BNATP Monthly Update
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1. An instructor approval and application form has been created and is in the Forms section of www.nurseaidetesting.com. Please complete the form and send it with supporting documentation with the instructor approval request. This will give me all the information I need to create instructor codes without having to email repeatedly for missing information.

2. A "test from home" option is available for the certification exam for students that meet certain hardware and software requirements. Windows or Macintosh systems are supported. Chromebook or Linux systems are *not* supported. Students will also require reliable Internet access. Students must also have a cell phone or tablet with the Zoom meeting application installed. Programs which have the capability may rent or loan laptops to students, but it is not required. See the link here for additional information: https://nurseaidetesting.com/vtesters/ ***Students should check daily for open testing seats. Expand the distance willing to travel to 100 miles. This does not mean the student will travel 100 miles to take the test, but it will show colleges that are proctoring the CNA certification from home option.***

3. Please do not send updated RN licenses. I am able to obtain those online and this is one less thing for the BNATPs to do.

4. Please do not send BLS Provider CPR cards. I only need CPR Instructor cards since the requirement is to certify students in CPR before program completion. Those who are still having difficulty finding instructors for CPR certification should continue to ask for clarification individually.

5. The Temporary Nursing Assistant program has been extended through November 2, 2020. There will be no further extensions of the program.   No new TNAs can be trained after September 18, 2020. This is an FYI to the BNATPs in case you receive questions from your clinical partners. Facilities should be encouraged to enroll their TNAs in a BNATP before the end date of the TNA program. BNATPs may give 40 hours of face-to-face clinical time credit to any TNA entering a CNA program who has worked at least 40 hours.   Document in

the students' files that the student was a TNA. Include time records from the facility if possible.

6. Students in a BNATP are allowed to work as a nursing assistant in a long-term care facility, hospital or assisted/supportive living facility before certification in satisfaction of clinical hours. Volunteer hours will suffice with documentation from the facility that the student performed nursing or nursing-related duties under the supervision of a nurse for the specific number of hours needed for clinicals. BNATPs do not submit this to the Department but must keep the documentation with the students' academic records. This work is limited to 120 days, after which the student must become certified in order to continue in a patient care role.

7. All programs have permission to conduct training in an online environment without approval for a hybrid program through the end of 2020. Please do not apply for a hybrid program until after December 31, 2020 and only if you plan to continue online education in the future. Remember that for vocational programs, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) must approve your online program. Currently the IBHE has approved all programs to move into an online format through December 31, 2020. ***Applications for hybrid programs are not being accepted until 2021.***

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