

NURSE AIDE EDUCATOR

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Welcome!

Rita Postolowski, Manager of Licensing and Contracts

Rita will manage the Promissor and Comira contracts and comes to the Board of Nursing with an extensive contract management background.

- ▶ Rita can be reached at (303) 894-2451, or via e-mail at rita.postolowski@dora.state.co.us.

New Year! New Stuff!

Welcome Promissor – New Contract!

The Board of Nursing has selected Promissor as the new vendor to manage the Colorado Nurse Aide Competency and Evaluation Program (NACEP), **starting April 1, 2007**. Promissor, now part of Pearson VUE, performs nurse aide testing in 23 states. Nurse Aide Training Programs will now be working with Promissor to provide Nurse Aide testing in Colorado.

Promissor Information Sessions For Training Programs

Contact Promissor at www.promissor.com
or call Jo Anne Cahill at (303) 733-9395 x 3001 to attend.

CNA Training Programs	Locations
February 22, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30 PM	Residence Inn 767 Horizon Court, Grand Junction
March 1, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30 PM	Radisson Inn and Suites 1645 North Newport Road, Colorado Springs
March 8, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30 PM	Marriott 350 East Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins
March 15, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30 PM	Radisson Southeast Parker Road and I-225, Denver / Aurora

Application / Examination Transition Information

	HEADMASTER	PROMISSOR
Applications	Contact Headmaster	Beginning March 9, 2007
Testing	Through March 31, 2007	Beginning April 2, 2007
Phone	1-800-393-8664	1-888-274-5050 (beginning March 1, 2007) (303) 733-9395 x 3001
Fax	(406) 442-3357	(303) 733-9507
Contact	Maria Moe	Jo Anne Cahill Senior Program Manager
Address	PO Box 6609 Helena, MT 59604	PO Box 173050 Denver, CO 80217-0050
Website	www.hdmaster.com	www.promissor.com
Total Fees	\$85	\$95
Retest Fees	Skills: \$65 Written: \$20	Skills: \$70 Written: \$25
Test Length	Written: 90 minutes Skills: 35 minutes	Written: 120 minutes Skills: 25 minutes
Transitional Candidates (testing not completed by March 31, 2007) must contact Promissor.		

Attention Test Sites and Evaluators

Are you currently a test site or an evaluator?

Are you interested in continuing in this role?

Contact Jo Anne Cahill, Senior Program Manager, Promissor

(303) 733-9395 x 3001

(or at 1-888-274-5050 beginning March 1)

Affidavit of Eligibility

In July 2006, the Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 06S-1009, which requires the Division of Registrations to verify that an applicant for licensure be lawfully present in the United States.

For your information, a PDF version of House Bill 06S-1009 is available by using the following link:

www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/HB06S-1009.pdf

Any individual issued a license or registration by the Division with an effective date on or after January 1, 2007, must complete and sign the Affidavit of Eligibility.

To download the Affidavit of Eligibility, go to: www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit-Eligibility.pdf.

The Affidavit of Eligibility is now part of all applications for CNA testing and must be completed with the application.

- ▶ For applicants who test with Headmaster, go to www.hdmaster.com
- ▶ For applicants who test with Promissor, go to www.promissor.com

New Policy Approved by the BON Clarifying Four-Month Rule Statutory Terminology

See Policy #60-01, *Clarification of the term "denied" as used in section 12-38.1-117(1)(d), C.R.S.* The policy can be found at www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/policies/policies.htm. See the Nurse Aide Practice Act (www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/statutesrulespolicies.htm) for further clarification.

Nurse aides have four months from their date of hire in which to work as a nurse aide. During that four months, they must become certified.

2007 Train the Trainer Class Dates

For Nurse Aide Training Program Coordinators and Instructors

Call Paula Mattison @ CHCA
(303) 861-8228

Dates:

March 14–15 July 11–12 November 14–15

2006 Annual Reports

Mandatory for Continuing Training Program Approval

Submit by May 31, 2007

Per Chapter XI Rules, all programs are required to complete this report.
(visit our website at www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/rules/rules.htm)

By completing this annual report for each program, you will be keeping the Board of Nursing updated about your program.

Submit by mail to:

Marlene Patacky
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Substantive Program Changes

Substantive program changes, such as those listed below, are also to be reported to the Board. It is each program's responsibility to keep the Board updated.

- ▶ Program coordinator or primary instructor
- ▶ Terminal competencies
- ▶ Governing body
- ▶ Number of hours required for successful completion of the program
- ▶ Order of curriculum content
- ▶ Status of program (e.g., inactive, closing)
- ▶ Provision for safekeeping of student and program records, if program is closing

Medication Aide Update and Procedure

Comira has developed the test for the CNA medication aide authority.

1. Prerequisites:

- ▶ HS Diploma or GED
- ▶ 18 years of age
- ▶ Read and comprehend English
- ▶ Proof (pay stub; payroll records) of 2000 hours work as a CNA in a nursing facility

2. Official transcript from a BON-approved program showing successful education completion:

- ▶ 4 credit hours biology, anatomy and physiology
- ▶ 1 credit hour pharmacology calculations
- ▶ 2 credit hours pharmacology
- ▶ 1 credit hour health assessment
- ▶ 2 credit hours medication administration practicum

3. Application with Fee / Medication Administration Examination

- ▶ Monitor the Board of Nursing website (www.dora.state.co.us/nursing) for the medication aide authority application, testing information, and lists of programs offering the required education.
- ▶ For further information, see the Nurse Aide Practice Act www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/statutesrulespolicies.htm and the Chapter XIX rules www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/rules/rules.htm