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- 1. Do not send master schedules or other documents via cloud or shared drives. The State of Illinois antiviral software will not allow access. Send only the .pdf file attached to an email to dph.bnatp@illinois.gov.
- 2. There are still a few programs which struggle with sending a .pdf file via email. Please read the Master Schedule Instructions located in the same place on the nurseaidetesting.com website as the schedule. Do not use anything other than Adobe to open and complete the schedules. Apple Preview on Mac computers and the Chrome browser will alter the format of the schedules. The reason for the requirement for this format is to provide a searchable document. I receive notices of NATCEP restrictions on clinical sites on a daily basis. This keeps the Program Coordinators from having to constantly determine if there is a site restriction. If a site becomes restricted, you will be notified via email. The only time programs should check on a restriction is if you are entering into a new site agreement.
- 3. The new Master Schedule for 2021-2022 will be uploaded soon. The schedule for the ANATPs and the BNATPs is the same. Note that the requirement for including the Medicare provider number for clinical sites has been rescinded and that field has been removed from the schedule. If your program dates carry over into another schedule, just note it on page 1 in the notes section. For example, if you have a course that beings January 2021 and ends in June 2021, you will not find June 2021 on the same schedule. Just note the dates briefly on page 1 rather than completing two different schedules for one class.
- 4. Please note the correct name of your BNATP or ANATP on your Master Schedules as shown on your approval letter. "Basic Nursing Assistant Program" or "CNA Training Program" or similar titles have never been approved.
- 5. All of the BNATP or ANATP must be completed in Illinois. IDPH does not have the authority to approve instructors to teach in other states. IDPH also must inspect the programs, including clinical sites if necessary, and we do not have the authority to enter a facility in another state.



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- 6. There are now two approved ANATPs in Illinois!
- 7. The Temporary Nursing Assistant (TNA) program was only extended through January 18, 2021. After that date, TNAs cannot continue to work in a patient-care role unless they enroll in a BNATP.
- 8. The TNAs do not have to complete any clinical hours if they have passed their skills assessment in the BNATP. This is not mandated, and it is entirely up to the discretion and policies of the BNATP.

Let's hope 2021 is a much better year than 2020!

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