



Nurse Aide Training Program and Test Site Informational Call

Nurse Aide Registry
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- Test site responsibilities
 - Entering students
 - Test events
- High school training program resources
- Test Advisory Panel (TAP) update
- Quarterly testing data
- Resources/updates



Test Site Responsibilities



Entering Students in TMU for Testing in Timely Manner

- ✓ Gives student time to get logged into their TMU account, enter/correct any demographic information, merge accounts if needed
- ✓ “Day of” account merges or corrections are not permitted
- ✓ Ensures the students are registered when they receive the email, which in turn decreases anxiety level
- ✓ Some test sites have cancellation policies that may differ, but this is very important to have this information entered into TMU at least 48 hours prior to testing

Test Events-Skills Safety Stops

- Verbal corrections to candidates during testing is not permitted per HM policy
- The **only** time it is permitted is if it puts the actor at risk
- It is not the actor's responsibility to stop the candidate
- Please pay attention to the candidate as they are demonstrating the tasks
- **REMEMBER** you should never stop to correct a candidate unless the candidate's actions will or are causing harm to the actor

High School Training Program Resources



Informational Session Held in March

Zoom presentation held on 3/18/26 in collaboration with MN Department of Education, Healthforce MN and MDH Nurse Aide Registry.

- Discussed Nurse Aide/Nursing Assistant programs in secondary education settings
- Outlined the benefits for students, schools, and communities
- Provided guidance on the approval and implementation process
- Shared resources and supports available
- Session recorded and slides available

MN Department of Education Information

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Approval
- Guidance on funding opportunities
 - [State Levy: 35% of eligible expenses reimbursed](#)
 - [Federal Perkins through local consortium](#)
 - Braiding funds
- Ensuring qualified instructors (300300 Medical Careers license)

MDH Nurse Aide Registry Information Presented



- Purpose of Federal NATCEP Resource
- Describe Program Application Process
- Responsibilities after program approved
- Intro to NA testing vendor, Headmaster

Monthly Meetings Offered During School Year

Minnesota Healthforce, Center of Excellence, and MDE joint resources to support Secondary Schools

Monthly meeting at 3 p.m. the third Thursday during the school year.

- Meeting for high school teachers to discuss best practices
- Email Diane to be added to meetings

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High School Toolkit – QR Code

- Google Drive includes step by step documents to guide you through the implementation process.
- MDE and MDH program approval details
- Required Equipment and improvised
- Equipment list



Contact Information

For questions or access to the information, please feel free to contact:

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Test Advisory Panel Update





Test Advisory Panel (TAP)- Knowledge and Skills Test Questions


- MDH is forming a Test Advisory Panel (TAP) to review knowledge test questions and skill steps that are reflective of MN nurse aide training program curriculum.
- TAP will meet late Spring
- MDH will strive to represent all sectors on the panel to balance representation from nurse aide training programs, test sites, facility leadership, education expertise and nurse aides.
- Stay tuned for further announcements

Quarterly Test Data



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Nurse Aide Registry

The Nurse Aide Registry lists nurse aides who have met Minnesota training and/or testing standards to work in nursing homes and certified boarding care homes. The registry also has information about nurse aides who have substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, and theft.



This is an online registry. Nurse aides, employers, and others can check the registry by using MDH's online system and the nurse aide's certificate number.

Announcements

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Jan. 7: Nurse Aide knowledge test to be available in three additional languages 

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Nurse Aide Registry Training Program Test Data

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Nurse Aide Registry (NAR) approves Nurse Aide Training Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP). According to federal and state law, the training programs must be at least 75 hours in length.

Persons are allowed four (4) chances to pass the knowledge and three (3) chances for the skills competency exam for placement on the Minnesota Nurse Aide Registry.

Posted data is for all test takers from an approved NATCEP, and shows number of candidates and pass rate for the knowledge and competency tests. Data also includes test takers who have not completed an approved training program, who have challenged the competency exam or have tested using the waiver checklist option.

The approved training program test data is provided to the Minnesota Nurse Aide Registry. Each training program has the ability to review their own data in the [Test Master Universe \(TMU\) system](#) from Headmaster.

Questions regarding this data may be emailed to: health.nar.coord@state.mn.us.

Test Data

Test data that is more than three years old has been removed from our website, but is available via submission of a [Data Practices Request](#).

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NATCEP Quarter One Test Results

- Just received the quarter one (January-March 2026) data
- Data must go through Communications Department before its posted
- Hopefully will see this week





Updated Search for Locating Training and Test Sites

[Nurse Aide Registry: Find Training and Testing Sites - MN Dept. of Health](#)

NURSE AIDE REGISTRY

Find Training and Testing Sites

Health Care Provider Directory

Data is updated daily.

This database offers addresses, phone numbers, administrator names, and state registration or licensure status for Minnesota health care providers. Federal certification classifications are also included. Providers can be selected by type, county, city or name.

Provider types in the directory include health care facilities such as assisted living, boarding care homes, home health agencies, home care providers, hospices, hospitals, housing with services, nurse aide testing sites, nurse aide training sites, nursing homes and supervised living facilities, as well as short-term care providers.

[Use the Health Care Provider Lookup](#)

Physical nurse aide testing centers map

This map indicates all physical nurse aide testing centers across the state: [Nurse Aide Testing Locations](#). This map does not include training sites.

Health Care Provider Directory

Healthcare Provider Lookup

Search Criteria: (You must choose at least one)

Provider Group:

All Types

Provider type:

City:

County:

All Counties

Provider Name:

Provider ID:

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Provider Group Selection

Hospital
Mobile Health Evaluation & Screening
Mortuary Science
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All Types

Provider type:

City: County:

Provider Name: Provider ID:

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[Federal Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program \(NATCEP\) Resource](#)

[Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program \(NATCEP\) Survey Worksheet](#)

[Nurse Aide Registry: Frequently Asked Questions about NATCEPs - MN Dept. of Health](#)

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Questions?





Check the [NAR Calls website](#) for call details and GovDelivery.

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