

## Curriculum

- If an online class is started during this state of emergency, will the class be able to finish online if state of emergency is lifted prior to completion of the course?
- Can we "flex" our NATP curriculum to doing all theory first and clinical practice after in the meantime we are waiting for other facilities to open their doors to us?
- For theory, are you requiring a plan to be submitted for review and approval?
- The school who has clinical excess can they also apply for additional lab approval as clinical just in case.
- In regard to the following requirement: Students must pass each module to gain access to another modules. Are the students to complete the modules in the numerical sequence (1-17)?

## Clinical

- What are the guidelines for clinical hours
  - NATPs and nursing facilities may also apply for waivers of other requirements not specified above, such as alternative ways to conduct clinical training such as simulation or laboratory return demonstration
  - Are we expected to meet the 100 hours per California of the minimum required from the deferral government requirements during this crisis?
  - Is it possible for California NATP program to apply the federal 75 hour minimum clinical hours to meet the clinical component during this crisis?
  - Is there a current exemption on clinical hours?
  - Will there be consideration to lower the requires 100 clinical hours during this pandemic so students will be able to graduate?
  - Are there other examples to complete clinical hours during this time?
  - What happens to the NA programs that started before the "shutdown"? How can students complete their clinical requirements in order to take the State Exam?
  - I read that schools can teach the 60 hours of nursing assistant program online. Can school do clinical hours some other way since visitors are prohibited in nursing homes?
  - Can theory and some percentage of the virtual clinical with the rest of the clinical training as a direct patient care in Fall?
  - Some high school based programs have closed, will students be able to return to finish clinical hours post executive order lift?
  - Can we use the 7 hour skills lab towards meeting clinical requirement?
  - Are you requiring a plan to be submitted for approval before implementation? what is the turnaround for approval?
  - If the SNF has already a contract with a NATP for clinical hours, do they need to notify CDPH that they will allow the NATP to conduct clinical training in their facility?
- Our CNA students have approximately 50 more clinical hours to complete; theory hours have been completed. Nursing care facilities we have agreements with are not allowing students in. Will we be allowed to waive the remainder of the clinical hours?
- CMS Guidelines
  - Are we able to use a skilled nursing facility that has a current CMS training ban during the crisis?
  - Pending approval via the facilities we are contracted with. Students are not currently allowed due to CMS guidelines, when will this be lifted?
- PPE
  - Is the program or the facility responsible for PPE for patient care?
  - What is the expectation that we provide our own PPE (many programs donated PPE at the height of the crisis)
- As facilities lift the ban for students, but dates have changed from the approved days on the program approval, so we need to submit a new request. And how soon will we get approved
- Alternative sites for training

- Can Urgent Care Clinic or Medical Clinics who hire CNA's as "Satellite facilities" for preceptorship clinical rotation (to assist in Vital signs taking, patient preparation for checkup, etc.) used for clinical hours
- Can Acute care hospital be used as a clinical site for CNA clinical??
- The CDPH, CMS, and the CA Health Corps websites have provided information on the need for health care providers, thus they are hiring students. Can you tell us if there is consideration on whether work hours can be counted toward CDPH clinical requirements?
- If a student is working as a NA at a facility, can they receive clinical hours for that and under whose supervision? How will that be monitored?
- Can work hours count as part of clinical hours required to complete CNA training if hours are signed off by Director of Nursing from place of employment?
- CDPH 5000A
  - What detail do you want submitted in lieu of clinical hours for this request?
  - What type of alternate lab hours will be accepted?
  - Does the waiver only apply to currently enrolled student group or during this crisis any new students?

### **E-learning**

- What is the process (non-pandemic related) to complete an eLearning approval from CDPH?
- Please explain CPDH definition of online and distance learning format?
- Is there a preference to synchronous or asynchronous theory?
- Can there be a model curriculum/ template as there is for the face-to-face instruction?
- Is there a preference to any Learning Management System platform? (Kahoot, Ringcentral, Zoom,
- If approval upon filing CDPH 5000 (3/2020), can a program in the Fall continue to use online instructional delivery for theory? What about clinicals?
- Can we have a TPRU approved course + an e-learning course simultaneously?
- What are the expectations for student engagement online?
- Can course work/ assignments be given in lieu of theory/clinical hours
- What are the requirements for online testing?

### **Simulation/Lab**

- When NATP submits a request for a waiver to conduct clinical training such as via simulation, the CDPH is requesting that NATP submits CDPH500A Form along with the request for waiver, however the information on the form is meant for a facility not a school. Please clarify the steps on how to apply for the waiver to do clinical simulation in lieu of going to facilities and providing direct patient care.
- Is there criteria set for allowable hours for simulation versus virtual return demonstrations?
- Is a waiver request acceptable for 30-50% of clinicals in a skills lab with the remaining percent at the clinical site, thus due to the COVID -19 and increase incidence rate in LTCs?
- Is there a current waiver of number of hours to perform virtually at not in clinical? Much like that of the BRN decreasing direct patient care to 50%
- Does CDPH have a list of recommended virtual simulation programs?
- If virtual simulation used to provide students a case study, then at home either by video or live return demonstration the care of a client with needs and improvised items (gait belt = regular belt, graduate = measure cup or post picture to demonstrate measurement) be acceptable?
- Is the approval to use simulation or return demonstration for clinical hours ONLY for this emergency or can be added to the Permanent online classes as well?
- Has CDPH issued guidance for implement social distancing if students are to return to the skills lab?

- If not allowing simulation to compensate clinical hours, how the students are going to get their certification?

### **Application/Testing**

- If clinical hours are exempt, will students be allowed to take NATP exam?
- Once all requirements are met, do we just follow the original process of submission for testing?
- What options the students have for the state test?

### **Misc. /Regulatory**

- There has been an increase rate of positive patient in LTCs. What is the best approach to students to return to clinical due to COVID-19, has CPDH mandated any guidelines?
- When will it be safe to begin enrollment of students per CPDH? Will there be guidelines released on how to implement?
- What is the advice for recently approved programs that due to COVID-19 were unable to implement first group?
- AFLs have not provided insight on the Home Health Aide Programs, Where educators find this information?
- Are SNFs aware that they can hire NAs without a certificate? If so, for how long?
- What accommodations will be made for high school CNA students since schools are closed?
- Will CDPH waive and accept Home Health and/or Hospice Care Agencies as training sites for HHA students to augment shortage of facilities that are willing to take in student trainees?
- Students are having a difficult time getting physicals and Live scan. Has this been a problem for other NATP and how is this being addressed?
- What happens if a student gets exposure to COVID-19 via exposure at facilities?
- If the NATP renewal is due in Jun 2020, Is the extension to renewal allowed?
- If we were planning on requesting more instructor approvals, will they have to be approved for online and in person instruction separately?
- Title 22 CCR section 71845(a) and (g) CEP. The electronic submission of notification to CDPH is via a simple email or Is there a specific form that CEP needs to fill out?
- If a student candidate is PUI for COVID-19, are there any regulations that will prevent the applicant from enrolling at the school, or this will be a "based on school policy" issue?
- What should we do regarding the "End Date" of course completion on the CDPH 283B forms
- Does the Section under Staff Recruitment Title 22 CCR Section 71829(a) refer to SNF's who are approved to conduct their own clinical training for CNA students or does this also apply to Adult Ed Programs that need to complete their clinical training hours in their course.
- What is a time/pause mechanism course program?
- Are CNA's able to work provisionally if they are still short clinical hours for completion?
- What type of provision allows students to go back, but not to skip forward?
- I understand that CNAs can get all 48 hours of CE via CDPH approved online classes but what about requirements for HHAs (who have given up their CNA) and are required to do 24 classroom hours within their 2 year recertification period.