

Nurse Aide I Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register?

You will be asked to submit verification of eligibility to DTCC Attention: Nursing Assistant Dept., 1637 Lawson Street Durham, NC 27703, or fax information to 919-686-3479 Attn: Nursing Assistant Dept. The Nursing Assistant Dept. will then mail you a form that assigns you a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that states you are eligible to register for Nursing Assistant classes. This PIN form must accompany the registration form. Registration will take place at the NC Mutual building 6th floor, Corporate Education building, or Orange County Skills Development building between the hours of 8:30am – 5:00pm. Registration fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.

2. Can I register early?

Once the course schedule is available, you may register at any time prior to the start of the course as long as you have the PIN form, but remember that classes are on a first-come-first-served basis.

3. Can someone else register for me?

Anyone may register for you; however, you must complete a [Continuing Education registration form](#). Make sure that the person registering for you has your PIN form and the correct amount for the fee.

4. How do I become eligible for the Nurse Aide I class?

You must take the reading placement test if you do not have college course(s) you have taken in the past and successfully completed.

5. What is the placement test?

The placement test is a reading comprehension test. There will be no nursing or math questions on the test. You must make a 39 or better on the reading ASSET test, a 74 or better on the COMPASS test through the testing center or make an 8.3 or better on the TABE test.

6. Does the college course have to be in nursing or related area?

No. Successful completion of Reading 80 or 90 is acceptable. Developmental courses (other than DTCC Reading 80 or 90) do not qualify as a college course.

7. Does the transcript have to be official?

No. Unofficial transcripts are accepted. If you are getting a transcript from DTCC, plan to get it at least on day in advance of when you plan to register. Transcripts are usually not available at the time of registration. We will also accept a grade report form.

8. What is the PIN form?

It is a Personal Identification Number form that verifies your eligibility to register. The PIN form must accompany your registration form.

9. How much does the course cost?

Fees must be paid when you register.

OCSDC, Chapel Hill - \$101.00

NC Mutual, Durham - \$111.00

10. How much are the books?

The books are approximately (Combo-book & study)\$56.95;Text \$40.95; Workbook \$22.95; Combo Package and Audio \$70.95; and Audio CD \$14.95. You will also need a Procedure packet that is available in the DTCC College Bookstore at a cost of approximately \$5.00.

11. Are there any other supplies that I will need and how much will they cost?

You will need a white uniform or scrubs, white shoes, stethoscope, transfer belt, books, pens, notebook, paper. Costs will depend on the student and where they get their supplies. **These supplies are not needed on the first day and will be reviewed during the orientation session on the first day of class.**

12. Is there financial aide for this course?

No. This course is a non-credit class, so Pell grants and other forms of aide do not apply. If the student is on some form of assistance then they should call their worker and inquire about getting a letter of payment.

13. If an agency is paying for my class and books what do I need to bring to registration?

Bring 2 copies of the letter of payment to registration. One copy for registration and one copy for the bookstore if the agency is paying for your books. You will not need to bring any money to registration if you are being sponsored by an agency.

14. I am in the ADN program and need to have this class.

There are many opportunities to take the class throughout the year. Look for the Continuing Education schedule to sign up for our classes.

15. Do you need a high school diploma or GED?

No.

16. Do I have to be 18 years old to take this course?

Yes. You must be 18 years of age and/or a high school graduate to register for this Continuing Education class, or be 16 years old or older and have a letter of consent for your high school administrator. Refer to Continuing Education course schedule for more information.

17. Where do I take the state exam?

As of July 1, 2006 the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facilities Services (DFS) has contracted with Promissor to conduct competency testing statewide. The cost for competency testing is \$92.00.

Promissor: North Carolina NNAAP
PO Box 13785

Philadelphia, PA 19101-3785
(888) 204-6207

View regional testing sites and dates, FAQs, the competency skills, and download a practice written exam at <http://www.promissor.com/>.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Facility Services Nurse Aide Registry at <http://www.ncnar.org/> may answer additional questions.

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2709 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2709
(919) 715-0562
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18. Where else can I take this class?

Most Community Colleges offer this course. North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry has a list of State Approved Training Locations on their website at www.ncnar.org