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TO: North Carolina Nurse Aide I Training Programs

FROM: Jammie Johnson, Branch Manager
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SUBJECT: Nurse Aide I Training Program Modifications during COVID-19

The North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) is committed to partnering with Nurse Aide I training programs as we continue ongoing efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The following is guidance on acceptable program modifications for the safety of staff and students.

- Classroom instruction may be transitioned online, excluding any direct hands-on activities and supervised practical training.
- Training programs may be approved for adjustments in transitioning classroom hours to online/remote hours and conducting clinical hours in the laboratory setting **until December 31, 2020**. Please remember that it is the responsibility of the training programs to ensure that students meet all federal and state training requirements and regulations and are adequately and sufficiently trained to complete the state competency exam. If adjustments are needed please complete the attached request form and send, by email, to your Education Consultant.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in a laboratory setting. Training programs may implement scenario-driven clinical experiences in a laboratory setting, under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse, as an alternative for clinical experience in healthcare facilities. Online or in-home laboratory or clinical hours are **not** acceptable.
- As a reminder, if you change clinical sites, please complete the Clinical Site Addition Form.

Please contact your Regional Consultant with questions or concerns

<https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/hcpr/consultants.html>

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