**PCSSD Adult Education and PAL CNA
Program Description**

PAL CNA Training Academy is a partner of Pulaski County Special School District. This partnership offers prep services for students who would like to improve their employment opportunities or who may have difficulty with reading comprehension, writing, or simple math that is a part of providing services as a CNA and is necessary to pass the CNA course. Students will enroll in both Pulaski County Adult Education and in PAL CNA Training Academy. Scholarships are offered to all adult education students who score **535** on TABE Test in Math, Reading and Language along with completing Workforce Preparation and Health Science WAGE certifications. This prep work is offered concurrently by certified instructors while completing training at PAL CNA Training Academy and is free of charge. Students do not have to wait to enroll into Adult Education the first week of every session. Students can get a head start by intaking, TABE Testing and enrolling into PCSSD Adult Education on-line curriculums. Our program will consist of 4 weeks (additional time for the Adult Education curriculum maybe needed depending on student’s TABE score and the completion of WAGE certificates):

**1st Week - Adult Education - Workforce Preparation and Literacy Skills (40 hrs)**

* **After testing and enrollment, a portion of the adult education courses can be done on-line if a student has access to a computer.**

**2nd Week - PAL CNA Training with Concurrent Adult Education Instruction (40 hrs)**

**3rd Week - PAL CNA Training with Concurrent Adult Education Instruction (40 hrs)**

**4th Week - PAL CNA Clinical, Adult Education TABE Post testing and Makeup for CNA content or WAGE certifications (24 hrs)**

Pulaski County Adult Education requirements will include Pre and Post TABE Testing, 40 hours of instruction in contextualized literacy skills, and Workforce Preparation geared towards Health Science. Pulaski County instructors will also assist with CNA training and will be available for remediation or tutoring that pertains to the coursework.

**Certifications Earned:**

Workforce Preparation WAGE Certificate
Health Science - Level II WAGE Certificate
CNA or PCA
CPR

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships may be available through TANF, SNAP, AR Rehab, or WIOA and Adult Education. ***Adult Education assures a scholarship for those who score 535 on all areas of TABE and do not qualify for the other scholarships upon completion of Workforce Prep Certification and Health Science II.***

**If you are a SNAP, TANF, AR Rehab, or WIOA grant participant you need to allow 30 days for approval time for scholarships, but in the meantime, you can work toward your Workforce Preparation and Health Science II certifications.**

**The value of the scholarship is $880.00, which includes tuition, books, CPR, and the first HeadMaster CNA test.**

**GED Opportunity:**

GED classes and official testing are provided for those who want to further their education in the healthcare field such as Phlebotomy, EKG, PCT, Nursing, etc.

* 1. Scoring 535 in all subjects will qualify you to take the Official GED Ready Test (Practice).
	2. If a student scores 145 on the Official GED Ready Test they qualify to take the Official GED test.

**Remediation for TABE Scores:**

For students who do not pretest at 535 on each area of the TABE (Math, Reading and Language), remediation is available for scholarship opportunities to prepare for the next scheduled CNA session.

**Remediation for HeadMaster:**

If a student does not pass the Headmaster (CNA certification exam), they will be given the opportunity to remediate CNA course content. The PCA (Personal care aide) certification exam will be offered to students while they are remediating CNA course content. After passing the exam, the student will be able to practice as a Certified Personal Care Aide. A PCA can work for an assisted living facility or a home care agency, or any organization that hires PCAs. This will allow employment opportunities for students while they are remediating CNA content.