



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Nurse Aide Waiver of Education FAQs

- ***Who is eligible for a waiver of nurse aide training?***

In South Dakota, nursing students who have gone through and successfully completed their fundamentals in nursing courses through an approved SD nursing program (with a grade of C or higher) can apply for a waiver.

Go to the BON website and download, complete, and send in the application and transcripts as instructed on the form:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/RequesttoWaive75hourNATrainingApplication.pdf>

- ***What type of proof do I need to submit to the Board, in order to show I've successfully passed my nursing courses?***

Follow the instructions on the waiver form, which indicate that you should submit copies of your transcripts along with your waiver application:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/RequesttoWaive75hourNATrainingApplication.pdf>

- ***As a nursing student, can I "clep out" of the written and skills competency evaluations once I have the waiver?***

No. Successfully passing the written and skills competency evaluations are a requirement in order to be placed on the SD nurse aide registry.

- ***Once I have my certification as a nurse aide, do I have to do anything else to keep it current? Does nursing school class count as annual training?***

You should know that in many SD facilities, a minimum of 12 hours of in-service education related to results of performance review and of special resident needs is required. Nursing school courses do not count as annual in-service training. This is not a requirement for registry renewal. For renewal of your nurse aide registration you must show proof of employment as a nurse aide for a minimum of 8 hours during the preceding 24 months.

- ***I have training in another healthcare field. Can I apply for a waiver of nurse aide education?***

In South Dakota, only nursing students can apply to have the nurse aide training waived. If you have training in another healthcare field, you will need to enroll in a nurse aide training program and be evaluated by the instructor. For further information, review this form on the Board's website:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/IndividualsEducatedinOtherHealthcareFields.pdf>

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<http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=44:04:18>

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