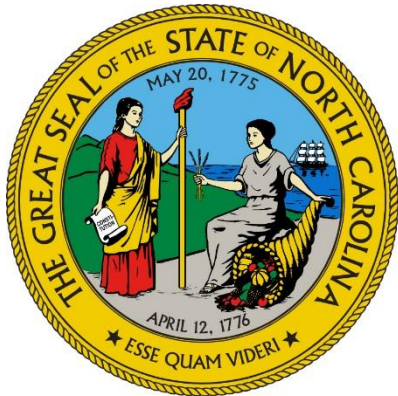


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Nurse Aide I *Education Requirements*

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General Information

- Individuals must successfully complete a state-approved Nurse Aide I Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NAT/CEP) or a state-approved Competency Evaluation Program (CEP).
- Training programs are available at selected high schools, community colleges, healthcare facilities, and private businesses in North Carolina.
- Individuals should contact the training program regarding admission requirements and program availability.

Education Requirements

Emergency Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Medical Office Assistant

- Training programs are available for Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, and Medical Office Assistants who need to learn additional skills to successfully complete the North Carolina state-approved Nurse Aide I competency evaluation but do not need to repeat skills training in some areas of the North Carolina Nurse Aide I curriculum.
- Individuals should contact the training program regarding admission requirements and program availability.

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Program Hours

- DHSR does not approve North Carolina state-approved Nurse Aide I training programs to have at minimum 75 clock hours.
- DHSR partners with training programs to determine the number of clock hours needed to have an educationally sound program that meets the demands of Nurse Aides in the workforce today.
- Per the Medicare State Operations Manual, training programs must consist of at minimum 75 clock hours of training to be approved by the State. The State has the discretion to require additional hours of training.

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Federal Register Vol.56, No.187

Per the [Federal Register Vol. 56, No. 187, September 26, 1991, pages 48896 - 48897](#), because a NATCEP is not completed until the competency evaluation program is completed, it is reasonable to state that the NATCEP has a responsibility to be available to answer questions from its students until the competency evaluation has been completed.