

Nurse Aide Knowledge and Skills Test Comparisons

The document below outlines the differences in the Nurse Aide Knowledge and Skills Tests as offered by D&SDT Headmaster and the previous contractor who provided testing for MDH.

Knowledge Test Comparisons

Review the differences in the Nurse Aide Knowledge Test comparisons to prepare for the test.

Previous Contractor	D&SDT Headmaster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor & candidate complete application form ▪ Test site enters information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor enters candidate into TMU software ▪ D&SDT Headmaster or test site can enter challenge candidates into TMU software.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper test ▪ 70 questions, 120 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic test ▪ 70 questions, 120 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Testing only offered at test site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Testing offered at test sites as well as virtually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test site conveys results to candidate ▪ Scores received via fax and given to candidates the same day or later 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidate gets their own test results in TMU software ▪ Scores received after 7 p.m. on next business day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test developed National Council State Boards of Nursing, Inc. ▪ Questions cannot be changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test created by Minn. Test Advisory Panel ▪ Questions can be updated and changed

Skills Test Comparisons

Review the differences in the Nurse Aide Skills Test comparisons to prepare for the test.

Previous Contractor	D&SDT Headmaster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandatory handwashing skills and four additional skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three to four skills with scenarios ▪ Handwashing embedded into skill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mistakes can only be corrected during the testing of that skill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mistakes can be corrected at any time during testing but must demonstrate correction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Testing attire: nonskid shoes, loose top, short sleeve rolled up, loose pants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Testing attire: Must wear scrubs and closed toe shoes with hair pulled back.

NURSE AIDE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TEST COMPARISONS

Previous Contractor	D&SDT Headmaster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical steps bolded in candidate handbook; mistakes in completion of critical steps results in automatic failure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical steps bolded in candidate handbook; mistakes in completion of critical steps results in automatic failure. ▪ Must perform 80 percent of other steps correctly in addition to successful completion of critical steps.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use another student as client/patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paid Actor plays client/patient and follows specific process for each skill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No limit to number of test candidates in a room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only test 1-2 candidates in a room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-minute test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-minute test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Side rails on bed are used during skills event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Side rails removed from bed for skills event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes skill for using a manual scale to take weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Removed skill for using a manual skill to take weight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handwashing demonstrated in first skill ▪ Other skills allow handwashing to be verbalized rather than demonstrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hand hygiene (either sanitizer or handwashing) demonstration included in all skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One skill tested at a time; no scenarios identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multiple skills tested during a scenario

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