

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
Health Care Personnel Education and Credentialing Section  
February 2026 Newsletter**

**Open Skills Exam Seat Report:**

DHSR has posted the report online at <https://ncnar.ncdhhs.gov/saresources.html> for the months of February and March.

**Nurse Evaluators:**

Credentia is currently recruiting for a Nurse Evaluator in the Eastern Region of the State.

**Nurse Aide Practice Exam:**

Beginning May 1, 2026, Candidates will be charged a reduced fee to complete the practice examinations.

- One Practice Examination = \$12
- Two Practice Examinations (Bundle) = \$20
- Three Practice Examinations (Bundle) = \$30

**Test System Management:**

Effective January 28, 2026, Test Sites can change the status of open exam seats from In-Facility Test Seats (INF) to Regional Test Seats (RTS). This will expedite the process to make testing available to more Candidates. To convert unused test seats, select "View Event" from the "Events" tab, then scroll to the bottom of the page and click the box titled "Open INF to RTS Candidates".

**Credentia Newsletter:**

Credentia has distributed their February newsletter to all Training Programs and Test Sites. If you've not received it, then notify the DHSR Education Consultant for your region.

**DHSR/HCPEC Website:**

A new section, named Community Partners, has been added to our website.