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OKLAHOMA NURSING ASSISTANT CANDIDATE HANDBOOK (UPDATED 12-1-2010)

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INTRODUCTION

In 1987, the Nursing Home Reform Act was adopted by Congress as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA '87). It was designed to improve the quality of care in long-term health care facilities and to define training and evaluation standards for Nursing Assistants who work in such facilities. Each state is responsible for following the terms of this federal law.

As defined in the OBRA regulations, a Nursing Assistant competency evaluation program provides specific standards for Nursing Assistants related knowledge and skills. The purpose of a Nursing Assistant competency evaluation program is to ensure that candidates who are seeking to be Nursing Assistants understand these standards and can competently and safely perform the job of an entry-level Nursing Assistant.

This handbook describes the process of taking the Nursing Assistant competency test and is designed to help prepare candidates for testing. There are two parts to the Nursing Assistant competency test—a multiple-choice knowledge test and a skill test. Candidates must pass both parts of the test and meet all requirements of the OSDH for certification in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma has approved D&S Diversified Technologies to provide tests and scoring services for Nursing Assistant Testing. For questions not answered in this handbook please contact D&SDT at toll free 800-393-8664 or go to www.hdmaster.com. This handbook should be kept for future reference.

APPLYING TO TAKE THE NURSING ASSISTANT TEST

To apply to take the Oklahoma Nursing Assistant Test, please contact Diane Decker, RN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9145 -or- Tony Lippe, LPN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9121. For independent test sites not affiliated with OSU, please contact Headmaster at 1-800-393-8664.

RETAKING THE NURSING ASSISTANT TEST

To apply to retake the Oklahoma Nursing Assistant Test, please contact Diane Decker, RN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9145 -or- Tony Lippe, LPN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9121. For independent test sites not affiliated with OSU, please contact your training program.

THE WRITTEN TEST

The Written Test Proctor will give instructions for taking the electronic WebETest Written Test. You will have a maximum of ninety (90) minutes to complete the 72 question Written Test. You will be told when fifteen (15) minutes are left. You may not ask questions about the content of the Written Test (such as "What does this question mean?") You must have a score of 75% (**effective January 1, 2011, the passing score will be 70%**) or better to pass the written portion of the test. Anyone who takes or tries to take materials or information from the testing room is subject to prosecution.

WRITTEN TEST CONTENT OUTLINE

The Written Test consists of 72 multiple-choice questions. You must score at least a 75% (**effective January 1, 2011, the passing score will be 70%**) in order to pass the Written Test. Questions are selected from subject areas based on the Oklahoma test plan and include questions from all the required categories as defined in OBRA regulations. The subject areas are as follows:

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| 1. Safety (4) | 7. Communication (7) |
| 2. Infection Control (8) | 8. Data Collection (8) |
| 3. Personal Care (11) | 9. Basic Nursing Skills (10) |
| 4. Mental Health (4) | 10. Role and Responsibility (4) |
| 5. Care Impaired (4) | 11. Disease Process (4) |
| 6. Resident Rights (4) | 12. Older Adult Growth & Development (4) |

THE SKILL TEST

The purpose of the Skill Test is to evaluate your Nursing Assistant skills. You will find a complete list of skill tasks in this handbook. Hand washing will be one of the tasks you will need to perform. Four (4) additional tasks will be randomly selected from the included list for you to perform on your Skill Test. The steps that are listed for each task are the steps required for a Nursing Assistant to completely demonstrate the skill task. Steps indicated with an (*) are given more weight when scoring than other steps, **and** you must have a score of 80% on **each** task without missing any key steps (the **Bolded** steps) to pass the skill portion of the test. If you fail a single task you will have to take another skill test with five tasks on it and at least one of the tasks will be one that you failed.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Each of the five scenarios associated with your five assigned tasks will be read to you immediately before you do each task.
- Listen carefully to all instructions given by the RN Test Observer. You may request to have any of the five scenarios repeated anytime during your skill test.
- Be sure you understand all instructions before you begin because you may not ask questions once the Skill Test begins.
- You will be given thirty (35) minutes to complete the five (5) tasks. You must correctly perform all five (5) tasks in order to pass the Skill Test. You will be told when 20 minutes have elapsed.
- If you believe you made a mistake while performing a task, say so and then repeat the task or the step on the task you believe you performed incorrectly. You may repeat any step or steps you believe you have performed incorrectly any time during your allotted 35 minutes or until you tell the RN Test Observer you are finished with the Skill Test. Once the Skill Test has begun, the RN Test Observer may not answer questions.

MANUAL SKILL TASKS LISTING

SKILL 1—HAND WASHING

1. Knock on resident's door or other simulated knock.
2. Greet resident by name
3. Introduce yourself.
4. Turn on water.
5. Wet hands.
6. Apply liquid soap to hands.
7. Rub hands together using friction.
8. Interlace fingers pointing downward.
9. Washes all surfaces of hands and wrist with liquid soap.
10. Washes around each nail bed.
11. Rubs nails against palms of opposite hands.
12. Rinse hands thoroughly under running water with fingers pointed downward.
13. Dry hands on clean paper towel(s).
14. Turn off faucet with a **SECOND** (last) clean dry paper towel.
15. Discard paper towels into trash container as used.
- 16. Does not re-contaminate hands at any point during the procedure.**

SKILL 2—AMBULATION WITH CANE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.
- 3. Locks bed brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
- 4. Locks wheel chair brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
5. Brings resident to sitting position.
6. Assists resident in putting on non-skid slippers.
7. Positions cane.
8. Assists resident to stand; stabilizes cane and insures resident has stabilized cane in unaffected hand.
9. Positions self behind and slightly to side of resident.

10. Safely ambulates resident at least 10 steps to wheelchair.
11. Assists resident to pivot and sit, using correct body mechanics.
12. Identifies that hands should be washed.
13. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
14. Leaves call bell or signal calling device within easy reach of the resident.
15. Leaves water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 3—AMBULATION WITH GAIT BELT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to be performed to the resident and obtains gait belt.
- 3. Locks bed brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
- 4. Locks wheelchair brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
5. Lowers bed to lowest position.
6. Brings resident to sitting position and places gait belt around waist to stabilize trunk. Tightens gait belt. Checks gait belt by slipping fingers between gait belt and resident.
7. Assists resident to put on non-skid slippers.
8. Brings resident to standing position, using proper body mechanics.
9. With one hand grasping gait belt and the other stabilizing resident by holding forearm, shoulder, or using other appropriate method to stabilize, ambulates resident at least 10 steps.
10. Assists resident to pivot and sit in a controlled manner that ensures safety. Removes gait belt.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.
12. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
13. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 4—AMBULATION WITH WALKER

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.
- 3. Locks bed wheels to ensure resident's safety.**
- 4. Locks wheelchair brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
5. Brings resident to sitting position.
6. Assists resident to put on non-skid slippers.
7. Positions walker.
8. Assists resident to stand, stabilizes walker and insures resident has stabilized walker.
9. Positions self behind and slightly to side of resident.
10. Safely ambulates resident at least 10 steps.
11. Assists resident to pivot and sit, using correct body mechanics.
12. Identifies that hands should be washed.
13. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
14. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 5—FLUID INTAKE

1. Identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Candidate observes dinner tray.
4. Uses pad, pencil, and/or RN observer provided calculator to arrive at the number of cc or ml consumed.
5. Candidate decides on cc or ml of fluid consumed from each container.
6. Candidate obtains total fluid consumed in cc or ml.
7. Candidate records total fluid consumed on I & O sheet. (*)
- 8. Candidate's total documented fluid must be within 30cc of required range.**
9. Places call button within reach.
10. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.

SKILL 6—BLOOD PRESSURE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.

3. Assists resident into a comfortable sitting or recumbent position with forearm relaxed and supported in a palm-up position, approximately at the level of the heart.
4. Rolls resident's sleeve up about 5 inches above the elbow.
5. Applies the cuff around the upper arm just above the elbow.
6. Cleans earpieces of stethoscope appropriately and places in ears.
7. Cleans diaphragm of the stethoscope.
8. Locates brachial artery by feeling brachial pulse just above bend of elbow.
9. Places stethoscope over brachial artery.
10. Holds stethoscope snugly in place.
11. Inflates cuff until Candidate no longer hears/feels the resident's brachial pulse and inflates an additional 30mm.
12. Slowly releases air from cuff to disappearance of pulsations. Removes cuff.
13. Records reading on pad. (*)
- 14. Candidate's recorded systolic and diastolic blood pressure are within 4mmHg of the TO's.**
15. Identifies that hands should be washed.
16. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
17. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 7—BEDPAN AND OUTPUT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains the procedure to resident.
3. Provides privacy for resident.
4. Raises head of bed to comfortable level.
5. Candidate puts on gloves and positions resident on bedpan correctly using correct body mechanics.
6. Leaves call light and tissue within reach of resident and Candidate steps away to a private area of room.
7. When signaled by the RN Test Observer the Candidate returns.
8. Gently removes bedpan and holds while the Observer adds a known quantity of fluid.
9. Candidate measures output.
10. Empties and cleans bedpan and graduate.
11. Washes/assists resident to wash and dry hands.
12. Removes and disposes of gloves.
13. Records output on pad. (*)
- 14. Candidate's recorded output is within 30ccs of RN Test Observer's reading.**
15. Identifies that hands should be washed.
16. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
17. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 8—DENTURE CARE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.
3. Lines sink with a protective lining that would help prevent damage to the dentures. (Towel or washcloth)
4. Puts on gloves and removes dentures from cup.
5. Handles dentures carefully to avoid damage.
6. Applies toothpaste and thoroughly brushes dentures including the inner, outer, and chewing surfaces of upper and lower dentures. Toothettes may be utilized instead of a toothbrush as long as all of the surfaces listed above are cleaned.
7. Rinses dentures using clean cool water.
8. Places dentures in rinsed cup.
9. Adds cool clean water to denture cup.
10. Cleans equipment and returns to storage.
11. Discards protective lining in an appropriate container.
12. Removes gloves and disposes of gloves in an appropriate container.
13. Identifies that hands should be washed.
14. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
15. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 9—DRESSING RESIDENT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains the procedure to the resident.
3. Provides privacy for resident. (Pulls curtain.)
4. Keeps resident covered while removing gown.
5. Removes gown from unaffected side first.
6. Places used gown in laundry hamper.
7. When dressing the resident in a shirt or blouse, the Candidate inserts their hand through the sleeve of the shirt or blouse and grasps the hand of the resident, dressing from the affected side first. (*)
8. When dressing the resident in pants, the Candidate assists the resident to raise their buttocks or turns resident from side to side and draws the pants over the buttocks and up to the resident's waist, always dressing from the affected side first. (*)
9. When putting on the resident's socks, the Candidate draws the socks up the resident's foot until they are smooth.
10. Leaves the resident in correct body alignment and comfortably dressed.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.
12. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
13. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 10—FEEDING THE DEPENDENT RESIDENT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Candidate looks at diet card and indicates that resident has received the correct tray.
- 4. Positions the resident in an upright position. At least 45 degrees.**
5. Protects clothing from soiling by using napkin, bib, or towel.
6. Washes and dries resident's hands and face before feeding.
7. Discards soiled linen appropriately.
8. Sits down facing the resident while feeding resident.
9. Describes the foods being offered to the resident.
10. Offers water or other fluid frequently.
11. Offers food in small amounts at a reasonable rate, allowing resident to chew and swallow.
12. Wipes resident's hands and face during meal as needed.
13. Leaves resident clean and in a position of comfort.
14. Records intake in percentage of total solid food eaten on paper provided. (*)
15. Records intake of fluid in ccs on pad. (*)
- 16. Candidate is within 25% of the solids and within 60ccs of the fluids consumed.**
17. Identifies that hands should be washed.
18. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
19. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 11—HAIR CARE

1. Identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Asks resident how they would like their hair combed/brushed.
4. Combs/brushes hair gently and completely.
5. Leaves hair neatly brushed/combed/styled.
6. Identifies that hands should be washed.
7. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
8. Leaves call light or signal calling device within easy reach of the resident.
9. Leaves water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 12—MOUTH CARE—BRUSHING TEETH

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Provides for resident's privacy.
4. Drapes the chest with towel to prevent soiling.
5. Candidate puts on gloves.
6. Applies toothpaste to toothbrush.

7. **Brushes resident's teeth, including the inner, outer, and chewing surfaces of all upper and lower teeth. Toothettes may be utilized instead of the toothbrush as long as all of the surfaces listed above are cleaned.**
8. Cleans tongue.
9. Assists resident in rinsing mouth.
10. Wipes resident's mouth.
11. Removes soiled linen.
12. Places soiled linen in hamper or equivalent.
13. Empties emesis basin.
14. Cleans emesis basin.
15. Rinses toothbrush.
16. Returns emesis basin and toothbrush to storage.
17. Disposes of gloves properly.
18. Leaves resident in position of comfort.
19. Identifies that hands should be washed.
20. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.
21. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.

SKILL 13—MOUTH CARE OF COMATOSE RESIDENT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Provides for residents privacy.
3. **Positions resident upright, as appropriate to avoid choking or aspiration –OR– positions resident on side with head turned well to one side, to avoid choking or aspiration.**
4. Drapes chest/bed as needed to protect from soiling.
5. Puts on gloves, uses swab and/or toothbrush and cleaning solutions.
6. Gently and thoroughly cleans the inner, outer, and chewing surfaces of all upper and lower teeth.
7. Gently and thoroughly cleans the gums and tongue.
8. Cleans, dries face.
9. Returns resident to position of comfort and safety.
10. Cleans and replaces equipment and discards disposable items in waste can.
11. Discards towel and washcloth in linen hamper. Removes gloves and disposes properly.
12. Identifies that hands should be washed.

SKILL 14—NAIL CARE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Immerses nails in comfortably warm soapy water and soaks for at least five (5) minutes.
 - * a. (The five minutes may be verbalized by the candidate and acknowledged by the RN Observer)
4. Gently cleans under nails with the orange stick.
5. Dries hand thoroughly, being careful to dry between fingers.
6. Gently pushes cuticle back with the washcloth.
7. Files each fingernail.
8. Cleans equipment.
9. Returns equipment to storage.
10. Discards soiled linen in linen hamper or equivalent.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.
12. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
13. Leaves call light or signaling device within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 15—OCCUPIED BED

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Gathers linen.
3. Transports linen correctly.
4. Places clean linen over back of chair.
5. Explains procedure to resident.
6. Provides privacy.
7. **Raises side rail opposite working side of bed.**

8. Raises bed to working height.
9. Resident is to remain covered at all times.
10. Assists resident to roll onto side toward raised side rail. Side rail remains up on side opposite candidate.
11. Rolls or fan folds soiled linen, soiled side inside, to the center of the bed.
12. Places clean bottom sheet along the center of the bed and rolls or fan folds linen against resident's back and unfolds remaining half.
13. Secures two fitted corners.
- 14. Raises second side rail.**
15. Assists the resident to roll over the bottom linen, preventing trauma and avoidable pain to resident.
16. Removes soiled linen without shaking.
17. Avoids placing dirty linen on the over bed table, chair, or floor.
18. Avoids touching linen to uniform.
19. Disposes of soiled linen in hamper or equivalent.
20. Pulls through and smooths out the clean bottom linen.
21. Secures the other two fitted corners.
22. Places clean top linen and blanket or bed spread over covered resident.
23. Removes used linen keeping resident unexposed at all times.
24. Tucks in top linen and blanket or bedspread at the foot of bed.
25. Makes mitered corners at the foot of the bed.
26. Applies clean pillow case, with zippers and/or tags to inside.
27. Gently lifts resident's head while replacing the pillow.
28. Lowers bed if it was raised.
29. Returns side rails to original position. (*)
30. Identifies that hands should be washed.
31. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
32. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 16—MAKING UNOCCUPIED BED

1. Identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Gathers linen.
3. Transports linen correctly.
4. Places clean linen over back of chair.
5. Elevates bed to appropriate working height.
6. Removes soiled linen from bed without contaminating uniform.
7. Places removed linen in appropriate container.
- 8. Does not put clean or dirty linen on the overbed table or floor.**
9. Applies bottom fitted sheet, keeping it straight and centered.
10. Makes bottom linen smooth and/or tight, free of wrinkles.
11. Places clean top linen and blanket or bed spread on the bed.
12. Tucks in top linen and blanket or bedspread at the foot of the bed.
13. Makes mitered corners at the foot of the bed.
14. Applies clean pillowcase with zippers and/or tags to inside of pillowcase.
15. Leaves bed completely and neatly made.
16. Returns bed to lowest position if it was raised.
17. Identifies that hands should be washed.

SKILL 17—BED BATH-FACE, ARM, HAND, AND UNDERARM

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Pulls privacy curtain. Raises bed to appropriate working level.
4. Covers resident with a bath blanket.
5. Removes top bed linens. Fanfolds to resident's waist.
6. Removes resident's gown without exposing resident.
7. Fills basin with comfortably warm water.
8. Uses clean wet wash cloth and wipes eyes gently from the inner to the outer using a clean section of the wash cloth with each stroke.

9. Washes and dries face WITHOUT SOAP.
10. Places towel under arm, exposing one arm.
11. Washes arm, hand and underarm using soap and water.
12. Rinses arm, hand, underarm and dries entire area.
13. Assists resident to put on a clean gown.
14. Properly cleans and stores all equipment used.
15. Disposes of soiled linen in appropriate container.
16. Lowers bed if it was raised.
17. Identifies that hands should be washed.
18. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
19. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 18—PERINEAL CARE FEMALE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident. (mannequin)
3. Pulls curtain; provides privacy.
4. Raises the bed to proper working height.
5. Fills basin with comfortably warm water.
6. Raises side rail opposite working side of bed. (*)
7. Turns resident toward raised side rail or raises hips and places water proof pad under buttocks.
8. Puts on gloves.
9. Exposes perineum only.
10. Separates labia.
11. Uses water and soapy washcloth.
12. Cleans one side of labia from top to bottom. (*)
13. Uses a clean portion of a wash cloth with each stroke.
14. Rinses the area.
15. Dries the area.
16. In like manner, cleans other side of labia from top to bottom using a clean portion of a wash cloth with each stroke. (*)
17. Covers the exposed area with the bath blanket.
18. Assists resident to turn onto side away from the candidate.
19. With a clean wash cloth, cleans the rectal area.
20. Uses water, washcloth and soap.
21. Cleans area from vagina to rectal area with single strokes. (*)
22. Rinses area.
23. Dries area.
24. Positions resident (mannequin) on their back.
25. Turns resident toward raised side rail or raises hips and removes water proof pad from under buttocks.
26. Disposes of soiled linen in an appropriate container.
27. Cleans equipment.
28. Replaces equipment.
29. Disposes of gloves in appropriate container.
30. Lowers bed, if it was raised.
31. Lowers side rail. (*)
32. Identifies that hands should be washed.
33. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 19—POSITION RESIDENT ON LEFT SIDE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains what is to be done and how the resident may help.
3. Pulls curtain, provides privacy.
4. Positions bed flat. Raises bed to appropriate working height.
5. **Raises side rail on left side of the bed.**
6. From the right side—moves upper body toward self.
7. Moves hips toward self.
8. Moves legs toward self.

9. Assists/turns resident on their left side and insures that the resident's face never becomes obstructed by the pillow.

10. Checks to be sure resident is not lying on their left arm.
11. Maintains correct body alignment.
12. Places support devices such as pillows, wedges, blankets, etc., to maintain correct body alignment and protect bony prominences, under head and right arm, behind back, between knees. (*)
13. Lowers bed if it was raised.
14. Lowers side rail. (*)
15. Identifies that hands should be washed.
16. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
17. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 20—RANGE OF MOTION HIP & KNEE

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Pulls curtain; provides for resident's privacy.
4. Positions resident supine and in good body alignment.
5. Correctly supports joints at all times by placing one hand under the knee and the other hand under the heel.
6. Moves the entire leg away from the body. (abduction)
7. Moves the entire leg back toward the body. (adduction)
8. Completes abduction and adduction of the hip three times.
9. Continue to correctly support joints and bend the resident's knee and hip toward the resident's trunk. (flexion of the hip and knee at the same time)
10. Straighten the knee and hip. (extension of knee and hip at the same time)
11. Complete flexion and extension of knee and hip three times.
- 12. Does not cause discomfort or pain and does not force any joint beyond the point of free movement. Candidate must ask if they are causing any pain or discomfort.**
13. Leaves resident in a comfortable position.
14. Identifies that hands should be washed.
15. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
16. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 21—RANGE OF MOTION ONE SHOULDER

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to the resident.
3. Pulls curtain; provides for resident's privacy.
4. Positions resident on their back in good body alignment.
5. Correctly supports the resident's joint by placing one hand under their elbow and the other hand under the resident's wrist.
6. Raises resident's arm up and over the resident's head. (flexion)
7. Brings the resident's arm back down to the resident's side. (extension)
8. Completes full range of motion for shoulder through flexion and extension three times.
9. Continue supporting joints correctly and move the resident's entire arm out away from the body. (abduction)
10. Return the resident's arm to the side of the resident's body. (adduction)
11. Complete full range of motion for shoulder through abduction and adduction three times.
- 12. Does not cause discomfort or pain and does not force any joint beyond the point of free movement. Candidate must ask if they are causing any pain or discomfort.**
13. Leaves resident in a comfortable position.
14. Identifies that hands should be washed.
15. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
16. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 22—TRANSFER FROM WHEELCHAIR TO BED USING A GAIT BELT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to be performed to the resident.
3. Positions wheelchair at foot or head of bed.
- 4. Insures resident's safety. Locks wheelchair brakes.**
- 5. Insures resident's safety. Locks bed brakes.**
6. Places gait belt around the resident, below the rib cage and above their waist, to stabilize trunk.
7. Tightens gait belt so that fingers of Candidate's hand can be comfortably slipped between gait belt and resident.
8. Grasps the gait belt with both hands to stabilize the resident.
9. Brings resident to standing position using proper body mechanics.
10. Assists resident to pivot and sit on bed in a controlled manner that ensures safety.
11. Removes gait belt.
12. Assists resident in removing non-skid slippers.
13. Assists resident to move to center of bed, supporting extremities as necessary.
14. Makes sure resident is comfortable and in good body alignment.
15. Identifies that hands should be washed.
16. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
17. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 23—TRANSFER FROM BED TO WHEELCHAIR USING A GAIT BELT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains the procedure to be performed to the resident and obtains a gait belt.
3. Positions wheelchair at the foot or head of the bed.
- 4. Locks wheelchair brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
- 5. Locks bed brakes to ensure resident's safety.**
6. Lowers bed to lowest position.
7. Assists resident to sitting position and places gait belt around waist to stabilize trunk. Tightens gait belt. Checks gait belt by slipping fingers between gait belt and resident.
8. Brings resident to a standing position using proper body mechanics.
9. With one hand grasping the gait belt and the other stabilizing resident by holding forearm, shoulder, or using other appropriate method to stabilize, transfers resident from bed to wheelchair.
10. Assists resident to pivot and sit in a controlled manner that ensures safety.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.
12. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
13. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 24—VITAL SIGNS - TEMPERATURE, PULSE, AND RESPIRATION

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident and provides privacy.
3. Puts on one glove.
4. Correctly turns on digital oral thermometer and places sheath on thermometer.
5. Gently inserts bulb end of thermometer in mouth under tongue.
6. Holds thermometer in place for appropriate length of time.
7. Removes thermometer and candidate reads and records the temperature reading on paper provided. (*)
- 8. Candidate's recorded temperature varies no more than .1 degree from Test Evaluator's.**
9. Candidate discards sheath appropriately.
10. Candidate disposes of gloves in appropriate container.
11. Identifies that hands should be washed.
12. Locates the radial pulse by placing tips of fingers on thumb side of the resident's wrist.
13. Counts pulse for 60 seconds. Then records on the sheet of paper provided. (*)
- 14. Candidate's recorded pulse rate is within 4 beats of RN Test Observer's recorded rate.**
15. Candidate counts respirations for 60 sec and records results on sheet of paper provided. (*)
- 16. The Candidate's recorded respiratory rate is within 2 breaths of the RN Test Observer's recorded rate.**

17. Identifies that hands should be washed.
18. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
19. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 25—VITAL SIGNS - TEMPERATURE, PULSE, AND RESPIRATION (AXILLARY)

1. Identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.
3. Provides for resident's privacy.
4. Candidate dries inner armpit of resident.
5. Correctly turns on digital thermometer.
6. Places thermometer in the center of the Axilla.
7. Holds thermometer in place for the appropriate length of time.
8. Removes thermometer.
9. Candidate reads and records on the pad of paper the temperature reading. (*)
 - * a. Observer--Read thermometer AFTER candidate and record both readings in the spaces below
 - b. Observer _____ CANDIDATE _____
- 10. Candidate's recorded temperature varies no more than 0.1 degrees from the Observer's recorded temperature.**
11. Candidate discards sheath appropriately.
12. Locates the radial pulse by placing tips of fingers on the thumb side of the resident's wrist.
13. Counts pulse for 60 seconds.
 - * a. Instruct the candidate to tell you when they are beginning to count.
Observer counts at the same time, taking all cues from the candidate.
 - b. Observer - - Checks the resident's pulse rate at the same time using the resident's other side. Observer does not stop until after the candidate stops counting.
 - c. Observer _____ CANDIDATE _____
14. Records on the pad of paper. (*)
 - * a. Observer's count _____ Candidate's count _____
- 15. Candidate's recorded pulse rate is within 4 beats of the Observer's recorded rate.**
16. Candidate counts respirations for 60 seconds.
 - * a. Instruct the candidate to tell you when they are beginning to count.
Observer counts at the same time, taking all cues from the candidate.
17. The Observer records both rates in the spaces provided.
 - * a. Observer _____ CANDIDATE _____
- 18. The candidate's recorded respiratory rate is within 2 breaths of the Observer's recorded rate.**
19. Identifies that hands should be washed.
20. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
21. Leaves call light or signal calling device within easy reach of the resident.

SKILL 26—WEIGHING AN AMBULATORY RESIDENT

1. Greets resident by name and identifies that hands should be washed.
2. Explains procedure to resident.
- 3. Checks balance of scale before weighing resident and balances or zeros as necessary. A digital scale is not allowed.**
- 4. Insures resident's safety. Locks wheelchair brakes.**
5. Assists resident to stand and walks them to the scale.
6. Assists resident to step on scale.
7. Checks that resident is balanced and centered on scale with arms at side and not holding on to anything that would alter reading of the weight.
8. Appropriately adjusts weights until scale is in balance or observes analog scale.
9. Reads weight.
10. Safely returns resident to wheelchair and assists to sitting position.
11. Records weight on paper provided.
- 12. Candidate's recorded weight varies no more than 2 lb. from RN Test Observer's reading.**
13. Identifies that hands should be washed.
14. Maintains respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.
15. Leaves call light or signaling device and water within easy reach of the resident.

TEST DAY

- ☞ You should arrive at your confirmed test site between twenty and thirty (20-30) minutes before your test is scheduled to start.
- ☞ You must bring a **SIGNED, NON-EXPIRED, PHOTO ID (mandatory)** **and** **a second signature ID**. **You will not be admitted for testing if you do not bring proper ID.**
- ☞ When you take the electronic test at a WEBETEST® site you will answer your questions using a computer.

TESTING POLICY

The following policies are observed at each test site:

- ☞ If you arrive late for your confirmed test, or if you do not bring appropriate ID, you will not be admitted to the Test and any test fees paid will NOT be refunded. **If you NO SHOW for your testing day you will have to repay your testing fees before being allowed to test again.**
- ☞ Cellular phones, beepers or any other electronic devices are not permitted during testing and there is no place for storage of personal belongings.
- ☞ You are not permitted to bring personal belongings such as briefcases, large bags, study materials, extra books, or papers into the testing room. Any such materials brought into the testing room will be collected and returned to you when you have completed the test. The only exception is a non-electronic language translation dictionary that you must show to the written test proctor before you start the written test.
- ☞ You may not take any notes or other materials from the testing room.
- ☞ You are not permitted to eat, drink, or smoke during the test.
- ☞ If you are discovered causing a disturbance of any kind or engaging in any kind of misconduct, you will be dismissed from the test and reported to your training program and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.
- ☞ No visitors, guests, pets or children are allowed or will be provided for during testing.

RESCHEDULE/CANCELLATION POLICIES

Reschedules – Reschedules are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Diane Decker, RN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9145 -or- Tony Lippe, LPN, at OSU-OKC at 1-405-945-9121 for instructions pertaining to rescheduling.

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SECURITY

Anyone who removes or tries to remove test material or information from the test site will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, will be recorded as a test failure, and will not be allowed to retest for a minimum period of six months. Study materials, other than this candidate handbook, may not be brought to the test site. If you give or receive help from anyone during testing, the test will be stopped, your test will not be scored, you will be dismissed from the testing room, you will forfeit any testing fees paid, will have a NO SHOW status in our computer scoring system, and your name will be reported to the appropriate agency.

TEST RESULTS

After you have completed both the Written Test and Skill Test components your test results will be sent to the OSDH. You will be certified by the Department only after you meet all Department requirements including passing both the written and skill test components. If you fail either test component, you must reapply to retake the component that you failed. Procedures for reapplying and detailed test diagnostics are included in a failure notification letter mailed and emailed (if email address provided) to your address of record. You may access your test results on-line at www.hdmaster.com, click on Oklahoma, click on On-line Test Results, then enter your social security number, test date and birthdate. Results are available on-line after 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time the day they are scored. If you do not have internet access, a test results letter is mailed via the United States Postal Service the same day tests are scored.

WRITTEN PRACTICE TEST

Available on our web site at www.hdmaster.com we offer a free written test question of the day and a ten question online practice test. You may also purchase complete practice tests that are randomly generated, based on the State test plan, and each practice test taken will be unique. A mastery learning testing method is used. This means candidates must get the question they are attempting correct before they may move onto the next question. A first attempt percentage score and vocabulary feedback are supplied upon completion of the practice test. A list of vocabulary words to study is provided at the end of each test. Single or group purchase plans are available. Visit www.hdmaster.com for more details.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following questions are samples of the kinds of questions that you will find on the Written/Oral Test. Check your answers to these questions using the answer box below.

1. Clean linens that touch the floor should be:

- (A) Picked up quickly and placed back on the clean linen cart
- (B) Used immediately on the next resident bed
- (C) Considered dirty and placed in the soiled linen hamper
- (D) Used only in the room with the floor the linen fell on

2. A soft, synthetic fleece pad placed beneath the resident:

- (A) Takes pressure off the back
- (B) Provides warmth for the resident
- (C) Gives the resident a sense of security
- (D) Should only be used with bedridden residents

3. A resident's psychological needs:

- (A) Should be given minor consideration
- (B) Make the resident withdrawn and secretive
- (C) Are nurtured by doing everything for the resident
- (D) Are nurtured when residents are treated like individuals

Answers: 1C – 2A – 3D

OKLAHOMA NURSE AIDE VOCABULARY STUDY LIST

Words to study for your written exam

abandonment
abdominal thrust
abduction
abduction pillow
abnormal vital signs
absorption
abuse
accidents
activities
acute
adaptive devices
adduction
ADL
admitting resident
affected side

aging process
agitation
alternative therapy
Alzheimer's
ambulation
amputees
anemia
anger
anterior
antibacterial
antiembolic stockings
anxiety
aphasia
apical
appropriate response

arteries
arthritis
artificial eye
aspiration
assistive device
atrophy
axillary temperature
back strain
bacteria
bargaining
basic needs
basic skin care
bathing
bed cradle
bed height

bed making
bed position
bedpan
bedrest
behavioral care plan
biohazard
bladder training
bleeding
blindness
blood pressure
body alignment
body fluids
body language
body mechanics
bone loss
bowel program
breathing
brittle bones
broken equipment
call light
cancer
cane
cardiac arrest
cardiovascular system
care impaired
care plan
cataracts
catheter care
cc's in an ounce
central nervous system
charge nurse
chemotherapy
choking
chronic
circulation
cleaning
clear liquid diet
cold compress
colostomy
combative resident
communication
compensation
competency evaluation
program
compressions
confidentiality
confused resident
congestive heart failure
constipation
constrict
contact isolation
contamination
contracture
converting measures
COPD
CPR
cross contamination

cueing
CVA
cyanotic
death and dying
decubitus ulcer
deeper tissue
dehydration
delusions
dementia
denial
dentures
depression
diabetes
diabetic
dialysis
diastolic
diet
dietitian
digestion
discharging resident
disease
disinfection
disoriented resident
disposing of contaminated
materials
disrespectful treatment
dizziness
DNR
documentation
dressing
dying
dysphagia
dyspnea
dysuria
edema
ego-integrity
elastic stockings
electrical equipment
elevate head
elimination
emesis basin
emotional lability
emotional needs
emotional stress
emotional support
empathy
emphysema
enema
ethics
exercise
extension
extremity
eye glasses
falls
fecal impaction
feeding
fire safety

flatus
flexed
flexion
fluid intake
Foley catheter
foot board
foot care
foot drop
Fowler's position
fracture pan
fractures
fraud
frequent urination
gait belt
gastric feedings
gastrostomy tube
geriatrics
gestures
glass thermometer
gloves
grand mal seizure
grieving process
guardian
hair care
hand care
hand tremors
hand washing
health-care team
hearing aid
hearing impaired
hearing loss
heart muscle
height
helping residents
hemiplegia
hereditary
hip prosthesis
HIPAA
HIV
hospice care
Huntington's
hydration
hyperglycemia
hypertension
hyperventilation
hypoglycemia
ice bag
identifying residents
immobility
immune system
impairment
incontinence
indwelling catheter
infection
infection control
in-house transfer
initial observations

input and output
in-service programs
insulin
intake
intake and output
integumentary system
interpersonal skills
isolation
IV care
jaundice
job application
laxatives
life support
lift/draw sheet
linen
listening
living will
log rolling
low sodium diet
macular degeneration
making occupied bed
mask
Maslow
material safety data sheets
measuring height
measuring temperature
mechanical soft diet
medical record
medications
memory loss
mentally impaired
microorganisms
military time
minerals
mistreatment
morning care
mouth care
moving
mucous membrane
multiple sclerosis
muscle spasms
musculoskeletal system
nail care
nasal cannula
nausea
needles
neglect
new resident
non-contagious disease
nonverbal communication
NPO
nursing assistant's role
nutrition
objective
OBRA
occupied bed
ombudsman

oral care
oral hygiene
oral temperature
orientation
oriented
osteoarthritis
osteoporosis
ostomy bag
overbed table
oxygen
pain
paralysis
paranoia
Parkinson's
partial assistance
partial bath
passive
pathogens
patience
perineal care
peripheral vascular disease
peristalsis
personal belongings
personal care
personal items
personal protective
equipment
personal stress
pet therapy
petit mal seizure
phone etiquette
physical needs
physician's authority
plaque
plate rim
pleura
podiatrist
positioning resident
post mortem care
postural hypotension
pressure ulcers
preventing falls
preventing injury
privacy
progressive
projection
prosthesis
protective equipment
psychological needs
psychosis
pulse
quadriplegia
radial
ramps
range of motion
rationalization
reality orientation

rectal
rehabilitation
religious service
reminiscing
reporting
reposition resident
resident abuse
resident belongings
resident centered care
resident identification
resident independence
resident information
resident pain
resident treatment
resident trust
resident unit
residents
Resident's Bill of Rights
resident's chart
resident's environment
resident's families
respectful treatment
respirations
respiratory symptoms
respiratory system
responding to resident
behavior
responsibilities
restorative care
restraints
resuscitation
rights
rigidity
safety and security need
safety procedures
scabies
scale
secretions
security
seizure
self-actualization
self-esteem
semi-prone position
sensory system
sexual harassment
sexual needs
shampoo tray
sharing information
sharps container
shaving
shearing of skin
shock
side rails
Sims position
skin integrity
smoking
social needs

social worker
soiled linen
specimen
spiritual needs
stages of grief
standard precautions
sterilization
stress
stroke
strong side
subjective
suicide
sundowning
supine
supplemental feedings
swelling
systolic
tachycardia
TED hose
tendons

terminal illness
thickened liquids
TIA
tips
transfers
transport bag
treating residents with
respect
tub bath
tube feeding
twice daily
tympanic temperatures
unaffected
unconscious
unsteady
urethral
urinary catheter bag
urinary problems
urinary system
urination

urine
validation therapy
varicose veins
vision change
vital signs
vitamins
vomitus
walker
wandering resident
water intake
water temperature
waterless handsoap
weak side
weighing
weight
well balanced meal
well-being
wheelchair safety
white blood cells
withdrawn resident