

# Creating an Online State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) Program

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# What are SRNAs?

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Formerly called CNAs

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Work in hospitals, long term care facilities, homecare

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Provide basic patient care:

Tasks of daily living (bathing, toileting, dressing, feeding, bed making)

Measuring vital signs, height, weight, reporting changes in condition to nurse

# SRNA Course Requirements

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State requirement -- 59 hours of didactic training

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State requirement – 16 clinical hours in a long term care facility.

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AHEC program requirement -- Two 8 hour practice days at the WKU School of Nursing

# AHEC's SRNA Program

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Created in 2015 to meet the needs of WKU pre-PA students and quickly expanded to meet the needs of other healthcare majors

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Offered twice a year

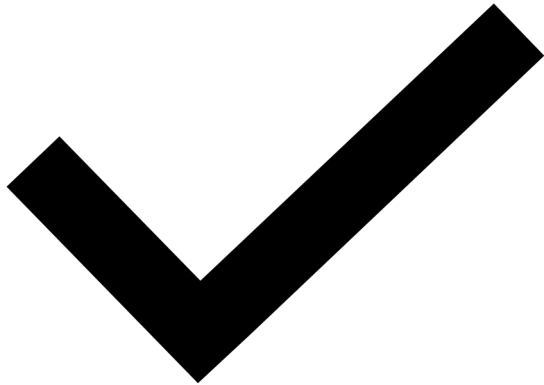
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Blended online and in-person course

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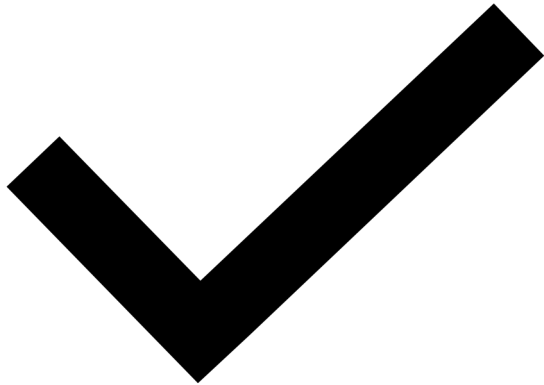
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## Student Benefits

- Strengthens health profession school applications
- Gain experience in future field
- Earn a paycheck
- Gain an understanding for and an appreciation of SRNAs role in patient care



## Community Benefits

- Persistent shortage of SRNAs throughout the state of Kentucky.
- Provides local LTC facilities with qualified SRNAs.

# Challenges of Current Online Material

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**Cost:** Online material costs \$179/student (\$2,685/session)

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AHEC lost a state grant and has suffered federal grant reductions

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**Quality:** Technology challenges

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Delays in updating information

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# Three Options

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Discontinue the program

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Increase student program cost

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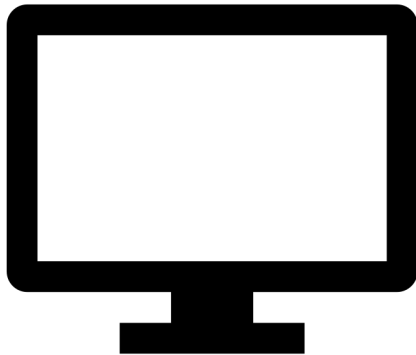
Create our own online material





# Creating the Online Program

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- Online content housed on Blackboard
  - Combination of videos, recorded lectures, readings, and tests
- Hire:
  - Content developer(s)
  - WKU nursing student(s)
  - WKU student videographer

**Helping WKU students serve the community  
now through direct patient care and in the  
future as healthcare leaders.**



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