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**A Career in Healthcare Can Be Yours!**

Study with us to become a Resident Care Attendant / Community Health Worker  
and we GUARANTEE you a job offer paying nearly \$20/hr when you graduate!  
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COLLEGE**

# Day One!

## Welcome to Your New Career in Healthcare.

If you are thinking of a career in the dynamic field of healthcare, Drake Medox College is the place to be!

Our Resident Care Attendant / Community Health Worker Diploma program equips you to work in a profession that is "in demand". As the percentage of the population over age 65 increases, and as more and more of the aging healthcare workforce begins to retire, jobs in healthcare are opening up as never before, which spells a big O-P-P-O-R-T-U-N-I-T-Y for you!

### Become a Healthcare Professional!

The Drake Medox College RCA/Community Health Worker Diploma program fully equips you for a rewarding career as a Community Health Worker and in other health related roles. Upon graduation, you will be ready to care for people in our community who have special healthcare needs. Every day, you will be making a difference in the lives of people, and you will be appreciated!

When you graduate, you are guaranteed a great job with Drake Medox (see next page for the details!), and you will also have the skills to work in many healthcare roles, such as home care, nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, extended care centres, and for community health agencies.

A Community Health Worker position is a wonderful career, because you are helping people remain independent and have the best possible quality of life – often in their own homes. Because of people like you, many of our citizens facing healthcare challenges can retain their independence and often avoid the emotional upheaval of moving to an institutional setting. All they need is a helping hand!

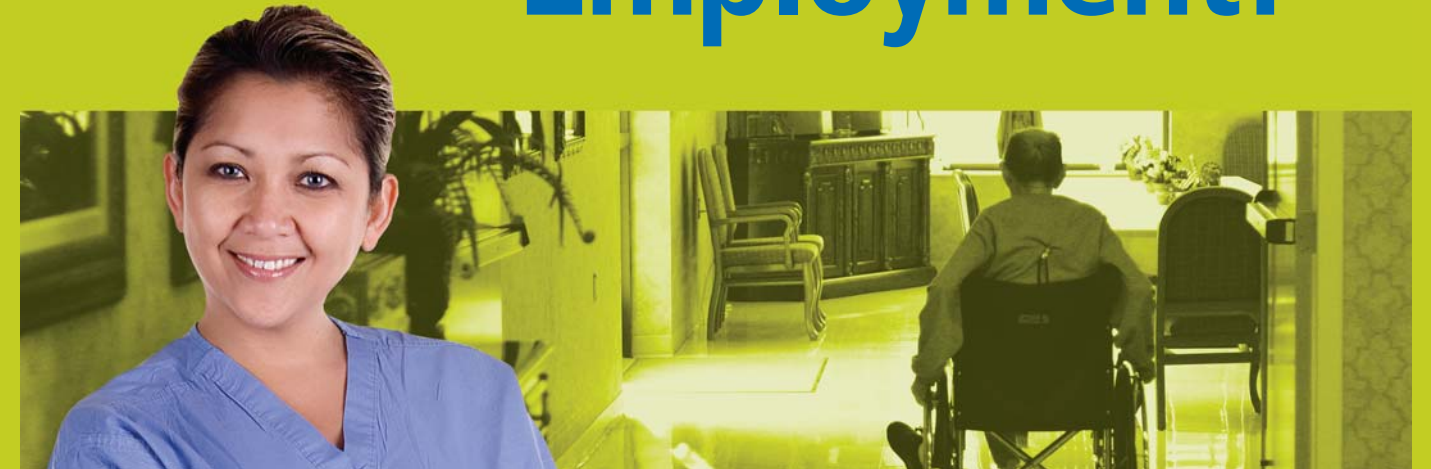
The Drake Medox College curriculum has been designed to meet the exacting standards of the leading health services agencies in British Columbia, so when you graduate, you will have the confidence of knowing that your training is second-to-none.

And note that this is not only classroom study. We give you extensive practical training in real-world care facilities, so you are fully prepared to handle the challenges of this career upon graduation.

*"I had a certificate in the healthcare field but wanted to upgrade myself and get a full diploma. The program I was in helped me a lot and gave me a lot of confidence. Being a Community Health Worker is challenging work yet very satisfying. You need to be both mentally and physically fit, as you are helping people who have many different problems. I mostly work with the elderly and find it so rewarding to know I help people to stay in their own homes. It is a really good career and you also enjoy the people you are helping, as they all have such interesting lives."*

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# Guaranteed Employment!



Once you successfully complete our training program, we GUARANTEE you an offer of casual employment as a Community Health Worker. NO OTHER similar program in Vancouver matches that guarantee!

How do we do it? Well, Drake Medox College is a sister company to Drake Medox Health Services (Vancouver), Inc., and just about every day they call over to us looking for new graduates to hire. They really need more qualified workers, so they have agreed to hire people like you just as soon as you graduate from our program!

Drake Medox Health Services is a respected name in Vancouver healthcare. They are a national organization with over 200 employees locally and have been in this community for over 30 years. So when you get a job with Drake Medox, you are really joining one of the best teams going with lots of great career opportunities!

### Excellent Salary!

Here is where the story gets really good! When you graduate from the Drake Medox program, your starting salary will be a MINIMUM of \$17.33/hour up to \$18.95, PLUS you get an additional 10.2% in lieu of benefits. (Note. This rate is subject to rise!)

Check around the city, and you will see that many Community Health Workers are being paid around \$14/hour or less (that is, if they can get work at all)! But our sister company, Drake Medox Health Services, has a collective agreement to make sure our grads are some of the best paid workers in the system.

### Flexible Hours!



Drake Medox grads are offered casual employment, which means that you get to set your own hours! Remember, our sister company, Drake Medox Health Services, is seeking qualified staff, so they will generally offer you as many shifts as you can possibly handle. But if you don't want to work full time, you can just take as many hours as appeal to you. You are in the driver's seat! You have your choice of...

- Flexible Working Hours...
- Full to Part Time Shift Work...
- In Diverse Work Settings...
- With a Variety of Clients.

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# What Kind of Jobs?

Drake Medox grads qualify for a number of different roles and job titles. These include:

- Resident Care Attendant
- Community Health Worker
- Long Term Care Aide (Geriatric)
- Home Healthcare Worker
- Assisted Living Worker
- Home Support Worker
- Personal Service Assistant
- Live-In Caregiver
- Companion

You will become a support for people with health challenges, so in the course of a day you might help to feed people who are unable to feed themselves, dress them and take them outside, transport them, groom them, help with toileting needs and bathing, and provide an opportunity for socializing!

After graduation, if you accept the guaranteed offer of employment with our sister company, Drake Medox Health Services, you will be employed in the role of a "Community Health Worker", which means that you often work directly in the homes of people who need assistance managing some of their activities of daily living. Mostly you would be working with the elderly, but there are also children, young adults and families who will require your support services.



## We Take the Fear Out of Graduating

Ask yourself, "What is the number one concern that people have when they graduate from a training program?"

**"Will I be able to get a good job where I will be happy and well-paid? Or will I be able to get a job at all?"**

When you go through the Drake Medox College program, you take part in an in-depth "Job Seeking Skills" training module, which provides students with an opportunity to practice interviewing skills through role play and mock interviews. Each student prepares a completed résumé, learns key job-finding techniques, and receives a documentation checklist which is needed to facilitate their job application process. However, this is really just given as background training to make you a better all-around professional. Remember, with our program, there is NO FEAR because you are GUARANTEED a job offer when you graduate. Nobody else with a similar program offers this in Vancouver!

And on top of that, if you decide you want to look for work in other parts of the healthcare system not covered by our sister company, Drake Medox Health Services, we have a Career Counselor on staff who can help find the right job for you! Because we are so thoroughly integrated into the entire healthcare services community, we know all the right people to call, and because the Drake Medox College program is so highly respected by healthcare service providers, you are well positioned to land the job you want! You could find openings in home support agencies, intermediate and extended care facilities, special care units for persons with dementia, adult day centres, and private homes.

And remember, Resident Care/Community Health is a growth market because the population is aging. According to the Canadian Occupation Projection System (COPS), employment prospects for this field are growing at an annual rate of 2.1%, which is faster than average for all occupations.

# What You End Up With!



Graduates from the Drake Medox program are highly qualified and have a number of certifications and diplomas, which are very useful whether you accept the guaranteed job offer from Drake Medox or choose to work for another health care provider. Your qualifications will include:

- Resident Care Attendant Diploma
- Community Health Worker Certificate
- Standard First Aid Certificate
- CPR "C" Certificate
- Food Safe Level 1 Certificate
- Palliative Care Certificate
- Dementia Care Certificate
- Section 2 Transfer of Function Tasks Certificate
- Spinal Cord Care Certificate
- Mental Health Certificate
- Assisted Living Worker Certificate

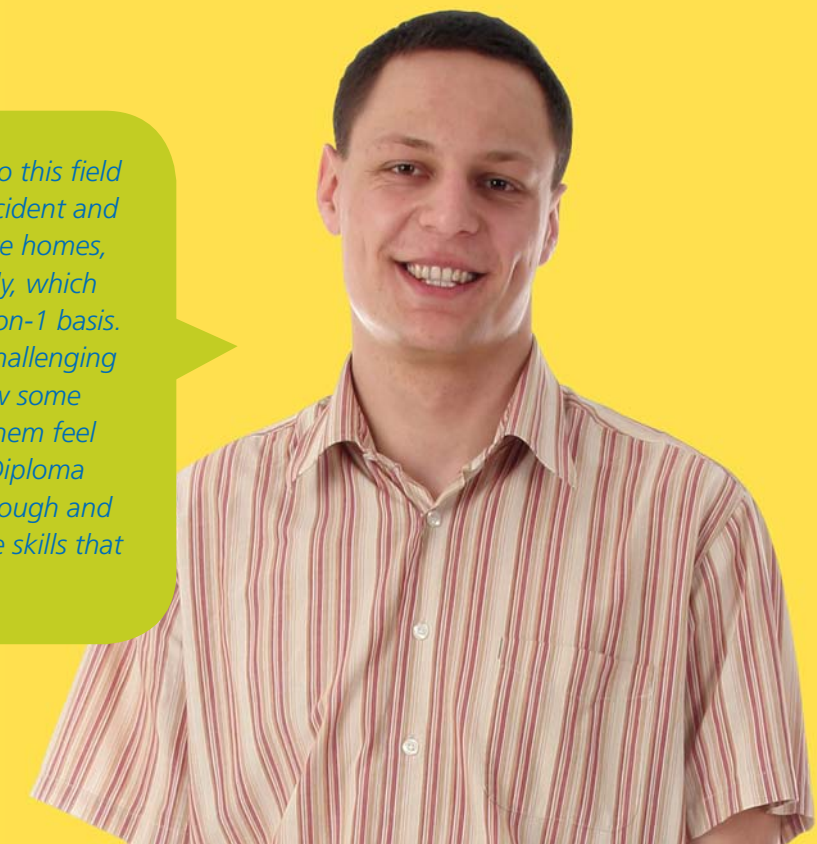
## What Else?

When you decide to attend Drake Medox College, there are a few other great benefits that may be important to you, such as...

- **Ongoing free training!** Our Continuing Education program is leading edge, because we want Drake Medox grads to be at the top of the field. If you accept the guaranteed offer of employment with Drake Medox Health Services, you have the option to be trained for all new certificates for free!
- **Central location!** Our fully equipped training facility is centrally located near VGH (see the map on the back page).
- If you are planning to go into nursing, getting your RCA/Community Health Worker diploma will make your first year of nursing training much easier to handle, and it will also give you a flexible well-paying job to help you finance your nursing education!
- **Make friends!** Over the course of the 6 month program, you will be with the same group of students throughout, which means you have a chance to form strong life-long bonds with fellow students and the instructor.




*"This career is all about helping people. I got into this field because of a friend who was injured in a car accident and needed care. Because we mostly work in private homes, we have time to relate to the people personally, which means a lot to them. I enjoy working on that 1-on-1 basis. Some of the people we work with have really challenging health issues, so we have the chance to show some compassion and encourage them and make them feel better about themselves. The Drake Medox Diploma program was really good. It was incredibly thorough and got my brain working again! It really teaches the skills that are needed to succeed in this job. "*



# About Drake Medox College



The College was started because of the need for first-rate healthcare training programs in BC, both for full diplomas as well as continuing education and workshops. The healthcare field is rapidly changing, so we founded this college as a hands-on facility where people could get the kind of training that is most in demand in the field. This means that Drake Medox grads are highly sought after by employers, because they know the high standards Drake Medox has when it comes to healthcare!

 The Drake Medox RCA/Community Health Worker Diploma Program is accredited by The Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA) of BC.

## Program Options

### Option One – Complete Program

Designed for people with little or no previous healthcare experience or certificates.

Full Time	Part Time
6 Months	18 Months

### Option Two – Accelerated Program

Designed for people with previous healthcare experience, such as nursing training outside of Canada. Drake Medox administers a Prior Learning Assessment to determine if applicants qualify for this program.

Full Time	Part Time
3 Months	9 Months

## Admission Requirements

- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent
- Proof of a negative TB skin test
- Criminal Record Search demonstrating the absence of a relevant criminal record. Applicant is responsible for any costs incurred. Conviction for relevant offences may preclude acceptance into the program.
- One professional reference.
- Physicians medical/fitness report
- Ability to speak and write in English
- Successful completion of interview for program acceptance
- Written response outlining why the applicant wants to take the program (150 words or less)
- Two passport-size colour photos.
- Successful completion of Prior Learning Assessment (for ACCELERATED program only)

## Successful Community Health Workers

While every individual brings their own unique skills and gifts to the role of a Residential Care Attendant or Community Health Worker, we have noticed that people with the attributes listed below are often very successful at this kind of work. You are...



- Compassionate: you love to help people!
- Skillful working with people, including the ability to confidently handle problems and conflicts
- Understanding: able to get along with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.
- Able to think on their feet; patient and calm in stressful situations
- Nurturing: you genuinely care for people and enjoy meeting the physical and emotional needs of others
- Reliable, responsible, and trustworthy
- Physically fit with great work ethic
- Outgoing: you enjoy meeting new people and learning new things

# Cost of Program

COMPLETE PROGRAM (no previous experience required)*	
Application Fee	\$100
Tuition (Inclusive of all needed textbooks and materials including Student Card, Foodsafe Course, supplies such as transfer belt and Medical Dictionary, as well as CPR and First Aid Course)	\$6,800
Additional Costs	n/a
Criminal Record Search	as incurred

ACCELERATED PROGRAM (previous healthcare experience required)*	
Application Fee	\$100
Tuition (Inclusive of all needed textbooks and materials including Student Card, Foodsafe Course, supplies such as transfer belt and Medical Dictionary, as well as CPR and First Aid Course)	\$5,800
Additional Costs	n/a
Prior Learning Assessment	\$150
Criminal Record Search	as incurred

\*Note. Fees subject to change.

## Funding Sources

If you truly desire to become a Community Health Worker, then we don't want financing to be a problem and will do whatever we can to help you afford the program! We even offer a payment plan to make it easier to pay for the program in stages rather than all up front.

Come in and meet our Student Advisor for information on various funding sources that may be available to you. These include...

- **EI:** If you are currently on EI or were recently on EI, then there is a good possibility you qualify for Skills Development (also known as S-DEV) from the federal government (HRDC). Our Student Advisor will be happy to put you in touch with Employment Resource Centres to help you with the application process.
- **BCSAP:** British Columbia Student Assistance Program (if qualified)
- Bank financing
- Band/Aboriginal Funding

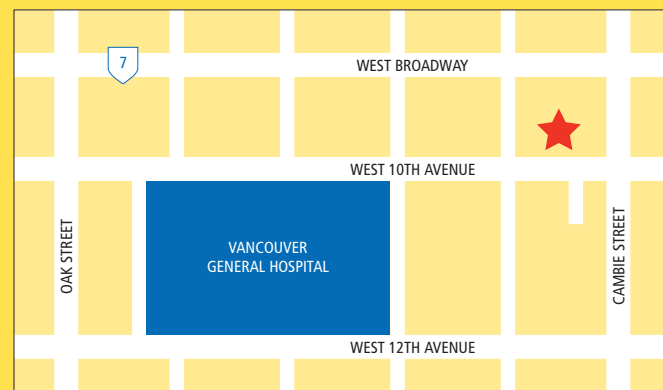
# Get Started Today!



## Location of Program

The Program is taught in our dedicated facility at #210 – 535 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver BC, which is one block from the 99-B Line on West Broadway, and one block from Cambie Street.

The practicum is held at a Long Term Care facility in Vancouver and in a variety of home-based settings throughout the Vancouver Coastal Health area.



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*"In my background, I worked as a nanny and also in a group home. The Community Health Worker position is really good if you enjoy looking after people. You really need a lot of empathy and love. The people you work with enrich you and are fun to work with! I worked in private homes but for the past year have been working in a senior's residence. I do the same kind of work in both environments, so I can't say I prefer one over the other. I have worked with younger people who were disabled and now the elderly. The program at Drake Medox College was really excellent, and the instructors really cared about us. One thing I really like is that I can take all the Drake Medox continuing education courses for free, as they are always offering workshops to help us keep up with the changes."*



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