



TN CNA Instructor Newsletter

CANDIDATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Candidates will see the following information on test day.

- ◇ Your name will appear on your certificate as printed below and your certificate will be mailed to the address listed. If your name is not spelled correctly or the address listed is not your current mailing address, you must notify the proctor immediately for correction. If you do not correct the information now, it will lead to delays in your record being added to the registry and you receiving your certificate.

Please remind them that it is extremely important to make these corrections on test day or before. Do not wait until they are calling for test results. If they wait it is too late because their information has all ready been sent to the Tennessee Department of Health.

SCHEDULING CANDIDATES QUICKLY AFTER TRAINING COMPLETION

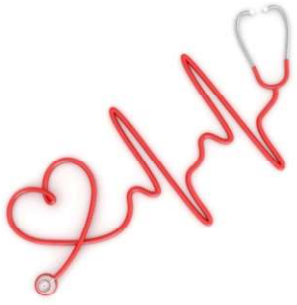
In order to promote your candidates being successful on their CNA state test, please schedule them to test as quickly after class completion as possible. The longer you wait to have them test the higher the chance that they will not pass on their first attempt. Whether it be because they forget what they learned in class or they have picked up bad habits while working on the floor. Testing quickly allows the candidate the best chance at success on the first attempt.

If you do not see test dates on the schedule that are close to your course completion, keep in mind that your facility can become a test site which will increase your programs pass rate significantly. Candidates who test where they train are 22% more likely to pass the test the first time. Test anxiety is much lower when they are comfortable with their surroundings!



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SKILLS TEST CHANGES

The only changes to skills testing are as follows:

Making an Unoccupied Bed & Making an Occupied Bed

Tucks in top linen and blanket or bedspread at the foot of the bed **only**. (Except for the mitered corners, does not tuck in linens on the sides).

“You treat a disease, you win, you lose.

You treat a person, I guarantee you, you’ll win, no matter what the outcome.”

Patch Adams

NEW ITEMS

- ◇ Updated Mock Skills Sheets for October 1, 2017
- ◇ Tennessee CNA Testing Checklists
 - ◇ Preparing for Test Day Check List
 - ◇ After my Testing Day



PERFORMING SKILLS

Remember that in order to get credit for any step on a skills test, it must actually be performed. This means the following items:

1. Can not just verbalize
2. Must actually use water, soap, etc...
3. Can not use a blanket statement “I would always...”

TEACHING THE SKILLS VERSUS TESTING THE SKILLS

- ◇ We realize that you are teaching your candidates far more than we are testing on.
 - ◇ Candidates will not be marked off for extra steps that they complete, but that are not listed as required steps.
 - ◇ Please keep in mind however that the timer is still running and they have to complete all skills within minutes.
 - ◇ You are able to teach the skills in any manner that you choose, however the skills test will be graded based on the steps that are listed in the handbook.
 - ◇ There are some specific scoring items that need to be kept in mind, which have previously been released to programs in newsletters.
 - ◇ Emptying a Urinary Drainage Bag—The wipe can not be opened before it is laid on the barrier. If it is open when it is laid down it is considered contaminated.
 - ◇ Bed making— The linens **can not** be tucked in like a military bed.

NO



YES



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We are honored to have served the Tennessee Department of Health with CNA Testing for the last 15 years. One of our core values is to provide consistent testing statewide.

We look forward to continued testing in Tennessee!!

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CNA TEST OBSERVER POSITION

We are looking for RN's with at least one year of long term care experience to administer the TN State required CNA test. This position offers flexible hours and locations to work with an all ready existing job or as a stand alone position. This position is a contract position paid by the number of tests administered. If you are interested in becoming an Observer please email or fax your resume addressed as TN Observer position to hdmastereast@hdmaster.com or 419-422-8367.

We are accepting applications statewide.

