



# Activity Care Professional



**Help at-risk individuals, older adults, and special populations lead longer, healthier, and more meaningful lives.** A career as an Activity Care Professional combines the skills and training of a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) with those of an Activity Assistant. This new career field provides person-centered care to address physical, emotional, psychological, and social needs of special populations. As the population continues to age, Activity Care Professionals will also play an important role for individual patients and health care as a whole.

*Similar to a career in  
Recreational Therapy*  
**Average Salary: \$40,900**  
**25% growth**

Note: Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O\*Net. Average salary for a related occupation as of 2018 and job growth projected from 2019-2026. The earning potential for employees with certifications and Associate of Applied Science degrees may exceed the average salary.

## Where do Activity Care Professionals work?

Activity Care Professionals work in hospitals, long-term care and skilled nursing facilities, adult day care, memory care, population health, assisted living, senior housing, hospice, home care, special populations, health and sports rehabilitation, and the hospitality and travel industry.

## About Collin College's Program

Collin College's first in the nation Activity Care Professional program prepares students as essential professionals in a rapidly growing health care career. Students will take classes including CNA training coursework, medical terminology, pathophysiology, introduction to gerontology, introduction to pharmacology, clinical gerontology, end of life issues, legal and ethical issues, and activity coursework.

Learn more about the  
Activity Care Professional program at  
[www.collin.edu/department/activitycare](http://www.collin.edu/department/activitycare).

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## Why Collin College?

- Small class size
- Hands-on training
- Preparation for the Certified Nurse Aide and Activity Professional board-certified exams
- 200 clinical hours (externship) in a variety of activity-oriented settings as assigned by the college

## Choose Your Education

**Activity Care Professional  
Associate of Applied Science  
Degree**  
(60 credit hours)

**OSA – Activity Care Professional  
Certified Nurse Aide**  
(9 credit hours)

**Level 1 Certificates  
Activity Care Professional**  
(36 credit hours)

**Activity Care Professional  
Certified Nurse Aide**  
(15 credit hours)

- Level 1 certificates can be completed in 10 months

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