

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's (DPH) Nurse Aide Registry Services (NARS), through its testing vendor, D&S Diversified Technologies – HEADMASTER (“D&S”), now offers **nurse aide certification exam in Spanish, Chinese, and Haitian Creole, in addition to English.**

Candidates wishing to test in a language other than English, will need to have an existing TMU account in the English server but can then apply to test in an alternate language through the corresponding language server.

Spanish - mcsf.tmutest.com/apply

Chinese - mccn.tmutest.com/apply

Haitian Creole - mcht.tmutest.com/apply.

For additional information regarding testing in an alternate language, please call D&S Diversified Technologies – HEADMASTER (“D&S”), at 1-800-393-8664 for assistance in English or 1-855-263-6050 in Spanish, Chinese or Haitian Creole. Individuals who have completed an approved Massachusetts Nurse Aide Training Program or have an approved Nurse Aide Training Waiver Application may apply to take the CNA exam in English, Spanish, Chinese, or Haitian Creole

Employers will be able to see in which language a CNA has passed the exam through a notation on the Nurse Aide Registry Inquiry System (NARIS). Employers should evaluate the individual hiring needs of their facility when evaluating the hiring of CNAs who have passed the exam in a language other than English.

Please note, beginning July 1, 2025, **the first-time nurse aide certification exam is no longer free of charge.** For candidates who have not completed an approved training program and been registered by their trainer for an exam through D&S by July 1, 2025, exam pricing for the first, and subsequent attempts, can be found in the Massachusetts CNA Candidate Handbook.

To learn more about this change, visit our website at: www.mass.gov/nurse-aide-registry-program.