



Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA

Key Information: 2009-10 Workforce Florida, Inc. Technical Skill Attainment list. Certification is on the CAPE funding list for 2009-10. The DOE certification code is FDMQA002.

GENERAL EXAM INFORMATION

The certifying Agency is the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/index.html. For specific information about the CNA certification, go to this webpage: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/cna/index.html>, and click on “CNA Information Packet” to access a two-sided brochure that provides information about the certification process.

Certification Methods

A Florida Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) may become certified by 4 different methods:

- Attend and successfully complete a state approved training program and pass the state exam, **or**
- Challenge and pass the state exam (must be at least 18 years old, or have a high school diploma or equivalent), **or**
- Complete a nursing home preparation program and pass the state exam, **or**
- Reciprocity--Transfer from another state with an active certificate in good standing and be approved by the Board of Nursing for certification.

Please note: A more advanced nursing degree will be accepted in lieu of the CNA certification.

The exam consists of two parts: a written section and a performance (skills) section:

- The written test is a two-hour exam consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions written in English. (There is an option to take either an oral or Spanish written exam, these options must be requested when applying.)
- The Clinical Skills Evaluation requires the applicant to perform five (5) randomly selected nursing assistant skills. This part of the exam is administered only in English.

A state-approved training program is not required.

TEST PREP

The training program materials should be helpful in preparing for the exam. There is also a practice test that can be accessed on the Prometric webpage.

Click here <http://www.prometric.com/NurseAide/FL.htm> to find the link for the practice test.

TAKING THE EXAM

Candidates, both first time and re-certifying, must pass the Florida CNA Exam, which is administered by Thomson Prometric (www.prometric.com). You must apply to take the exam. You can do so by mail or online, although the online application is currently disabled due to changes in Florida law. There is a regional test site list on the Prometric page. Click here <http://www.prometric.com/NurseAide/FL.htm> for direct access to the regional exam sites. (There is a site listed in North Port.)