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TO: North Carolina Nurse Aide I Training Programs

FROM: Jana Busick, Section Chief
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SUBJECT: Nurse Aide I Training Program Modifications 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 in a laboratory setting. Training programs should 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 a laboratory setting until **May 31, 2021**. 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 examination. If program adjustments are needed, then complete the attached Program Request Form in Response to COVID-19.

As a reminder, if you change clinical sites, please complete the [Clinical Site Request Form](#).

You will receive an email notification from your Education Consultant once your form has been processed. Please contact your [Education Consultant](#) with any questions or concerns.

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