

YukonU Program Planning Guide

School of Health, Education and Human Services



HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Instructions for Use

This planning guide is to assist you in selecting your courses each term. Read carefully, as some courses are only offered in one term/year and some are offered in multiple terms/years.

Refer to your program page on the main website under programs/courses for a more thorough description of each course.

A glossary (description) of common words and phrases used in this guide can be found on the last page.

Graduation Requirements

The Certificate of Health Care Assistant is awarded for the completion of the equivalent of one year of full-time study (39 credits) in the program. All program core courses are mandatory for graduation.

To graduate, students must pass all the required courses, and:

- complete 50% of the course work at Yukon University
- maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA (C average) across all courses.
- achieve passing grades indicated in course outlines for each required course

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Students in the HCA program acquire knowledge related to the First Nation Core Competencies through core program content and completion of YFN 101.

For details, visit [Yukon First Nations Core Competency](#).

TERM 1: Fall

Course Requirement	Credit	Done
HCA 111: Health 2: Lifestyle and Choices	3	
HCA 120 Healing 1A: Common Health Challenges	3	
HCA 121: Healing 1B: Common Health Challenges	3	
HCA 130: Healing 2A Cognitive or Mental Challenges	2	
HCA 140: Healing 3A: Personal Care and Assistance	4	
HCA 160: Practicum Multi-level Complex and Dementia (Continues in Term 2)		
HCA 101: Health and Healing B: Concepts for Practice	3	
Total Credits	18	

TERM 2: Winter

Course Requirement	Credit	Done
HCA 100: Health and Healing A: Concepts for Practice	2	
ELCC 125: Interpersonal Relationships and Communication Skills	3	
HCA 102: Introduction to Practice	3	
HCA 122: Healing 1C: Common Health Challenges	2	
HCA 131: Healing 2B: Cognitive or Mental Challenges	2	
HCA 141: Healing 3B: Personal Care and Assistance	4	
HCA 150 Practicum – Home Care and Assisted Living	1	
HCA 160: Practicum Multi-level Complex and Dementia (continued from Term 1)	4	
Total Credits	21	

Sequencing Plan

HCA is delivered in a full-time, cohort model, with students proceeding through courses as laid out above.

Student Responsibility

You are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of your registration and for determining the requirements of your program. Always read course descriptions before you register to determine if you have the necessary prerequisites and pay attention to notes on mutually exclusive and cross-listed courses (pairs of courses in which credit will be awarded for only one).

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Program Notes

The Health Care Assistant Certificate is delivered as a full time one-year program on site at Ayamdigut campus. Each term offers a blend of in class theory courses and practica in Yukon health settings.

Common Words or Phrases Used in this Planning Guide

- **Term or Semester** = An Academic term is a portion of an academic year, the time during which an educational institution holds classes. At YukonU we have three terms each year. (see Fall, Winter & Spring/Summer below) *Note: not all programs use three (3) terms as part of their study schedule – most programs at YukonU use only the Fall & Winter term.
- **Prerequisite** = is a course that you must complete with a satisfactory grade before enrolling in another course.
Practicum = A required placement experience at a Yukon health care centre or program. Practica placements are arranged by program faculty and supervised by faculty.
- **Sequence (sample sequencing)** = Courses that are arranged in an order according to year & term.
- **Credits** = A Credit is the unit of measurement for university courses. The credit is determined by the number of hours of instruction required each week. Usually, a course that lasts one term/semester is equivalent to three (3) credits. Note: credits for a course can range from 1 – 15.
- **Yukon First Nations Core Competency** = Yukon College recognizes that a greater understanding and awareness of Yukon First Nations history, culture and journey towards self-determination will help to build positive relationships among all Yukon citizens. As a result, you will be required to achieve core competency in knowledge of Yukon First Nations as part of your graduation requirements. (see Graduation Requirements below for more details)
- **GPA** = is a representation of academic achievement produced by dividing the total number of grade points earned over a period, usually a semester, divided by the number of courses or credits taken. See page 18 of the Academic Regulations for a fuller explanation.

Note: Terms or Semester exact dates are determined by your program. Some programs begin in August while others begin in September.

The following are the most common terms/semesters:

- Fall = Either Late August or early September through December
- Winter = Early January through April (Sometimes into early May)

Actual term dates are determined by each program

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