



South Dakota Board of Nursing

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Request for Consideration of Equivalency of Education for Individuals Educated in Other Healthcare Fields

An individual, such as a physical therapist, respiratory therapist, EMT, paramedic, occupational therapist, or medical assistant *must enroll in the facility's nurse aide training program.*

The Nurse Aide Training Program instructor must evaluate the individual's competencies based upon the facility's approved Nurse Aide Training Program's curriculum to determine the individual's competence relative to each specific content area and associated skills. The instructor may require additional instruction in some content and skill areas while in other areas the instructor might determine the individual is competent. The instructor is held accountable to verify that the individual meets the requirements of facility's curriculum, totaling 75-hours of classroom and clinical instruction.

Training and supervised skill assessment must precede any direct contact with a resident. Upon successful completion of the program, the instructor assumes responsibility for qualifying the individual to complete the written and skills competency evaluation/test.

When the instructor finds one-to-one instruction/evaluation to be too labor intensive, the individual may have to complete the entire nurse aide training program with other students. The individual must be assessed relative to each component of the nurse aide training program, and validation of previous education/practice experience is beneficial to the evaluation process and to ensure the individual successfully passes the competency evaluation/test.