

# THE ROAD TO BECOMING A HOME CARE AIDE

If you like helping others, enjoy a flexible schedule, working independently and making a difference in peoples' lives, then a career as a home care aide may be perfect for you!

There are many paths that may lead you to this career. Here's a brief overview of the steps to become a home care aide.

## 1 Start

You like helping others and want to start your career as a home care aide.

## 2 Time to Get Trained

Home care aides are required to take 75 hours of training. Some employers may offer to hire you upfront and pay for your training! Courses are offered all throughout the state. Visit our [Home Care Aide Training webpage](#) and search for a list of training programs near you.

## 3 Testing and Certification

You will take a test that includes knowledge and skills sections. [Prometric](#) offers the test in 13 languages. The [Department of Health](#) will process your test results, make sure you have met the requirements, and issue your certification. This process can take a few weeks. The Department of Health will notify you via email, so make sure to check your inbox regularly for messages.

## 4 Let's Get to Work

Congratulations! You have completed the training and certification process and are ready to begin your career as a home care aide! You can work in a client's home, an adult family home, or an assisted living facility.