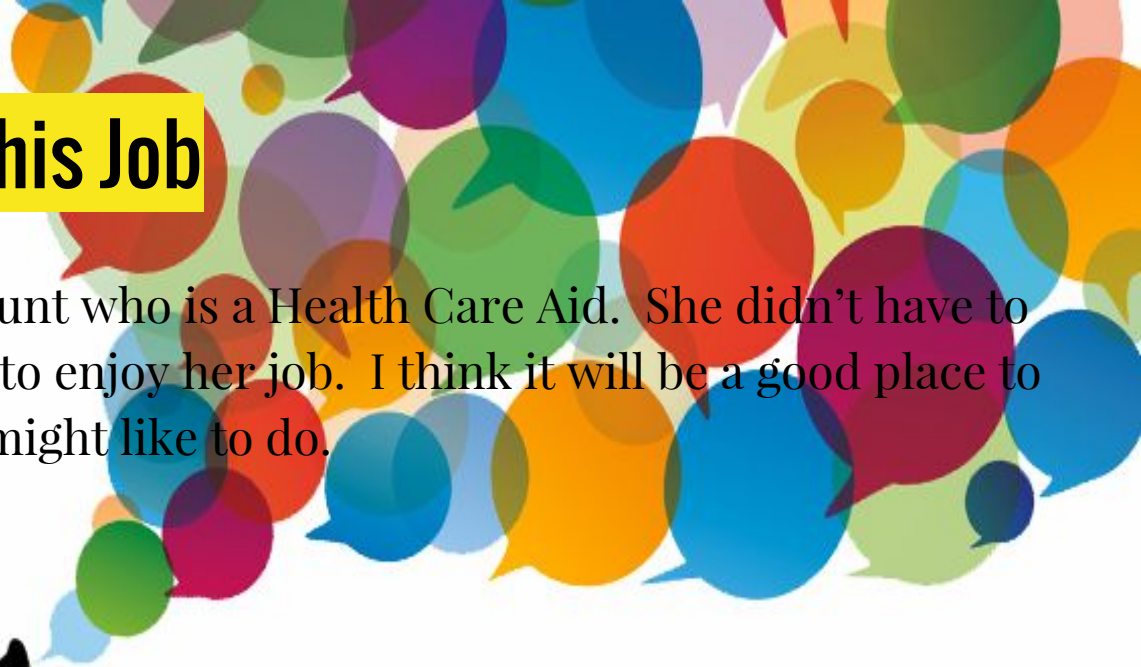


Health Care Aid

**Nurse Aides, Orderlies,
Patient Service Associates**

How did I hear about this Job

I heard about this job from my aunt who is a Health Care Aid. She didn't have to go to school too long and seems to enjoy her job. I think it will be a good place to start until I decided what else I might like to do.



Important Questions

What I need to consider

- Education
- Demand
- Conditions
- Salary
- Sector
- Overall



Education

What does it take to get this job?

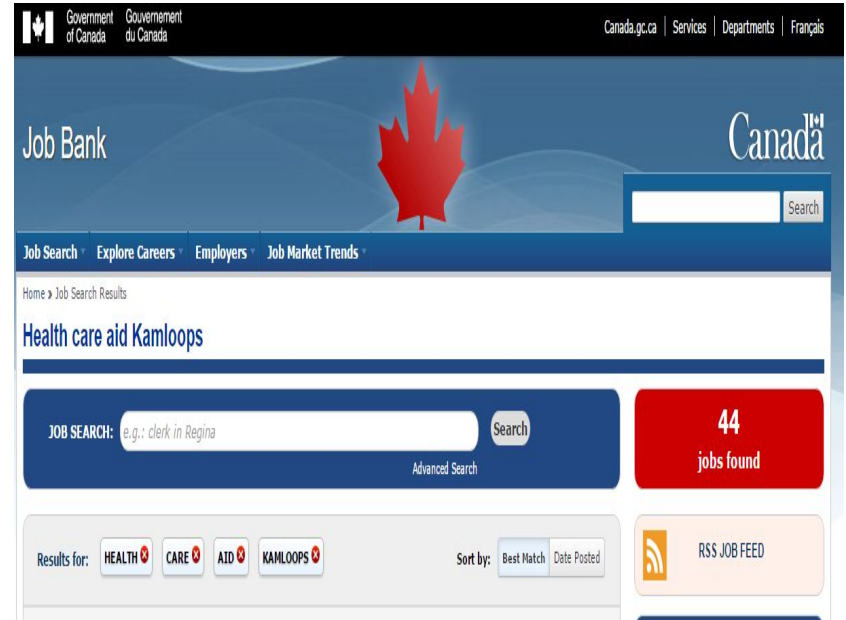
- Graduate grade 12
- 20-30 week program (depending on the school)
- 8 weeks of placement
- costs about \$3000 depending on the school



Demand

Where can I find a job in this feild?

- Job bank indicates that this type of work is in high demand all over Canada
- There are no jobs listed in Kamloops, but there is a posting for a casual part time job in a rest home in Vernon. This means that I would work less than 40 hours per week, and probably not work the same amount every week.
- There is a permanent part-time posting for a business in Kelowna. I would work the same hours every week but it might not be many hours



Conditions

What is this job like?

Job bank says: “Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates assist nurses, hospital staff and physicians in the basic care of patients.”

So I would work with patients in hospitals and other care centres. I would be helping to clean and feed patients, and provide for their basic care needs. I would need to be comfortable with injured, aged, and disabled people and take precautions to keep myself healthy.

Enter a 4-digit NOC code or your job title (required).

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3413 Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates

Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates assist nurses, hospital staff and physicians in the basic care of patients. They are employed in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted care facilities for the elderly and other health care establishments.

Example Titles

- emergency medical responder
- health care aide
- hospital attendant
- long term care aide
- nurse aide
- nursing attendant
- orderly
- patient care aide
- patient service associate
- personal care attendant – medical
- psychiatric aide
- resident care aide – medical

Salary

How much can I make in this type of job?

- \$16.70 to start, up to a possible high of \$26.00

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9 jobs

20.50 \$/hr

Jobs Wages Outlook Education & Job Requirements

Wages depend on job requirements and work conditions. They also vary between regions, for reasons such as location, labour agreements, and the availability of workers. The wages below are estimated before taxes.

Thompson--Okanagan Region British Columbia Canada

Wage Estimates

Location	Wage (\$/hr)			Note
	Low	Median	High	
British Columbia	16.70	20.90	26.00	Note
Cariboo Region	16.70	20.00	22.62	Note
Kootenay Region	17.35	20.64	22.60	Note
Lower Mainland - Southwest Region	16.50	20.70	26.30	Note
Nechako Region	15.65	22.60	26.00	Note
North Coast Region	18.50	22.60	25.00	Note
Northeast Region	16.48	20.50	23.88	Note
Thompson--Okanagan Region	16.83	20.50	24.25	Note
Vancouver Island and Coast Region	16.70	21.00	26.50	Note

Sector

What sector is this job in?

- This job is in the health care sector, which I like because people are living longer and that assures me that there will always be a demand for my work



HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Overall

Do I still want this job?

- I'm not sure I will enjoy cleaning people and working with people who are ill and elderly, but it might be an easy way to see if I like jobs like nursing
- The \$3000 of tuition seems like a lot, but if I make \$16/hour, it will only take about 5 full time weeks to pay it off. Unfortunately, there aren't any full time jobs available, so I will probably be working smaller and temporary jobs when I first start.
- I like the idea that there are jobs all over Canada and that this is a sector that is increasing in demand. I will consider this path as a possibility for myself.

