

Nurse Aide Testing Requirements for Student and Graduate Nurses

Student and graduate nurses may be eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program examination if they meet any of the requirements listed below.

- Student nurse:
 - Definition - an individual who is enrolled in a school for professional nurses or a school for licensed practical nurses that meets the standards established by the Board of Nursing under s. 441.01 (4), Stats., and ch. N1.
 - Requirements – the individual must have completed the courses that satisfy all nurse aide training requirements and have completed at minimum of 32 hours of hands-on clinical experience providing assisted daily living cares to residents. The individual must submit the Student Nurse Verification form. The student nurse’ instructor provides the course information on the [Student Nurse/Graduate Nurse verification form](#). The student nurse must attach an official transcript to the form and submit these documents to the department for verification and approval.
 - Denial – If the information submitted does not satisfy the nurse aide training requirements, the applicant will be denied testing.
 - Approval – If the information submitted satisfies the nurse aide training requirements, the applicant will be approved to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) examination. A document indicating approval to test, the NNAAP test application, a nurse aide candidate handbook and the applicant’s transcript will be sent to the applicant.

- Graduate nurse:
 - Definition – an individual who has successfully completed the course work of a basic nursing course in any school that is approved by the Board of Nursing under s.441.04, Stats., but has not successfully completed the examination under s. 441.05 or 441.10(2), Stats.
 - Requirements – an individual who has not yet taken the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses NCLEX-RN or Practical Nurses NCLEX-PN NCLEX must satisfy the requirements listed above for a student nurse.

An individual who has taken either of the NCLEX examinations and failed must complete the [Student Nurse/Graduate Nurse test application](#) (exit DHS) and attach to the test application a copy of the letter from the State Board of Nursing verifying the individual did fail the NCLEX examination and submit it along with the test fee to American Red Cross address listed on the application.

An individual who holds a current license as an LPN or an RN must complete the [Student Nurse/Graduate Nurse test application](#) (exit DHS) and attach to the test application a copy of their current license and submit it along with the test fee to the American Red Cross address listed on the application.