

STEPPING STONES PROGRAM

Your future starts with the first step.



CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

6–8 week training program

If you're looking for specialized training to help you quickly enter the workforce, the Stepping Stones program may be for you. Stepping Stones was created to provide career-related training and personal skill development to qualified high school graduating seniors from Duval County and surrounding areas who are unsure where they should go next in their journey. The innovative workforce and employment initiative gives students a clear plan to help them achieve their personal and professional goals while earning credentials within specialized industry tracks. Through this accelerated workforce training program, participants work toward employment in high-wage careers with room for growth. While working, the program also continues to support participants as they progress in their career and education.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students will spend the summer after high school graduation working toward earning the CNA certification.

The CNA program is designed to equip students with important health care concepts and the professional career development skills necessary to help patients perform basic tasks within a long-term care, acute care or rehabilitation facility. The program introduces students to the basic skills necessary to become a professional and competent member of a patient's health care team. This comprehensive program includes classroom training, simulated laboratory exercises, hands-on experience and a CNA exam prep boot camp.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM:

- Free transportation
- A \$2,000 stipend that will allow you to focus on your studies
- Industry recognized certifications that can be applied toward earning employment and stackable degrees
- Mentorship from FSCJ faculty and staff, and leading industry partners
- Development of critical soft skills such as interviewing, time management, career and financial planning, goal-setting and critical thinking/problem solving
- Academic support through small class sizes, advising and tutoring
- Financial aid/scholarship assistance
- A Student Success Advisor/Coach to help you stay on track and provide guidance on furthering your studies to enhance career opportunities
- A Job Placement Coordinator who will assist with career placement in your field of study