



October 19, 2023

Mayor Alan Harrison
City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Avenue NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Via email: aharrison@salmonarm.ca

RE: Request for Letter of Support - Health Care Assistant Training Program

Dear Mayor Harrison,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you today on behalf of the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) to discuss our Health Care Assistant (HCA) Training Program.

BCCPA has a history of submitting applications for HCA training programs throughout British Columbia, with a special focus on regions that have experienced challenges due to downturns in the forestry sector and healthcare worker shortages. This year, we plan to submit two new applications in the communities of Nanaimo/Duncan, and Vernon/Salmon Arm.

As the Mayor of Salmon Arm, your endorsement could make a significant impact on the success of our application. Government authorities heavily consider the insights and support from local municipalities when evaluating such programs. Your letter of support would play a pivotal role in demonstrating the necessity of our training program in Salmon Arm, as well as the local impacts of the economic downturn in the Forestry sector.

By way of background, BCCPA is the leading voice for B.C.'s continuing care sector. Our membership base includes over 450 long-term care, assisted living, home health, independent living and commercial members from across British Columbia. Our members support more than 19,000 seniors annually in long-term care and assisted living settings and 6,500 independent living residents.

If you believe that a template letter would be helpful, we are more than happy to provide one for your convenience. Additionally, I am available to answer any questions you may have about our program, its objectives, or any other related inquiries.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terry Lake'.

Terry Lake
BCCPA, CEO
Former Mayor of Kamloops

cc: Erin Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer, ejackson@salmonarm.ca

About BCCPA's HCA Training Program

With funding provided by the government, BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) will be training a cohort of sixteen students (16) in the Salmon Arm/Vernon region. Students enrolled in the program will receive skills training through the provincially approved health care assistant curriculum, as delivered by Discovery Community College. As with our previous cohorts, the student's tuition will be fully funded (\$10,000 value), and they will also be eligible for some financial support to cover the cost of transportation, childcare and other expenses (up to \$5,000). Training is slated to commence in February 2024, with graduation expected in November 2024.

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