

# Nurse Aide Examination - COVID-19 Modifications for Instructors and Candidates

## Nurse Aide Candidate Testing Requirements

- To protect other candidates and staff, you will not be admitted to the test center and you should reschedule your exam if you:
  - Have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Have you been in close personal contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis *\*Medical and healthcare professionals - please see exception below.*
  - Have had any flu-like symptoms in the last fourteen days, including fever, chills, a cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath
  - Have been or are under home quarantine or centralized observation by government or healthcare authorities
- You will be asked to acknowledge that you meet the above health requirements and that you will follow health and safety guidelines while testing.
- You must bring and wear your own face mask while you're at the test center and throughout your exam. Any surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable as long as your nose and mouth are fully covered. Candidates without a face mask will be denied testing services. We are unable to provide face masks to candidates.
- Stay 6 feet away from other people in the waiting area and during the admissions process.
- Candidates will wear disposable gloves during the Skills Evaluation. Gloves will be provided at the test site for the Skills Evaluation. Gloves will not be required or provided for the written examination.
- Some test centers may require candidates to provide a temperature check upon arrival.

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*\*Medical and healthcare professionals where the medical/healthcare professional was wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and the patient was wearing a face covering are an exception.*

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## Detail for testing

### 1. **Gloves:** Will be provided by the test site

#### **Skills that currently include gloves in the skill steps do not change.**

- ✓ The testing candidate must perform the steps as written. This includes putting gloves on and removing gloves for credit.
- ✓ The gloves worn by the client volunteer are not scored. Evaluator will tell the client volunteer to put on/take off gloves and wash hands.
- ✓ The evaluator may ask the client volunteer to change gloves, or wash hands as needed.

#### **Skills that currently do not require gloves in the skill steps will now be performed wearing gloves.**

- ✓ This is not scored.
- ✓ The testing candidate will be told by the evaluator to put on and take off gloves.
- ✓ The testing candidate can ask to perform steps without gloves. For example, the step to feel for radial pulse. The evaluator will remind candidate to use hand sanitizer and put gloves on for the rest of the skill steps.
- ✓ Skill 1- Hand Hygiene will be performed with bare hands.

#### **The evaluator will ask the testing candidate to use the hand sanitizer after each skill is completed.**

- ✓ The evaluator will also ask the testing candidate to put on clean gloves before moving to the next skill.
- ✓ This is not scored and does not take the place of any current skill steps.
- ✓ All skill steps must be performed by the testing candidate.
- ✓ For credit the testing candidate must verbalize hand hygiene (washing hands) at the right time during the skill.

#### **Skill 10 – Feeds Client Who Cannot Feed Self will be performed with client volunteer wearing gloves.**

- ✓ Testing candidate will “clean client’s hands” over the gloves worn by the client volunteer.

### 2. **Masks:** Candidates must bring their own face mask for skill testing.

- ✓ If candidate does not bring a face mask to testing the candidate will not be allowed to test the written/oral or the skills.
- ✓ Candidate must pay to reschedule.

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**Skill 10 – Feeds Client Who Cannot Feed Self will be performed with client volunteer wearing a mask.**

- ✓ Testing candidate will pretend to feed the client volunteer.
- ✓ Actual food and drink will be used.
- ✓ The testing candidate will bring the spoon with food, and the cup with drink up to the client volunteer's mask.
- ✓ The client volunteer will pretend to eat the food and drink the water.
- ✓ The testing candidate will "clean the client's mouth" by wiping or patting the client face mask.
- ✓ All Steps in the skill must be performed as written and will be scored.

**Skill 11- Gives Modified Bed Bath (Face and One Arm, Hand and Underarm) will be performed on a mannequin.**

- ✓ Evaluator will direct testing candidate to use the mannequin. Actual water and soap will be used.
- ✓ All Steps in the skill must be performed as written and will be scored.

### **3. Other:**

**Skill 20 – Provides Mouth Care will not be tested.**

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