

D&S Diversified Technologies



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Now available: Online Registration

Would you like a way to eliminate the 10 business day window in testing your students? Are you able to do web testing at your facility? If you answered YES to both of these questions, we have something just for you!

We have added a new section of our Instructor workshop which will occur during the first week of May. Instructors will now have the option to attend the web-instructor workshop. This is a hands-on opportunity for instructors to learn how to enter information on the web. This

means you will be able to data enter and schedule your students for a testing date in as little as 5 business days !!!

If your facility is equipped to do web testing and you would like to convert from being a paper testing location to a web testing location, please call Jessica at 877-851-2355.

To become a web testing facility you will need a minimum of 3-5 computers/ laptops with high speed internet access. Also keep in mind when scheduling your test ob-

server for your scheduled dates that THEY are web trained as well. Currently 90% of observers are web trained. If you contact an observer who is not web trained, please recommend they contact D&S so that we can schedule a training session.



Preparing your candidates...

Over the years we have stressed the importance



of preparing your students for the LNA exam. Hopefully you include mock skill testing with your students and use the tools that we provide at the instructor workshops.

Last year D&S implemented a dress code for testing. Because the LNA

is a professional exam students have been required to wear professional clinical attire. I am please to let you know that this has been a success and there have been no issues. Way to go on getting this information to your students!!!!

Upcoming Workshop Dates



There will be two instructor workshop dates scheduled for the month of May. We have added a new section to emphasize mock testing. A large portion of the workshop will be spent going over the tools to prepare a mock testing session. A review of the application and testing processes will also be covered. If you are interested in attending one of these workshop, complete the enclosed documents and return to D&S

by Friday, May 4 so that we can ensure there will be enough packets for all who wish to attend. Space is limited so please only 2 instructors/administrators per training program. Below are the dates and locations for the upcoming instructor workshops:

- Tuesday, May 8th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm @ North Country Career Center in Newport, VT
- Thursday, May 10th

from 9 am to 2 pm @ Addison County Home Health Agency, Middlebury, VT

A web interface workshop (information about this workshop located on page 1) will be held on May 11 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm @ Barre Technical Center. Space is also limited for this workshop. Please no more than 2 instructors per program.

"Education is
the best
provision for the
journey to old
age."
Aristotle

Unannounced Visits...

During the week of March 6-14 I was in Vermont performing unannounced spot checks to fixed / flexible testing sites. I am please to announce that every facility that was reviewed met the required standards to be a testing site for the LNA exam.

The facilities visited were as follows:

1. Northwest Tech Center
2. Stafford Tech Center
3. North Country Career
4. Randolph Career and
5. Springfield Health and Rehab
6. Burlington Health and Rehab
7. Addison County HHA
8. Centers for Living
9. Bennington Health and Rehab
10. Vermont Veterans Home
11. River Valley Tech
12. Berlin Health and Rehab

Tech

Way to go everyone!!!!

Please keep in mind if your facility is a fixed/flexible testing site you can receive an unannounced spot check from a D&S representative at anytime. That is just one of the reasons to make sure that everything for your students is in good working order!!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Jessica at 877-851-2355.

A note from the Vermont Board of Nursing....

The Vermont Board of Nursing is please to introduce Sandy Swenson, Licensing Board Specialist, who is now managing LNA applications, exam results, and licens-

ing. She has worked for the Board of Nursing for 7 years and is very knowledgeable! Her direct line is 802-828-3089. She and Elizabeth Hansen are working together

on LNA and education topics.



How is Vermont performing on the written exam?

Below you will find information about the Written exam details to see how the state of Vermont is performing on the written exam as of January 1, 2012 to present. The graph below outlines how the state is performing by subject area. These subject areas can be found on page 4 in the candidate handbook.

Written Overall
pass rate :
94%

All Training Programs
Written Exam Details

Safety	84%
Communication	87%
Infection Control	87%
Resident Rights	83%
Data Collection	82%
Basic Nursing Skills	84%
Role / Responsibility	91%
Disease Process	82%
Mental Health	86%
Personal Care	83%
Care Impaired	79%
Older Adult Growth and Development	87%

Skill Over-
all pass
rate :

How is Vermont performing on the skill exam?

Below you will find information about the Skill exam details to see how the state of Vermont is performing on the skill exam as of January 1, 2012 to present. The graph below outlines how the state is performing by each skill.

All Training Programs
Skill Exam Details

Skill Summary	Number of Candidates Tested		Var.
Hand washing	(191)	97%	0%
Bedpan and Output	(28)	100%	0%
Denture Care	(25)	96%	0%
Feeding a Resident	(92)	92%	0%
Positioning on Side in Bed	(33)	79%	0%
Stand-Pivot Transfer Bed to WC	(44)	95%	0%
Range of Motion Hip & Knee	(30)	97%	0%
TPR, Oral Digital	(34)	82%	0%
Mouth Care	(35)	97%	0%
Weighing an Ambulatory Resident	(33)	85%	0%
Blood Pressure	(56)	79%	0%
Partial Bed Bath - FACE / ARM	(28)	96%	0%
Nail Care One Hand	(36)	100%	0%
Ambulation with Optional Gait	(34)	91%	0%
Ambulation with Walker	(24)	88%	0%
Stand - Pivot Transfer W/C to	(33)	97%	0%
Dressing Resident	(41)	78%	0%
Range of Motion One Shoulder	(43)	95%	0%
Perineal Care Female	(13)	85%	0%
Mouthcare Comatose Resident	(3)	100%	0%
Fluid Intake	(99)	85%	0%

The overall pass rate for both written and skills is 70%

Skill Highlights for this edition...



From January 1, 2012 to the present, the following skills were most missed. This information can be found from the skill exam details enclosed in this packet.

- Positioning on Side in Bed comes in with a passing percentage of 79%.
- Blood Pressure comes in with a passing percentage of 79%
- Dressing a Resident comes in with a passing percentage of 78%.

Breaking these down further are the most missed steps on these 3 highlighted skills.

Positioning on Side in Bed:

The most missed step for this skill is “Maintains correct body alignment.” Only 64% of candidates remember to check alignment of the resident. By checking alignment the candidate must not only verbalize that they are checking alignment but, they must also make sure that the resident is in correct alignment. If the resident is not in alignment then they must reposition the resident to correct body alignment.

The next most missed step is “Candidate checks to make sure the resident is not lying on underside arm.” Only 76% of candi-



date are remembering to check.

The last most missed step is “Insures that residents face is not obstructed by the pillow.” Only 79% of candidates are remembering to do this step.

Blood Pressure

The most missed step out of this skill is “Inflates cuff 30 mmHg above the range provided by the observer.” Only 64% of candidates are performing this step.

Dressing a Resident

The most missed step on this skill is “Resident is left comfortably and appropriately dressed.” Only 66% of candidates are performing this

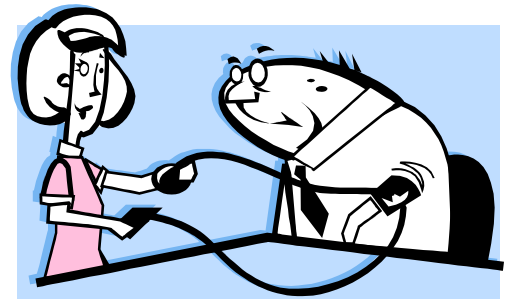
step. This means that the residents shirt would be buttoned correctly or the pants would be pulled up over the buttocks to a comfortable position. Candidates are more than welcome to assist the resident to roll over or sit up to make sure that the resident is dressed appropriately.

The next most missed step for this skill is “Keeps resident covered while removing the gown.” Only 68% of candidates are performing this step.

The last most missed step

for this skill is “Removes gown from the unaffected side first.” Only 71% of candidates are removing the gown from the correct side.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ANYTIME YOUR CANDIDATE FEELS THEY DIDN'T DO SOMETHING CORRECTLY THEY HAVE THE OPTION TO REQUEST TO REPEAT A STEP TO MAKE A CORRECTION WITHIN THE 45 MINUTES ALLOWED FOR THE SKILL



EXAM!!!!

If you have any questions over these skills or the skill exam details summary please feel free to call Jessica at 877-851-2355.



Spring is here!!!!

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providing nursing assistant testing
throughout the United States

DO YOU HAVE FEEDBACK???

If you have anything you would like
added to the next newsletter, such as
helpful tips for your instructor/colleagues
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