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## Aide Testing Program

On July 1, 2009 Ivy Tech Community College will assume the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)/ Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) testing responsibilities from Professional Resources. The CNA/ QMA testing is a critical step in the certification process. This project has involved planning and coordinating by the Indiana State Department of Health, Ivy Tech, and Professional Resources to ensure a smooth transition.

Professional Resources will not accept any application for testing after June 30, 2009. Applications that were received on or before June 30, 2009 will be tested by Professional Resources during July. Applications received after June 30, 2009 will be returned to the sender. Files of individuals that have not successfully completed both the written and skills test will be transferred to Ivy Tech.

Starting July 1, 2009 all CNA/QMA Competence Evaluation Applications should be sent to:

Ivy Tech Community College

CNA/ QMA Testing

P.O. Box 1621

Indianapolis, IN 46206

Ivy Tech Community College has developed a CNA/QMA Central Testing Office located in Indianapolis that will process all applications and schedule testing throughout the state. Application should only be sent to the above address. This office will be staffed by Central Coordinators. The phone number is 317-917-5948. There will also be testing information at: [www.ivytech.edu/cna](http://www.ivytech.edu/cna) and [www.ivytech.edu/qma](http://www.ivytech.edu/qma).

The Indiana State Department of Health has arranged with Ivy Tech Community College to provide testing at campuses throughout the state. To arrange testing the training program /individual should submit a cover letter, application(s), and fee(s) to the above address. The application will be reviewed and approved by the Central Coordinator. The training program/individual will be contacted to arrange the testing. The option of testing at an Ivy Tech campus or approved training facility will be given when testing is scheduled to include written and/or skills testing. The testing will follow current guidelines and identification procedure.

The written test will be given at an Ivy Tech campus or approved training facility. All written tests will also follow Ivy Tech testing center proctoring policies and procedures. If an applicant is not successful with the written test they will receive a summary of areas where improvement is needed. Oral testing will be made available. The written tests will be changed to an online platform and administered only at an Ivy Tech testing center, computer lab or classroom in the near future. Specific instructions will be given

at that time.

The skills test will be given at an Ivy Tech campus or approved training facility. Only approved testers will administer the skills test. The skills test will be scheduled on or near the same date as the written test.

There will be no change regarding the testing for out-of-state nurse aides, student nurses and graduate nurses that do not pass state nursing boards. These individuals will need to contact Ivy Tech Community College at the number above.

The fee for both the written and skills test will be \$75.00. A fee of \$65.00 will be charged for only one test. Fees can be paid with facility checks, money orders, or credit cards. No personal checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Ivy Tech Community College.

If you have any questions please contact Ivy Tech CNA/QMA Central Testing Office at 317-917-5948.

Indiana State Department of Health would like to thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this transition.



Thank you for your assistance with the transition to a new aide testing program. This is an important program and we are looking forward to enhancing this program in the coming months.

The Indiana State Department of Health is excited about several initiatives that are coming this summer. Announcements on those initiatives will be coming in the near future. Continue to watch these newsletters for information.

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