

Lighthouse Training Center

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Nursing assistants and home health aides have become integral parts of our healthcare system, and can be found providing important services and care in nursing homes, hospitals, clinics, and in their patients' homes.

Supervised by registered nurses, these professionals are increasingly in demand as our population ages. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of nursing and home health aides is projected to grow by 18 percent through 2018.

As Regina Malone, R.N. sees it, this demand represents an enormous opportunity for Northsiders looking for work, so in 2009 she opened Lighthouse Training Center at 525 W. Broadway in the Broadway Center in North Minneapolis. Malone has been a Registered Nurse (RN) for more than 30 years and worked in a variety of healthcare settings, including as director of nurses at a nursing home. Since becoming a RN, she's taught licensed practical nurses (LPNs) as well nursing assistant registered (NAR) and home health aides (HHA).

The work that Malone does at Lighthouse Training Center has important outcomes such as providing expertly trained nursing assistants and home health aides to enter a workforce that needs them. As a result, dozens of people each year – many of them Northsiders – gain access to well-paying jobs in a thriving profession.

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