

## **Become a Certified Nurse Assistant, Pay No Tuition at Homestead**

Homestead Schools in Torrance is starting a nurse assisting class in March 2010 and is inviting qualified applicants to join it with a very special offer: Pay no tuition for the entire 5-week-long program consisting of theory and clinical training at the end of which graduates will be able to take the board exam and become certified nurse assistants. The normal tuition for this program is \$1,200 with some schools charging even more. Your only cost would be for the text books and uniforms, approx. \$170.

Certified nurse assistants (CNAs) work in extended care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, or private homes under the supervision of a registered nurse. They provide basic patient care and comfort. It is a very rewarding job and provides an entry into healthcare arena, probably the only field where employment is plentiful even in this economy.

Homestead Schools is a leading school in nursing education. It has several full-time and part-time vocational nursing classes running at present in Torrance. Graduates of the school have gone on to secure employment in various hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. The school is starting this pilot program in nurse assisting as it provides a natural progression for many students; CNAs typically gain some experience in health care arena and then join the vocational nursing program to move up the ladder for an even more enriching career. Waiving the tuition is the school's way of introducing young people to a new career.

In this pilot program the school is going to admit only a limited number of students, about 12-15 per class, and it's not going to repeat this offer in the future. In other words, this is your chance to put your foot in the door.

Since the time is short, the first thing you should do is call George, the student counselor, at (310) 791-9975 and make an appointment. You'll be able to visit the classrooms and skills lab, meet with the instructors and other students. You'll fill out the admissions application and, if accepted, you'll be given the text books, uniforms, etc.

No other private school is offering such a program. Take advantage of it while the offer lasts. You have everything to gain, and nothing to lose. The school is located at 23844 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 200, Torrance, Calif.

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