Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants

What do they do?

- Generally, they are responsible for answering patients’ calls and observing patients’ conditions.
- Some services they provide include feeding, bathing, dressing and grooming patients.
- They also are responsible for transporting patients and cleaning patients’ rooms.

What qualifications do they need?

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Wages and Job Growth

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<td>Hourly Wage</td>
<td>$13.55</td>
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<td>$28,184</td>
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SOURCE | NYCLMIS analysis of New York State Department of Labor, Occupation Employment Statistics.

Better than average  About average  Worse than average

Where would I go to get training?

Certified training providers in New York City include: New York Institute of Healthcare Careers Inc., ACCESS CAREERS, Clinton Institute, Hostos Community College, College of Staten Island, Chinatown Manpower Project Inc., New Age Training Inc. For more information, see www.nyc.gov/trainingguide.

What kinds of companies do they work for?

Nursing care facilities, general medical and surgical hospitals, and local government.

Who are some of the largest employers in New York City?

- **Bronx.** Jacobi Medical Center, Hebrew Home At Riverdale, Union Community Health Center
- **Brooklyn.** Brooklyn Hospital Center, Woodhull Medical Center, Lutheran Medical Center
- **Manhattan.** Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, NY Presbyterian-Columbia Med, Beth Israel Medical Center
- **Queens.** Elmhurst Hospital, Jamaica Hospital Med Center, Flushing Hospital Medical Center
- **Staten Island.** Richmond University Medical Center, Eger Health Care Rehabilitation Center, Sea View Hospital Rehab Center

SOURCE | InfoUSA Employer Lists.

What job titles might employers use in help-wanted ads?

Certified Nurses Aide (CNA), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Nursing Assistant, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Patient Care Assistant (PCA), Patient Care Technician (PCT), Certified Medication Aide (CMA), Attendant, Psychiatric Attendant, Hospital Assistant.