

Home Care Aide:

make a difference
ease the lives of your neighbors

- 1 Interested in a career in the medical field?
Enjoy helping others?



- Set your own schedule.
- Gain experience for entry into nursing school or other medical fields.

- Work in a medical career.
- Make a direct impact.
- Earn \$ in retirement.



- Plan and prepare meals.
- Do light housekeeping.
- Provide support with dressing.

- Manage medications.
- Assist with bathing.
- Assist with transferring and toileting.



Required Skills Testing

- 2 days of skills labs on the mainland & pass the Washington State certification test.
- Begin working and complete training while you work.

Training Required

- 75-hr class, paid while you learn, in Mt. Vernon.
- Online option offered.
- Contact Gail Leschine-Seitz about applications and scholarships (see other side).



Wages start at \$16.40 per hour with benefits. Pay raises in 6 months with experience.



- Give compassionate help, using your life skills.
- Feel the satisfaction of making a difference, and step into a new career.

BECOME A HOME CARE AIDE



APPLY TO A LICENSED HOME CARE AGENCY

Three agencies currently serve San Juan County

- All Ways Caring (formerly ResCare)
- Home Instead
- Visiting Angels

If you need help applying,
contact Gail Leschine-Seitz (see below)

YOU MAY GET HEALTH CARE FOR YOURSELF & YOU'LL BE COVERED AGAINST LIABILITY

The companies in our area that offer licensed home care provide employee health insurance.

You can inquire at All Ways Caring (formerly ResCare), Visiting Angels or Home Instead about working in the San Juan Islands.



YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE TRAINING AND SCREENING



- 75-hour, Washington State-required training to work with vulnerable adults
- Criminal background check
- Fingerprints taken, likely in Mt. Vernon.

HCA CERTIFICATION IS PORTABLE

You won't have to repeat the training if you change employers.

You might receive higher pay based on prior experience.



START YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

Certified Home Care Aides are in high demand.

- Work independently, set your own schedule, and receive good compensation.
- Think carefully about your liability in case something goes wrong. Will you have insurance for any bad outcomes?
- You also lose the support of working with more experienced professionals. Working for yourself may be a good option.



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