



Chaptered Legislation and Guidance Report

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) has a Government Relations Division that is responsible for advancing goals of the Vision for Success and advises the Chancellor's office on legislation that affects the colleges. Their [website](#) offers information that may be helpful to understand changes within the system.

The CCCCCO publishes an annual report on the legislation pertinent to community colleges. The report is organized by topics: Affordability, Financial Aid, and Tuition Fees, Apportionments and Attendance Accounting, Basic Needs, Budget, Curriculum, Attendance and Transfer, Facilities, Labor & Employment, Law Enforcement, Local Administrative Policies, Omnibus Higher Education, Open Meetings and Elections, State Operations, Student Equity, Student Safety and Protection, Veterans, Workforce Career Education, and all non-community college bills that impacted the college system.

Highlights 2023:

AB 70 (Alvarez): Buildings built prior to 1/1/23 must have at least six trauma kits if the buildings have been modified, renovated, or improved after 1/23/23.

AB 461 (Ramos): Requires CCCs and CSU campuses to stock and distribute fentanyl test strips as part of campus orientations and notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips.

AB 760 (Wilson): Student 26 years of age or younger must be fully immunized against HPV before first time enrollment at a CSU, UC, or CCC.

AB 1173 (Ta): College and career fairs: Requires a local educational agency that chooses to hold a college or career fair provide a specified notice to each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the LEA.

AB 1311 (Soria): By Jan 1, 2025, the Legislative Analyst's Office will conduct an assessment evaluating the efficacy of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between campuses of CCCs, CSU and UC.

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August's Acute Care Nurse Assisting: The Complete Guide

By Wendy Deras MS, RN, CNE, CNS/PMH, CDP

“Nursing services are an essential part of the healthcare team. As an ACNA, you play a pivotal role in caring for your patients.”

—Wendy Deras

August Learning Solutions is pleased to announce their newest nurse assisting textbook, *August's Acute Care Nurse Assisting: The Complete Guide* written by registered nurse, certified nurse educator, clinical nurse specialist, and certified dementia practitioner, Wendy Deras, who comes with 30 years of industry experience.

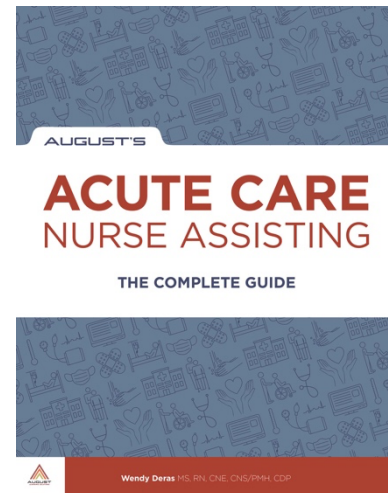
Achieve caregiver excellence in the acute care setting with this comprehensive guide that has been reviewed by ACNA instructors. With a breadth of topics covered that include communication and relating to your patient, documentation and safety, perioperative care, and caring for the dying patient, this textbook will prepare nurse assistant students for the rewarding and fast-paced world of acute care.

Some of the helpful benefits and unique features of this book are:

Student Resources - QR codes throughout the book with quick access to skills videos, “test yourself” quizzes, and additional information.

Instructor Resources – an online portal with classroom resources, PowerPoint presentations, test banks, etc.

Customer Support – Demo webinars, YouTube channel, and real-time phone and online support.



This textbook is available in print and eBook versions. Bulk discounts available for 10+ copies. Print ISBN: 978-1-941626-34-4 (\$62.50)/ eBook ISBN: 978-1-941626-62-7

About the Author: Wendy Deras obtained an Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing from Edison State College in Piqua, Ohio, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. Her master's degree in nursing education is from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. In 2002, Deras moved from Ohio to California as a travel nurse and determined to make California her home. Following her move, she obtained her Post-Master's Certificate in Psych-Mental Health Nursing from Duquesne University. She became a Certified Nurse Educator with the National League of Nursing in 2009 and has educated students from all levels of nursing for the last 27 years, teaching community education courses, on-the-job training, and professional development skills. She is a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) with the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners as well as a trainer for the CDP course. Deras has practiced with pediatrics, adults, and geriatrics in acute, long-term, and home health environments. She has a passion for workforce development and entry-level healthcare training and believes in career ladders. Her unique background of healthcare, mental health, and education forms a very interactive, highly motivating atmosphere that propels participants to learn and apply new information to their daily lives, both personal and professional. Her desire is to bring a more qualified workforce to healthcare, and she believes that the power of education can transform lives, businesses, and the community.

Learn more at www.augustlearningsolutions.com

[YouTube Video](#)

Build and develop your CNA workforce with CNAP!

The Certified Nurse Assistant Program sees robust growth in 2024

The Certified Nurse Assistant Program (CNAP), the multi-pronged awareness project focused on increasing the CNA workforce in California, is expanding its reach in 2024! CNAP continues to increase the professional opportunities for both CNAs and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) by expanding partnerships with schools that provide CNA training.

Learn more about the long-term care profession, career pathways, and Nurse Assistant Training Program (NATP) approved facilities and CNA school programs. Career seekers can post their resumes and all California SNFs that are recruiting CNA positions can post their open positions free of charge on the [CNAP Career Site](#).

The long-awaited, statewide, multimedia CNA awareness campaign is underway, and is recruiting job seekers to include generation, gender and geography, as well as key demographics that cross all audiences. The awareness campaign aims to boost recruitment efforts statewide.

CNAP provides financial award opportunities to support SNF workforce initiatives

The program has awarded over \$460,575 to California SNFs since mid-September 2023, and is actively accepting and processing this year's awards for SNFs. Complete your [CNAP application](#) today and join our growth revolution!

The [CNAP website](#) provides a program overview, and multiple opportunities for employers to apply for financial awards and access valuable resources.

Seven different financial awards are available to help you do the following:

- Offset costs associated with the development and approval of new Facility Nurse Assistant Training Programs (NATP)
- Offset costs associated with CNA Earn & Learn training cohorts
- Offset costs associated with bringing on second DSDs at facility-based NATP's
- Offset the cost of hosting community-based clinical hosting clinics
- Increase the professionalism of CNAs and implement the CNA upskilling program (CUSP)

You may [apply](#) for all awards, depending on your facility's needs and goals through this single application. Awards are available annually, through December 2027, allowing SNFs to apply each year or as they become eligible in the future.

CNAP also provides resources to develop new employee recruitment partnership pipelines, and increase CNA employee success in training programs with connection to wraparound services that provide necessary life-skill resources. Some of those resources include assistance with housing, groceries, childcare, transportation, as well as English language skills and job coaching.

Employers, don't miss out - build your CNA workforce with CNAP!

The "Create Your CNA Story" awareness and recruitment campaign begins!

We are excited to share that the Quality Care Health Foundation's (QCHF) long-awaited, statewide, multimedia CNA awareness campaign is underway!

The "Create Your CNA Story" campaign targets job seekers to include generation, gender and geography, as well as key demographics that cross all audiences. "Create Your CNA Story" aims to boost recruitment efforts statewide. [Take a look](#) and see what some participants are saying!

Questions? Email: CNAPinfo@cahf.org or visit [CNAP Awards](#)

K-12 and Higher Education Job Boards

K-12

Workined: <https://workined.org/jobs>

EdJoin: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?keywords=california&searchType=all>

K12JobSpot: <https://k12jobspot.com>

School Spring: <https://www.schoolspring.com/>

Top School Jobs: <https://www.topschooljobs.org/>

Higher Education

CCCCO: <https://www.cccregistry.org/jobs/index.aspx>

HigherEdJobs: <https://www.higheredjobs.com/>

Chronicle of Higher Education: <https://jobs.chronicle.com/>

Inside Higher Ed: <https://careers.insidehighered.com/>

Higher Education Recruitment Consortium/ Southern CA:
<https://www.hercjobs.org/regions/higher-ed-careers-southern-california/>

Times Higher Education: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/unijobs/>

Health Regional Advisories

February 5, 2024	4-6pm	Perioperative	Register
February 26, 2024	4-6pm	ADN	Register
March 4, 2024	4-6pm	LVN	Register
March 25, 2024	4-6pm	CNA/HHA/ACNA	Register
August 12, 2024	4-6pm	Psych Tech	TBA

All advisories are on Zoom and open to all college faculty, staff, students, and industry partners, contact wederas@collegeofthedesert.edu if you wish to participate on a planning committee, or register above.

Professional Development

IEDRC: Wendy is contact for these events

Date	Title	Speaker	Hours	Location	Discipline
2/22-2/23/2024	Health Sciences Equity Conference To register; contact your Dean/Director. They must register you with your college group.	Carolyn Holdcroft Audrey Childers	9-5	114 S. Del Rosa SBCCD	Allied Health, Nursing, equity, GP
3/15 and 3/16 and 4/26 and 4/27	New Director Bootcamp SAVE THE DATE	Sandy Baker Wendy Deras	8-430	Temecula Creek Inn	Allied Health and Nursing
5/1-5/3	ADN Spring Fling Curriculum Retreat SAVE THE DATE	Ryan Jenkins	8-430	JW Marriott Palm Desert	ADN Faculty and Directors
9/19, 9/20, 10/25, 10/26	New Educator Bootcamp SAVE THE DATE	Sandy Baker Wendy Deras	8-430	Temecula Creek Inn	Allied health and Nursing

Additional Events (Wendy is not contact)

Date	Title	Speaker	Hours	Location	Discipline
3/ 20-3/22	COADN College of Associate Degree Nursing Conference	Loretta Melby Dr. Nurse Dan Amy Vermillion Dr. Sharrica Miller	8-430	Margaritaville Palm Springs	Nursing
6/7-6/8	CNA Educators Conference	Ms. Mankowski Wendy Deras CDPH Credentia	9-3	Embassy Suites Hilton LA Airport South	Certified Nursing Assistant

Stay Connected and Updated with Community of Practice Meetings

NEW: Concurrent Enrollment Programs (CEP) ADN to BSN meeting

2024 Dates: 9am-10am virtual

4/22/24

Contact Gina Weeks: gina.weeks@rcc.edu

Regional Health Program QTR Meeting

2024 Dates: 9am-12pm

4/24, 8/7, 11/13

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/83536297768>

Inland Empire/Desert Healthcare Employer Consortium (IEHEC)

For colleges and industry partners to meet and update each other and network

2024 Dates 11am-1230pm

2/21, 3/13, 4/17, 5/22, 6/19, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/83536297768>

C.N.A Statewide CoP

2024 Dates: 3pm-4:30pm virtual

4th Wednesday of every month Jan - November

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/84211874013>

LVN Statewide CoP

2024 Dates: 3pm-4:00pm virtual

4/23/24

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/9092605488>

Psychiatric Technician CoP

2024 Dates: 2pm-3pm virtual

3/12, 5/14, 8/6, 10/8

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/9092605488>

Pharmacy Technician CoP

2024 Dates: 3pm-4:00pm virtual

3/12, 5/14, 8/13, 10/17

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/9092605488>

Community Health Worker (CHW) CoP

2024 Dates: 1pm-2:00pm virtual

4/18/24

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/9092605488>

College News

Chaffey College



Chaffey College is thrilled to announce their first cohort of Physical Therapy Assistant students in summer 2024. Applications are currently open. More information can be found at <https://www.chaffey.edu/acc/hwa/hwa-academics/pta.php>

College of the Desert

The COD PTA program completed its application period for the Summer 2024 cohort, the program received 43 applications and has sent out offer letter to 25 students, the maximum number the program is allowed to admit. The program does have a waitlist.

The current cohort is finishing up their last classes before beginning their last internship on March 4th. This internship is 10 weeks in length. The program has 14 students scheduled to graduate in May 2024.



Copper Mountain College

Welcome Theresa McCarthy, RN, BSN!



I came to Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree California in 2022. I started as a Clinical Instructor for the RN Program and am currently serving as the Nursing Lab Resource Coordinator and the Director of the Nurses Assistant Program. I have over 20 years of experience working in different specialties in acute care as a Registered Nurse. Additionally, I have Management experience and served as the Bariatric Educator at Desert Regional Medical Center. I am proud to be an alumna of Copper Mountain College. There are exciting times ahead at Copper Mountain College as we work to fully integrate advanced technology into our nursing facilities and to enhance our students learning experience.

Crafton Hills College 2023 Highlights

EMT

- The EMT program had 86 students graduate in Spring and 74 students in the fall.
- The EMT program started another cohort during the Spring semester off site.
- The EMT program had two dual enrollment students that achieved their EMT certification before their high school graduation.

Paramedic

- The Paramedic program had 85 students complete the program.
- The Paramedic program added 22 more students than previous years to help the growing industry need.
- The Paramedic program added a third hybrid program.

Radiologic Technology

- The Radiologic Technology program had 8 students graduate their program.
- The Radiologic Technology added 3 more students to the Fall 2023 cohort.

Respiratory Care

- The Respiratory Care program had 17 students graduate in Fall 2023.
- The Respiratory Care program accepted students into the new bachelor's program in 2023.

CNA

- The Certified Nursing Assistant program had 81 students complete the program in 2023.

HHA

- The Home Health Aide program had 24 students complete the program in 2023.

ACNA

- The Acute Care Nursing Assistant had 35 students complete the program in 2023.



Victor Valley College Partners with High Desert Hospitals on RN Apprenticeship

Victor Valley College (VVC) is proud to announce a significant milestone in the development of healthcare professionals. The inaugural registered-nursing apprenticeship cohort recently convened with esteemed hospital employers for the first time, further enriching their educational journey. This momentous meeting took place at Desert Valley Hospital and St. Mary Medical Center, two revered healthcare institutions within the region.

In the words of Dana Roesler, CEO of Desert Valley Hospital, "Desert Valley Hospital values partnerships with educational institutions like Victor Valley College. Collaborating with the nursing cohort from VVC is a great opportunity for both organizations. This partnership will not only provide valuable learning experiences for the nursing students but also contribute to the overall quality of healthcare in the community. We are excited about the possibilities this collaboration holds and we look forward to a successful partnership with the Victor Valley College nursing cohort."

The significance of these partnerships cannot be overstated. Establishing these vital connections is fundamental to building a robust foundation for effective communication and nurturing essential professional relationships. This inaugural interaction allowed VVC's nursing apprentices to gain critical insights into the distinctive workplace culture, expectations, and specific job requirements at these prominent healthcare institutions, fostering a sense of belonging and support.

Amy Grimsley, Director of Clinical Education and Professional Development at St. Mary Medical Center in Apple Valley says "The partnership between VVC's apprenticeship program and St. Mary Medical Center is an innovative method for education and career development. We have a shared goal of student success. The ongoing meetings with the nurse apprentices foster socialization to the role of nursing and to the ministry. We look forward to having the students join us upon graduation."



Moreover, these initial meetings provided an invaluable platform for mentors to assess the nursing apprentices' evolving skills and abilities, enabling them to tailor their guidance and training effectively as the apprentice's progress through Victor Valley College's rigorous Nursing Program.

Karmen Padfield, VVC's Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health, expressed her pride in the program's achievements, boasting about VVC's Nursing Program ranking in the Top 15 out of 160 Nursing Programs in California, with an average of 97.3% first-time NCLEX passing rates, according to RNcareers.org (2022). "Our nursing program was also ranked No. 4 in California and was praised by the organization for producing graduates that are 'ready to work' as a member of 'the health care team.' We are very proud and excited to share that each nursing graduate is prepared to practice nursing at any entry level in a variety of settings, including medical/surgical, psychiatric, maternal/child, perioperative, geriatric, critical care, and oncology," added Padfield.

The goal of these early interactions is to facilitate a seamless integration of the apprentices into their respective healthcare teams, fostering a cohesive and collaborative work environment. The development of highly skilled and compassionate registered nurses is the ultimate objective upon the successful completion of VVC's Nursing Apprenticeship Program.

Victor Valley College remains dedicated to nurturing next generation of healthcare professionals and celebrates this essential step towards their educational and career success.

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Regional Marketing

Updated health posters and brochures: downloadable:
<https://desertcolleges.org/posters-brochures>

The Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium regularly updates its marketing materials, including brochures and posters focused on allied health programs, which are downloadable from our [Desert Colleges website](#). There, you will also find helpful resources such as our [Ready viewbook](#), new [Explore book](#), and our [Ready Career Education](#) website. All of these can prove helpful to prospective and current students.

Contract Education

Inland Empire Desert Regional Consortium (IEDRC) invests in responsive short-term training to upskill residents and invest in local businesses. This year, IEDRC invested \$184,000 providing customized skills for participants to gain employment with local businesses. Programs included certified nursing assistant, central sterile technician, phlebotomy, and gas technician jobs. All programs were designed in collaboration with the businesses to ensure participants received job-specific skills to gain employment. Next year, the IEDRC will invest \$1M in the region to provide customized skills for employment for the community.

There is time to apply for a program for short-term training...this can be in health or another sector, contact Deanna Kriehbiel at dkrehbiel@sbccd.edu



Apprenticeships in the Inland Empire/Desert Region



Hi, my name is Jessica Munoz. I am an apprenticeship system navigator (ASN) for LAUNCH Apprenticeship. As an ASN my key focus is [healthcare apprenticeships](#). My goal is to align our forces to develop an entry point for healthcare apprenticeships.

The LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network was originally formed in 2018 by the Inland Empire Desert Region College Consortium and leverages the workforce and education systems of the region's community colleges, K-12 districts, and two Workforce Development Boards. By integrating apprenticeship into these organizations and institutions, LAUNCH acts as an intermediary and education provider for businesses adopting the apprenticeship model. In addition, LAUNCH provides regional resources for developing programs and increasing pathways into apprenticeship both in traditional apprenticeships and new and innovative programs. Essentially, LAUNCH makes apprenticeship easy and effective for Inland Empire businesses and career-builders. Apprenticeships in healthcare are rewarding for the student and give employers more qualified staff, for more information: <https://launchapprenticeship.org/about-launch/>

If you have any news you would like to add to the newsletter as an industry partner or educational institution, please email to wederas@collegeofthedesert.edu