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## BNATP Monthly Update April 2020

1. **Please do not send emails to** both the [ross.carey-walden@illinois.gov](mailto:ross.carey-walden@illinois.gov) and the [dph.bnatp@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.bnatp@illinois.gov) addresses. I monitor both inboxes!
2. **Please include your program number on all emails!**
3. Reminder: As of 7/1/2020 all BNATPs and ANATPs will have to certify students in CPR. Between now and then, no new instructor credentials will be updated for CPR unless a BLS Instructor card or equivalent is emailed.
4. Apple computers are set to use Apple Preview as the default .pdf viewer. It is not compatible with Windows systems. If you complete your schedule using Preview it will look fine on your computer, but it will be blank when opened on a Windows system. IDPH only uses Windows 10 and Office 365. Download Adobe Acrobat and use that free software to complete your master schedules.
5. There will be no requirement for Corrective Action Plans for 2020. We will issue the scores as always after a certification exam and in March of 2021 for 2020 exams, but **NO CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS WILL BE REQUIRED**. There are too many variables with programs trying to move to an online environment, etc. Cluster scores will suffer, but this is no fault of the programs and therefore you will not be penalized.
6. Please contact me if you are having trouble with skills training, testing, etc. in an online environment.
7. All programs have permission from IDPH to move to an online environment where practical without applying for a hybrid program. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted (currently set to end in Illinois on September 30<sup>th</sup>), if you wish to continue with a hybrid format you will have to apply for a hybrid program at that time.
8. Vocational programs: *Please contact the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for guidance on conducting classes online if you are not approved for a hybrid program through IDPH.*



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9. Only 80 hours of theory and 40 hours of clinical are required (the minimum statutory requirements) through the remainder of the COVID-19 restrictions. This will remain in effect through September 30, 2020.
10. One half (20 hours) of clinicals can be in a simulation environment of your choosing. The remaining 20 hours will have to be hands on with patients/residents. This may require a delay in course completion.
11. Testing centers are currently closed until at least May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who successfully complete a BNATP between March 1, 2020 and August 28, 2020 can work as CNAs pending certification. The 120-day restriction on working before certification has been rescinded through August 28<sup>th</sup>.
12. Any student who successfully completed a BNATP between March 1, 2020 and August 28, 2020 will have until August 27, 2021 to successfully complete the certification exam.
13. CMS has waived the 120-day maximum work rule for CNA students who have completed their BNATP. IDPH has requested a suspension of the same rule at state level.
14. The American Health Care Association (AHCA) has created an online “Temporary Nursing Assistant” course. This is not approved by IDPH and does not qualify anyone to work as a temporary aide.

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