



Dear Prospective CNA Student and Parent/Guardian,

Your student has expressed interest in one of the most rewarding — and competitive — programs available to high school students: the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program.

Prior to applying, students and parents must understand the attendance expectations required for successful completion of the program. The McKeel CNA program follows mandatory **Florida Board of Nursing and Department of Health guidelines** and requires participation in clinical experiences at **Lakeland Regional Health (LRH)**.

Clinical days are primarily held on **Fridays** and are mandatory. Students must be present, on time, and in proper uniform. Due to the structured nature of hospital clinical rotations at LRH, missed clinical days are nearly impossible — to make up.

Failure to meet clinical attendance requirements places a student at high risk of not passing Allied Health 3/CNA and may result in ineligibility to sit for the Florida State CNA certification exam.

Professionalism & Clinical Participation Expectations

Because students represent McKeel Academy and are placed in a hospital setting, the following are required:

- Completion of all required LRH paperwork and district forms by stated deadlines
- Compliance with required immunizations (TB test and Flu Vaccine) and health documentation
- Professional behavior at all times
- Adherence to dress code, including approved scrubs, closed-toe shoes, and ID badge
- Respectful communication with patients, nurses, physicians, and staff

Students who fail to meet professionalism or clinical expectations may be removed from clinical placement and/or the CNA program.

The application packet includes:

- CNA Application (with essay directions)
- Two (2) Recommendation Forms
 - One personal reference
 - One teacher reference
- CNA Job Description

All application materials (cover sheet, completed application, and essay) must be returned to **Mrs. Fowler** in Room 06-111 no later than **April 3, 2026**.

Late applications will only be considered after all on-time applicants have been reviewed and placed.

McKeel Academy of Technology
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program Application

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Transportation:

Do you have reliable transportation to and from school and off-campus learning experiences?

Yes No

Do you drive yourself to and from school?

Yes No

Background Information:

Have you ever been convicted of any offense, felony, or misdemeanor?

Yes No

If yes, please explain fully (include date(s) and outcome):

Required Essay (Typed):

Format Requirements:

- Typed
- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman
- 12-point font

Essay Prompts (answer all):

1. Why do you want to become a Nursing Assistant?
2. What are your feelings about aging/growing older?
3. What skills and strengths do you bring to the healthcare profession?
4. If you were a resident in a long-term care facility, what qualities would you expect from a Nursing Assistant?
5. What are your long-term goals (education/career)?

Interview Notice:

After submitting this application and essay, you may be scheduled for an interview with Mrs. Fowler.

Student Certification:

I certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date:

Parent & Student Acknowledgment

We have read and understand the attendance, clinical participation, and professionalism expectations for the McKeel Academy CNA Program, including required Friday clinical days at Lakeland Regional Health.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Official Use Only

Total Days Absent This Year:

0-5 6-10 11-15 15+

Total Number of Discipline Referrals: _____

Approved: Yes No