
TAP UPDATE

+Candidate Handbook will be updated with these changes- changes will become effective November 1, 2024+

Testing Attire

The required testing attire applies to both the in-person knowledge and skills exams.

- You must be in full clinical attire which consists of:
 - scrubs top and scrub bottoms.
 - Closed toed shoes.
 - Scrubs and shoes can be any color/design.
- You may bring a standard watch with a second hand.
- No smart watches, fitness monitors or Bluetooth-connected devices are allowed.
- Long hair must be pulled back.

The following attire will be removed from the policy:

~~Fingernails need to be short (no longer than ¼ inch in length), well-kept (filed, no jagged edges), and clean. Body piercings not covered by scrubs are unacceptable and must be removed or covered. Ear Gauges are unacceptable and must be replaced by flesh-colored or clear plugs.~~

Identification Requirements

NEW POLICY

You must bring a NON-FOREIGN GOVERNMENT-ISSUED, SIGNED, UNEXPIRED, PHOTO-BEARING ID.

Examples of the forms of US government-issued acceptable photo IDs are:

- State-issued Driver's License
- State-issued Identification Card
- Signed US Passport (Foreign Passports and Passport Cards are not acceptable)
 - Exception: A signed foreign passport with a US VISA within the passport (the VISA does not have a signature) is acceptable.
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card or Alien Registration Card)/Employment Authorization Card issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
 - *Accepted without a signature or fingerprint IF ISSUED from January 30, 2023, to the present day. If issued before January 1, 2023, it may contain a fingerprint in place of a signature.*
- Tribal Identification Card
- Military Identification Card
 - *Accepted without a signature or fingerprint but will have a bar code or may contain a fingerprint in place of a signature.*

EXCEPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY: If you do not have a current, official US (United States of America) Government-issued photo-bearing identification card, you must provide your current year high school identification card with a photo and a secondary form of identification as listed below.

Approved secondary forms of identification for high school students only:

- Social Security card – hard copy
- Birth certificate – certified
- Credit/Debit Card - signed and not expired
- Health Insurance card
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) License

Knowledge Test

Reviewed 117 questions and added the 56 questions to the following subject areas:

- Aging Process and Restorative Care – 13
- Care Impaired – 7
- Infection Control – 6
- Personal Care -30

Vocabulary List:

We decided to set a review session to shorten the list by combining words where possible and revising or eliminating any ambiguous terms

Skill Test Changes

Range of Motion (Hip & Knee and Shoulder)

Step 18: You must ask the resident at least once during the ROM exercise if there is/was any discomfort/pain [while performing](#).

Positioning Resident in Bed on their Side

Step 7: From the working side of the bed - move the resident's ~~upper~~ body toward self.

Step 8: ~~From the working side of the bed – move the resident's hips toward self.~~

Step 9: ~~From the working side of the bed – move the resident's legs toward self.~~

Step Added between 12 & 13: [Ensure the resident is in the center of the bed.](#)

Donning an Isolation Gown and Gloves; Empty a Urinary Bag, Measure and Record Output, and Remove Gown and Gloves with Hand Washing Required

[The placement of these steps will move in between what is currently 35 & 36:](#)

Step 27: Record the output in ml on the previously signed recording form.

Step 28: The candidate's recorded measurement is within 25ml of the RN Test Observer's measurement.

Assisting a Resident who is Dependent with a Meal

Step 9: Describe the foods(s) being offered to the resident.

Vital Signs: Count and Record Resident's Pulse and Respirations

Step 6: The candidate's recorded pulse rate is within 4-6 beats of the RN Test Observer's recorded rate.

Catheter Care for a Female Resident with Hand Washing Required

Step added between 9 & 10: Using a clean washcloth carefully rinse the catheter where it exits the urethra.

Assisting a Resident with a Bedpan (Modified) with Hand Washing Required

~~Step 10: Leave tissue within easy reach of the resident.~~

~~Step 14: Obtain a wet washcloth with soap.~~

~~Step 15: Provide the washcloth for the resident to wash their hands.~~

~~Step 16: Provide a wet washcloth for the resident to rinse their hands.~~

~~Step 17: Provide a towel or dry washcloth for the resident to dry their hands.~~

~~Step 18: Place the soiled linen in a designated laundry hamper.~~

Step added between 6 & 7: Places a waterproof pad

Step added between 21 & 22: Removes waterproof pad, if used.