

Nurse Aide Examination COVID-19 Modifications for Instructors and Candidates

NOTE this document has been edited from the original version

Beginning on MARCH 22, 2021: ADDITIONAL Gloves no longer required for all parts of the skill practical as a COVID Modification.

Only skills that require gloves as directed in the skill step(s) will require candidates to wear gloves.

All steps in a Skill must be performed as written for scoring.

Please refer to the list of skills/steps in your Candidate Handbook.

Nurse Aide Candidate Testing Requirements

- To protect other candidates and staff, you will not be admitted to the test center and you should reschedule your exam if you:
 - Have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Have you been in close personal contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis **Medical and healthcare professionals - please see exception below.*
 - Have had any flu-like symptoms in the last fourteen days, including fever, chills, a cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath
 - Have been or are under home quarantine or centralized observation by government or healthcare authorities
- You will be asked to acknowledge that you meet the above health requirements and that you will follow health and safety guidelines while testing.
- You must bring and wear your own face mask while you're at the test center and throughout your exam. Any surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable as long as your nose and mouth are fully covered. Neither face masks with exhalation valves nor face shields are acceptable. Candidates may not test without a face mask.
- Stay 6 feet away from other people in the waiting area and during the admissions process.
- Some test centers may require candidates to provide a temperature check upon arrival.

**Medical and healthcare professionals where both the medical/healthcare professional and the patient were wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) are an exception.*

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Detail for testing

1. Sanitizing Hands:

- ✓ The evaluator will ask the candidate to sanitize hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizers, or soap and water between every skill before moving to the next skill. This is not scored and will be prompted by the evaluator.
 - ❖ The timer will be stopped while the candidate sanitizes hands.
 - ❖ Client volunteers participating in a skill will be asked to sanitize hands between skills in which they have participated. This will be prompted by the evaluator.
- ✓ All participants will wash hands with soap and water at the beginning and at the end of the evaluation. This is not scored and will be prompted by the evaluator.

2. Face Masks:

- ✓ Candidates must bring their own face mask for skill testing.
- ✓ If candidate does not bring their own face mask to testing the candidate will not be allowed to test the skills. Candidate must pay to reschedule.

3. Skill 10 – Feeds Client Who Cannot Feed Self will be performed with client volunteer wearing a face mask.

- ✓ Testing candidate will pretend to feed the client volunteer.
- ✓ Actual food and drink will be used.
- ✓ The testing candidate will bring the spoon with food, and the cup with drink close to the client's face mask but will not touch the face mask.
- ✓ The client volunteer will pretend to eat the food and drink the water.
- ✓ The testing candidate will "clean the client's mouth" by wiping or patting close to the client face mask but will not touch the face mask.
- ✓ All Steps in the skill must be performed as written and will be scored.

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4. Skill 11- Gives Modified Bed Bath (Face and One Arm, Hand and Underarm) will be performed on a mannequin.

- i. Evaluator will direct testing candidate to use the mannequin. Actual water and soap will be used.
- ii. All Steps in the skill must be performed as written and will be scored.

5. Other:

Skill 20 – Provides Mouth Care will not be tested.

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