

**2015 SOUTH DAKOTA
MEDICATION AIDE WRITTEN
EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE**

The exam is comprised of 65 multiple-choice items. Ten are pretest items (non-scored) on which statistical information will be collected. All information at this link should be reviewed during the medication aide training program instruction:
<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/SDSpecificRequirements.pdf>

CONTENT DOMAIN	WEIGHTING OF CONTENT DOMAIN	NUMBER OF ITEMS IN DOMAIN
<p>I. General Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Governmental Regulations related to the practice of nursing, the administration of medication, and the storage, administration, and recording of controlled substances B. Terminology, abbreviations, and symbols 	15%	8-9
<p>II. Medication Specific Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Medication administration systems B. Forms of medication C. Procedures and routes of medication administration (oral, topical, inhalation, rectal, vaginal) D. Medication references available 	25%	13-14
<p>III. Delegation & Rights of Medication Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The role of unlicensed assistance personnel in administering medications B. The rights of medication administration: right patient, right medication, right dose, right time, right route, right documentation C. Infection control policies and procedures 	30%	16-17
<p>IV. Body Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. An overview of the major categories of medications related to the body systems including: cardiovascular, endocrine, gastrointestinal, integumentary, musculoskeletal, nervous, reproductive, respiratory, sensory, urinary, immune 	15%	8-9
<p>V. Ethics & Mandatory Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mandatory Reporting to include knowledge of definitions of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and process to follow for reporting B. Ethical Issues 	15%	8-9
TOTAL CONTENT DOMAIN	100%	55