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NEW CROMBIE ACADEMY OFFERS FREE CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING (CNA) AND CNA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(Boulder City, Nev.) – The [Nevada Department of Veterans Services](#) (NDVS) is pleased to announce its new PFC Nick Crombie Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Academy (Crombie Academy) received approval to begin operations from the [Nevada State Board of Nursing](#). The first cadre of CNAs will begin training on November 1st, 2021.

The Crombie Academy will provide both training and CNA job opportunities at the [Southern Nevada State Veterans Home](#) in Boulder City, Nevada at *no cost* to participants. The Academy is named in honor of 19-year-old PFC Nick Crombie from Winnemucca, Nevada. Crombie was killed in 2006 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Iraq. He was serving as a combat medic, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, in Baumholder, Germany.

The Crombie Academy is a workforce development program housed within SNSVH. The program offers an introduction to basic nursing skills, nursing assistant duties and responsibilities, as well as an understanding of veteran culture in an acute and long-term care setting at SNSVH.

The 4-week (120) hours of training includes 40 hours of classroom instruction, 40 hours of laboratory practice and 40 hours of supervised clinical instruction delivered on-site at the SNSVH. Each 4-week session (30 hours per week) will have a maximum of 15 students. The training will prepare participants for the CNA State Board of Nursing Examination. Participants who pass the Certification Exam will be provided a front-line opportunity to apply for CNA positions within SNSVH.

"CNAs are always in high demand and due to the pandemic, the shortage of healthcare workers has made filling these positions all the more challenging," said Governor Steve Sisolak. "I applaud the Nevada Department of Veterans Services for this innovative approach that will benefit everyone from patients to the community."

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“Our CNAs are a crucial part of our patient care team, and they help us with providing high quality care to our residents,” said Kat Miller, NDVS Director. “The CNA Academy will ensure we will have a highly trained pool of CNAs at the ready when needed so we are able to continue to provide the kind of care our residents deserve.”

Preference for selection will be given to Gold Star Families, veterans, spouses of veterans, families of SNSVH team members, and Boulder City residents. Interested candidates will find eligibility and application process at veterans.nv.gov and visiting the [Southern Nevada State Veterans](http://SouthernNevadaStateVeterans.com) Home web page.

About the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS)

NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans obtain the services and benefits they have earned through military service. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, which includes assistance with filing VA claims at no cost, NDVS manages the Northern and Southern Nevada State Veterans Homes and the Northern and Southern Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. To learn more about NDVS programs or services visit www.veterans.nv.gov and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/NVDeptVeterans) @NVDeptVeterans and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices) @NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices

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