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## First-Quarter Promissor Skill Exam Results Released

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) NA Skill Exam changes went into effect January 1, and Promissor released its first quarter progress report this month. Out of the 24 skills, the pass rate increased for nine

skills, remained the same for three skills and decreased for 12 skills.

“The pass rate increased or stayed the same on 50 percent of the skills,” says OSBN Nursing Assistant Program

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Skill Description	2005 Pass %	Q1-2006 Pass %	Change
Washes hands	99%	98%	↓
<b>Assists client to ambulate</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>94%</b>	↑
Assists client with use of bedpan	87%	80%	↓
Cleans and stores dentures	97%	97%	↔
Counts and records radial pulse *	89%	85%	↓
<b>Counts and records respirations *</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>97%</b>	↑
Dresses client with affected (weak) right arm	92%	91%	↓
Feeds client who cannot feed self	96%	96%	↔
Gives modified bed bath (face and one arm, hand and underarm)	98%	94%	↓
Makes an occupied bed	100%	96%	↓
Measures and records client's blood pressure	81%	79%	↓
<b>Measures and records oral temperature with a glass thermometer</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>83%</b>	↑
Measures and records urinary output	93%	89%	↓
Measures and records weight of ambulatory client	94%	90%	↓
Performs passive range of motion (ROM) for one knee and one ankle	96%	96%	↔
<b>Performs passive range of motion (ROM) for one shoulder</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>96%</b>	↑
<b>Positions client on side</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>92%</b>	↑
<b>Provides catheter care</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>82%</b>	↑
<b>Provides fingernail care on one hand</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>98%</b>	↑
Provides foot care on one foot	98%	92%	↓
Provides mouth care	87%	79%	↓
<b>Provides perineal care (Peri-Care) for incontinent client</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>84%</b>	↑
<b>Puts one knee-high elastic stocking on client</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>	↑
Transfers client from bed to wheelchair	96%	95%	↓

# First Quarter Skill Exam Results Released

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Consultant Debbie Buck, RN. “Most skills in the other 50 percent experienced only slight decreases.”

For the period of January 1 to April 1, 174 candidates took the “Providing Mouth Care” skill on the state certification exam. Of those candidates, 20.7 percent failed; 15.5 percent failed due to a critical step; and, 5.2 percent failed due to a raw score lower than the cut score. The commonly missed areas are related to providing privacy for the client; protecting the client’s clothing; cleaning all surfaces of the client’s mouth; and, handwashing.

Ninety-eight candidates took the “Providing Perineal Care for the Incontinent Client” skill. Of those, 16.3 percent failed; 7.1 percent failed due to a critical step; and, 9.2 percent failed due to a raw score lower than the cut score. The commonly missed areas are

related to use of a bath blanket; protecting the client from a wet incontinent pad while keeping the bed clean; and, washing, rinsing and drying all areas.

Sixty-six candidates took the “Providing Catheter Care” skill. Of those, 18.2 percent failed; 15.2 percent failed due to a critical step; and, 3 percent failed due to a raw score lower than the cut score. The commonly missed areas are related to the use of gloves; protection of bed linens; use of a bath blanket; exposing only the area being cleaned; the cleaning and storage of equipment; and, handwashing.

Ninety-eight candidates took the “Measuring and Recording Oral Temperature with a Non-Mercury Glass Thermometer” skill. Of those, 17.3 percent failed; 7.1 percent failed due to a critical step; and, 10.2 percent failed due to a raw score lower than the cut score. Areas that were most often missed were related to gloving; shaking down the thermometer; cleaning and returning the used thermometer to the appropriate location; handwashing; and, recording an accurate temperature.

The “Measuring and Recording Blood Pressure” skill was taken by 121 candidates. Of those, 21.5 percent failed; 15.7 percent failed due to a critical step; and, 5.8 percent failed due to a raw score lower than the cut score. The most often missed areas were related to cleaning the stethoscope before use; locating the brachial pulse; handwashing; and, recording an accurate blood pressure.

For more information, contact Buck at [debra.buck@state.or.us](mailto:debra.buck@state.or.us).

## Attention!

The next *Instructor Orientation & Update* session will be in **Roseburg:**

Date: 8-16-06

Time: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: Umpqua Community College Nursing Science Resource Center, Suite 210, 2460 Stewart Pkwy, Roseburg.

RSVP: Michelle, 971-673-0650

## 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.

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