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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) strives to safeguard the public's health and wellbeing by providing guidance for, and regulation of, entry into the profession, nursing education and continuing safe practice.

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News You Can Use

CNA2 Dementia Care Curriculum on Track for Adoption

The Board initially approved the CNA2 Dementia Care curriculum during its September 14 meeting. Final adoption is expected during the November 9 meeting. You can review the curriculum on the OSBN website at: www.oregon.gov/OSBN/draft_policies_rules.shtml.

Training-Site Equipment Check Requested

A spate of equipment-related issues have cropped up lately, according to OSBN CNA Program Consultant Debra Buck, RN.

“Training programs should check their lab sites for malfunctioning or broken equipment,” says Buck. “The issue of broken equipment is beginning to affect testing.” Instructors have reported situations in which a candidate will start to perform a skill, but not finish, with the explanation given that they hadn’t actually practiced the skill with a properly working piece of equipment.

Website Changes

The OSBN website has been updated to include a page containing all necessary links for nursing assistant programs.

You can now find links to course summary forms, curriculums, board policies, applications, administrative rules, the CNA2 registry, booklets, certificate verification and more at this

link: www.oregon.gov/OSBN/CNA_InformationPage.shtml.

Odds & Ends

- New CNA booklets available as of September 25. Call the OSBN office at 971-673-0685 to request copies of the new booklets.
- Medication aide tests are available via computer, only. If you have a student who has had no computer experience, the test-site personnel will assist the candidate.
- The medication aide exam test plan is taken directly from the curriculum. You can access the curriculum at this link: www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pdfs/policies/macurr_1.pdf.
- Instructors should advise their NA students to treat each skill on their manual exam as if they are performing each skill on a different person. “We’ve seen several instances where the candidate performs the initial steps on the first skill tested, but skips the initial steps of subsequent skills,” Buck advises. “Treating each skill as if they’re performing it on a different person might quell that trend.”
- The ADA test accommodations form is available on the OSBN website. Candidates should submit the form with their exam application and a physician’s note.

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CNA2 No-Training Transition Period Extended

The Oregon State Board of Nursing accepted the policy guidelines concerning the transition period in which CNA1s can become CNA2s without taking the corresponding training program.

The transition period was extended from two years to three years following final adoption of a CNA2 curriculum, allowing CNA1s to become a CNA2 by taking a competency exam only.

“The transition period allows CNAs to attempt the competency test, without having to take training,” explains

OSBN CNA Program Consultant Debra Buck, RN. The CNAs may test as many times as needed during the transition period. If the CNA fails a portion of the competency test, they will be given study materials or classroom instruction to complete before re-testing.

The competency test will include both a written exam and a skills exam. During the transition period, the skills may be return-demonstrated in the lab only.

The transition period extension is

<u>CNA2 Category</u>	<u>Curriculum Adopted</u>
Restorative Care	9-16-04
Acute Care	11-17-05
Dementia Care	11-9-06(?)

<u>Test w/o Training</u>	<u>Training & Testing</u>
Until 9-16-07	After 9-16-07
Until 11-17-08	After 11-17-08
Until 11-9-09	After 11-9-09

particularly helpful to those CNAs who wish to transition to a CNA2-Restorative Care, since that curriculum had been adopted by the Board Sept. 16, 2004, and the transition period would have ended this month.

For more information, contact Buck at debra.buck@state.or.us.

Attention!

The next *Instructor Orientation & Update* sessions will be in **Portland:**

Dates: 10-18-06 & 12-13-06

Time: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: Portland State Office Building, Room 450, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland.

RSVP: Michelle, 971-673-0650

For future dates, check the OSBN website:

www.oregon.gov/OSBN, and click on “Meetings & Minutes.”

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In addition, candidates should remember that English-as-a-second-language does not qualify for an ADA accommodation; the exam is only given in English and no translators or dictionaries are allowed in the exam.

CNA Update

is published to inform those who train, test and employ CNAs of current laws relating to nursing, OSBN policies and activities, and issues pertaining to the regulation of CNAs and education.

Please call **Barbara Holtry**, Public Information Officer at 971-673-0658, with comments.

