



# **2025 CNA INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE**

## **IDPH UPDATES**

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# Agenda

- Number and Diversity of Programs
- Cluster Scores & Maintaining Compliance
- E-Learning due to weather
- Applications for Instructor Codes
- Clarification of Hybrid Programs
- Remote Work
- Miscellaneous
- MA-C (Medication Aide-Certified)

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# **BNATP Programs**

**Community Colleges: 125**

**Universities: 5**

**Vocational Programs: 91**

**High Schools: 119**

**Long-term Care Facilities: 39**

**Hospitals: 7**

**Home Health Agencies: 1**

**Total: 387**

# **ANATP Programs**

**Community Colleges: 4**

**Universities: 0**

**Vocational Programs: 0**

**Long-term Care Facilities: 0**

**Hospitals: 2**

**Home Health Agencies: 0**

**Total: 7**

# Cluster Scores

**All programs are graded via cluster scores and first-time pass rate (FTPR) on the certification exam.**

**Maintain a 70% FTPR to continue operating.**

**A 90% FTPR will mean no Corrective Action Plans and no probationary status. Monitoring Visits will be less frequent. Education Coordinators and I will make suggestions for compliance, but your high FTPR rate means you're doing better than most programs.**

# Questions?



## **E-Learning or Remote Days due to weather**

**If, due to inclement weather, you must cancel a class please email [dph.bnntp@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.bnntp@illinois.gov).**

**If you temporarily use e-learning days due to weather, you can count this toward theory.**

**Continued e-learning would require application for a hybrid program.**



# Three routes to instructor approval:

1. **Take and complete a Train the Trainer course**
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# Instructor Code Applications

- **RNs with Train the Trainer certificates can apply directly to me for instructor codes**
- **RNs without a Train the Trainer (based on nursing education or tenure as a nursing instructor) must be approved through the Program Coordinator.**
- **Instructor codes for RNs without the TtT course will not be approved unless the program applies.**

***Do not send documents that are not listed on the instructor application form. Do not hand write forms!***

# Hybrid Programs

- **Each program sponsor will have only one hybrid code.**
- **Differentiation will be made on the master schedule showing different locations for any in-person theory, all labs, and clinicals.**
- **You could operate four different hybrid classes, for example, under one hybrid program code.**

# Questions?



# CMATP

## Certified Medication Aide Training Program

- The State Legislature created legislation requiring IDPH to create a medication aide program
- Applicants must be a CNA with 2000 hours of work as a CNA in the past three years.
- Must meet work eligibility requirements (background checks) which must be in place before enrollment

# Medication Aides

- **There is a math assessment test required. I can provide one or you can use your own if you have math assessment tests (such as college programs).**
- **The math test does not involve calculations other than addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.**
- **Most questions are word problems such as:**  
**“You are passing medications. Mrs. Resident has an antibiotic ordered. She is to take 500 mg three times daily. In her medication drawer, she has a blister pack that has two 250 mg capsules in each bubble. How would you administer this medication?”**
- **Need to understand the metric system just as a nurse would. Some basic equivalencies are required such as:**  
**1 tsp = 5m**  
**1 tbsp = 15 ml**

# Medication Aides

- **Aides will need to know drug classes and basic nursing responsibilities**

**For example: Do I administer a beta blocker when my resident has a pulse of 50?**

- **Hints and tips for the certification exam will be given for the first few exams given from each program.**
- **If there is a high failure rate on the exam, I will look at the questions and the training provided to see if we have made the exam too difficult.**
- **In order to apply for the MA-C program, you have to have a BNATP in operation for at least two years with a first-time pass rate of at least 70%.**



# Medication Aides

- **Why MA-C and not CMA?**

**CMA is already in use as “Certified Medical Assistant” thus we have “Medication Aide-Certified.”**

**There is a Department Model Program for the MA-C, but the NCSBN also has a program for free. IDPH’s program is based on the NCSBN curriculum and exam. The NCSBN Model Program is more detailed.**



# Medication Aides

**DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL ASKING  
WHEN THE MA-C PROGRAM WILL  
BE APPROVED.**

The curriculum has to be presented to two different advisory boards, and this can take up to two years depending on quorum.

When it is approved, it will be announced via monthly update and the application forms and other documents will be available on the [nurseaidetesting.com](http://nurseaidetesting.com) website.

# Medication Aides

**I have proposed a contract with SIUC for administration of the certification exam.**

**This will help with familiarity for CNAs who were certified in Illinois.**

**The roster system through INACE will be the same as what you are already used to.**

**Exam proctors for the CNA certification exam will be exam proctors for the Medication Aide certification exam.**

# Textbooks

**The following publishers have MA-C textbooks:**

- **Hartman**
- **Mosby**
- **McGraw Hill**
- **Chart Flow**



# Beginning Steps

**We need to work closely after students take the certification exam to help focus training for success.**

**This is an all-new program for Illinois, so there will be “bugs.”**

**The first few exams will be a beta test of the certification exam and the MA-C Program**