

Test Updates

Effective July 11, 2017 the following changes will be made to the current skills portion of the State exam. The information you will be tested on has not changed, just the format of the test.

- Skills must be demonstrated, verbalization may not be used in place of demonstration. This includes beginning and ending procedures.
- Beginning procedures with handwashing will be demonstrated before the first skill.
- Ending procedures will be demonstrated after the last skill.
- Every student will be randomly assigned either BP or pulse/respirations. They will not complete a full set of vitals. Temperature will not be a tested skill.
- The acceptable range for BP is being increased to within 10 for both systolic and diastolic. Students will have only 1 attempt but will be allowed to repeat the skill if they identify having made an error in the process and have not recorded the value.
- All bolded items in the current 6th edition of the *Certified Nursing Assistant Handbook for the State of Utah* will no longer be a flat pass or fail for the entire test. We are moving to a scoring format of 75%. This means that a passing student must properly complete 75% of the steps for each skill assigned. They will not fail the exam for missing a single bolded item.
- Prompts will be completely eliminated.

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A new *Certified Nursing Assistant Handbook for the State of Utah* will be released in January of 2018 and the changes made will affect testing beginning July 2018.