



MEETING OF TECHNICIANS IN AUXILIARY NURSING CARE (TCAI), FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

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Today, Friday, June 2nd, the TCAI (Technicians in auxiliary nursing care) will have a meeting at Prat del Roure,

which is intended to be the forerunner of many more in the future, to celebrate the goals that have been achieved by part of this professional group since June 2019. About 40 members of the 172 currently registered are expected to attend. The intention with this type of event is to grow the organization as well as the visibility and relevance of this community of workers in the health sector, which until now has been very little valued by the institutions and by society in general.



Carme López

TCAI PRESIDENT

«We want to be recognized with the importance that our training deserves»

A TCAI is a health specialist, who has obtained the Intermediate Degree in Nursing Assistant Care Technician, which prepares him to provide care to patients and act in various areas of the health field, being part of the nursing equipment. Previously, this work activity was called Nursing Assistant, a nomenclature that changed on April 7th, 1995, and nowadays, with the Middle School studies, it is an occupation with a great weight as a welfare discipline.



Carme Ballester

TCAI VICE PRESIDENT

«The TCAI Association aims to fight and ensure our rights»

The visible faces that have led the organization so far have been: Carme Lopez as president, Carme Ballester, vice president; Núria Quinquilla, secretary; Paqui



► Carme López, Carme Ballester and Núria Quinquilla, members of the TCAI Board.

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Aljama, treasurer, and Esmeralda de las Heras and Lourdes Rodríguez as members. These are the people who have been trying to shape a corporate group for about four years, so that it is properly represented in all official and social levels and which currently already has about 172 members, of which the vast majority are qualified in Spain or France, although there are some with the DEP SASO, for which they will have to seek the support of the Minister of Education Ladislau Baró, to find a way to approve their training as TCAI. On June 9th, 2021 they were recognized as Associació Andorra, now the current board wants to continue all the work done so far, so it plans to call elections for the year 2025. Therefore, while this date arrives they are working to make it possible for new candidates to be presented, who can take over and continue advancing in the defense and claims they consider appropriate, so that the TCAIs occupy the place they deserve in society.

May 12th is the Day of Nursing Assistant Care Technicians (TCAI)

Under the motto «With you and for you», the TCAI health professionals want to explain and promote the work they do within the nursing teams, being a key part both in specialized and primary care centers, social and geriatric residences among others. The general competences are to provide basic day-to-day care to the patient/user, act on health conditions in their environment, take vital signs, postural changes, hygiene, feeding, assist in the administration of oral and rectal medication and take care and order of all the material and equipment. All this learning must be accompanied by continuous training and essential values for this professional, such as empathy, psychology, teamwork and self-motivation.

The difference between nursing professionals and TCAIs

In terms of study level, Nursing is included in a university degree and TCAI in a Professional Training degree. Broadly speaking, a TCAI provides basic services to patients in helping them with their day-to-day lives, on the other hand, the nurse provides direct services. In short, we are dealing with two health professions with well-differentiated functions and with their own criteria for carrying out their tasks, teamwork and collaboration, to offer patients optimal care, always taking into account the assessment of other health specialists.

Battles won

«From September 2021, there is the new Professional Baccalaureate for Technician in Auxiliary Nursing Care (BP TCAI)».

«Only by working from the heart, a profession becomes a vocation»

First dinner of the Association of TCAI (Technicians in auxiliary nursing care) in recognition of the work done during these four years



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This year the first promotion of the TCAI baccalaureate - two years - will be able to practice in other countries. «The previous Minister of Education, Ester Vilarrubla, perfectly understood this priority and boys and girls will be able to practice in any European country».



Núria Quinquillà

SECRETARY OF TCAI

«It is essential to curb labor intrusion»

New facilities

The Professional Training Center has reformed the facilities of the technical workshop for practical training in oral health tasks. The new offices will meet the needs for the training of the students of the professional baccalaureate in Nursing Assistant Care Technician (TCAI), which already has its first promotion. With the start-up of this space, a simulation laboratory will be available that recreates all the machinery that future TCAIs will be able to find in the field of dental clinics, one of the possible job opportunities linked to this training. This investment is in line with the specific technical endowment of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, which is equipping the Vocational Training center for the new vocational Baccalaureate branches.

The Ministry of Health and the SAAS considered the demands of these health professionals fair, who after a long time have seen how

they are recognized the salary scale that belongs to them by qualification and also how they cease to be «anyone's helpers» and they are cataloged as TCAI, acquiring the labor category that corresponds to them within the structure of the health-care world.

The modification represents a salary improvement that equates their remuneration with that of pharmacy, parapharmacy and emergency medical technicians, with a monthly increase of 138 euros. But more than the economic factor, which has been received very positively, from the board of the association it is valued that a «historic change» has been completed by putting an end to an injustice of which everyone was aware. For this reason, they are grateful for the understanding of the SAAS and especially with the previous Minister of Health, Albert Font, «who in the short period he occupied the portfolio understood that the reform was inexorable».

Creating a professional College is not possible, because it is not a university degree, therefore the association defends that it is the only viable body to join efforts and protect its interests as a specialized group. They are aware that they have a great educational task ahead of them, so that people understand that they are not auxiliaries, but Technicians in auxiliary nursing care and put an end to an habit, which does not recognize what they are and what they really do. It

is essential to call things by their name. «From January 2024, SAAS will not accept any professional who does not have this qualification». ≡

SERVICES AND BENEFITS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The organization organizes and reports on conferences, courses and congresses that can be consulted on its website.

It also has the Job Exchange and all the news that refer to your professional activity.



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►► Image above: board meeting. Below the stand of the Fira of Andorra la Vella from the last edition: Carme López and Carme Ballester.



Sandra Jiménez

TCAI LAWYER

«A wage injustice that imperatively had to be repaired»



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