RACC’s certificate program is Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and is designed to prepare individuals for nurse aide jobs in the healthcare field.

**How long does it take to complete?**
The program is 120 hours with 42 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of lab practice on the RACC Campus. The remaining 54 hours of clinical instruction takes place at a Berks County Area long-term care facility. Ask for a calendar for specific dates and times.

**What does this program cost?**
The cost for the program is $1,390.00.

Are there additional costs?
Yes. You are responsible for the cost of the medical exam, TB test, PA State criminal background check, uniforms, shoes, and a $20 administrative fee.

**Is financial aid available?**
No. Financial Aid is not available this program.

**Are there scholarships?**
Yes! The Mae W. Langan Scholarship offers students up to $790.00 towards the Nurse Aide Program. Applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to your program start date.

**What are the requirements?**
- Age 18 or older at time of clinical start.
- Pass a physical examination
- Proof of negative TB test.
- Pass PA State criminal background check.
- Proof of health insurance
All students must pass the Adult Placement Indicator (A.P.I.) test or provide a college transcript showing one college level English class with a grade of C or better.

In compliance with PA department of Health and PDE regulations, all nurse aide trainees must have a 2-step Mantoux test or the Quantiferon Gold TB test. If positive, a chest X-ray stating no active disease or no abnormal findings is acceptable. **This process takes 3 weeks, plan accordingly.**

**How do I take the A.P.I. test?**
We administer the test in Kratz Hall, on the 3rd floor at the following times: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday early afternoons, and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. The test is scheduled for 25 minutes. Contact us at 610-375-8818 to schedule your test.

**Are there medical requirements?**
The responsibilities of the training candidate requires the full use of hands, arms and legs; the ability to stand for extended periods of time (5+ hours), and the ability to perform tasks that include bending, pulling, pushing, and lifting a minimum of 50lbs without restrictions. The trainee must also be free of communicable diseases and have no conditions that would affect the trainee’s performance.

**How do I get started?**
1. Schedule and pass the API test or provide college transcript.
2. Complete required paperwork (application, PA verification of residency form, scholarship application)
4. Complete PA State Criminal Background Check.
5. Return paperwork, PA Criminal background check, current government issued PA photo ID, proof of medical insurance to secure date in class.
6. Pay $20 admin fee and return copy of receipt.
7. Once you have determination of scholarship committee, you will receive registration form via email to register and pay for your class.
8. Purchase uniforms and shoes. (White pants or skirts, colored or print scrub tops except solid black, white leather sneakers or nursing shoes.) and a 3-ring binder for handouts.