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Temporary Nursing Assistant (TNA)

1. A sixteen-hour training course, which must be taught by an RN, has been approved in order to assist with staffing during the current emergency declaration period. This course consists of some basic skills that will allow facilities some additional flexibility in staffing. The course can be obtained upon request by emailing [dph.bnatp@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.bnatp@illinois.gov). This was created at the request of the long-term care industry which is suffering from severe staffing issues. Temporary Nursing Assistants will **not** be given the opportunity to take the certification exam and they will not be able to work after the current emergency declaration period has expired or been rescinded. This training does not apply to future students of BNATPs (they do not get credit for this training).
2. CNAs hired who have been inactive for less than five years will maintain their certification after the current emergency declaration period as long as they remain on the job throughout the duration, currently set to end on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Those who are allowed to work without recertification who do not remain on the job throughout the crisis will have to go through the normal recertification process in order to continue working as a CNA.
3. The four-hour CEU requirement in Alzheimer's/related dementias is a one-time requirement. If you have taken a Train the Trainer course in the past, you have already met that requirement. Anyone wishing to teach without the Train the Trainer must obtain 4 CEUs in Alzheimer's and related dementias or show transcripts of equivalent education (one semester hour or more of credit). Instructors approved to teach CPR only do not have to meet this requirement. There are multiple free CEUs online for nurses who need to meet this requirement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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