



Acute Care Nursing Assistant

Facts about ACNA

An Acute Care Nursing Assistant takes the advanced classroom and clinical training after completion of and passing the certification as a Nursing Assistant. An Additional 80 hours need to be completed in an approved community college, vocational school or adult school; as well as through an approved skilled nursing facility. ACNAs work in emergency rooms, operating rooms, walk-in clinics, doctor's offices, critical care units, or in community-based environments.



What Does an ACNA Do?

An ACNA performs all duties and responsibilities of a CNA plus duties in environments that need care for immediate and severe illness or disability, such as the treatment of injuries after an accident or other trauma, or during recovery from surgery. ACNAs also care for pre- and post-operative patients, and may perform advanced, invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

How much can I earn?

Due to the nature of duties and responsibilities of ACNAs, they are compensated higher than CNAs and HHAs. In California, ACNAs can earn an average of \$38,000 annually.

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