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Registration underway for RCC's new certified nursing assistant 2 program
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Rogue Community College has opened registration for its new certified nursing assistant 2 program, following approval from the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Set to kick off Feb. 20, the program offers aspiring health care professionals an opportunity to elevate their careers by advancing from certified nursing assistant 1 to the even better-paying CNA2 certification.

The CNA2 program at RCC meets all criteria set by the state nursing board. The school says its goal is to equip students with comprehensive training aligned with industry standards, preparing them for a successful career.

The curriculum covers essential topics, including collaboration with health care teams, nutrition methods, safety protocols, legal and ethical considerations, disease processes, observation and reporting, documentation, infection control and interpersonal skills.

All classes are held at RCC's Table Rock Campus in White City.

In addition to classroom learning, students will gain practical experience through a comprehensive 88-hour training program, which integrates online and in-person components.

One of the highlights of the program is hands-on clinical training, supervised at a local health care facility in either Josephine County or Jackson County, allowing students to apply their skills in real-world scenarios.

RCC's CNA2 program offers specialized knowledge and skills that can help students explore new career opportunities and increase their earning potential. With Southern Oregon being home to four major hospitals, graduates can tap into a diverse range of employment opportunities.

Starting wages for CNA1 professionals range between $19 and $23 per hour, while CNA2 professionals can expect a starting wage between $20 and $28 per hour.

A prerequisite for the CNA2 program is a CNA1 certificate, whether obtained through RCC's program or from another accredited school.

The CNA2 program at RCC allows students to complete the training in just three weeks.

For more information and to register, reach out to RCC via email at nursingassistant@roguecc.edu. The deadline for application is Feb. 16.