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TO: North Carolina Nurse Aide I Training Programs

FROM: Jana Busick, Section Chief
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SUBJECT: 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 continue to stop the spread of COVID-19.

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. Instructors must be approved by DHSR prior to classroom or online instruction. If you change instructors, you must submit the Existing Training Program-Faculty Approval Form that is available on the Education Office [website](#).
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. If you change clinical sites, you must submit the Existing Training Program-Clinical Site Approval Form that is available on the Education Office [website](#).

Training programs may be approved for adjustments in transitioning classroom hours to online/remote hours and conducting clinical hours in a laboratory setting until June 30, 2022, or unless sooner amended or rescinded by DHSR.

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 due to COVID-19, then submit the applicable COVID-19 forms that are available for existing training programs on the Education Office [website](#).

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

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