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TO: North Carolina Nurse Aide I Training Programs

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SUBJECT: Update - Modifications for Nurse Aide I Training Programs and COVID-19

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

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

1. Classroom instruction may be transitioned online, excluding any direct hands-on activities, and supervised practical training.
2. Students must demonstrate proficiency. 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.***
3. 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hours and conducting clinical hours in the laboratory setting until December 31, 2021, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Division of Health Service Regulation.

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-approved competency examination.

If program adjustments are needed due to COVID-19, please complete the following form.

- [Existing Training Program: COVID-19 Program Modification Form.](#)

As a reminder, if you change clinical sites, please complete the following form.

- [Existing Training Program: Clinical Site Approval Form.](#)

Please contact your regional [Education Consultant](#) with questions or concerns.

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