





- - Prior to July 1, 2018, NATPs (except Nursing Homes) performed their own competency testing, as well as certified individuals to the LA Nurse Aide Registry.
 - ➤ Beginning 7/1/18, Prometric testing company began providing a standardized competency evaluation for any individual that desires to be certified to the LA Nurse Aide Registry



The Competency Evaluation (exam) by Prometric consists of 2 portions:

1. Knowledge (written or oral)

2. Clinical Skills (demonstration)

Test content is based on:

- Federal regulations
- Job analysis studies
- National panel of subject matter experts

Knowledge Test

- Written or Oral
- Computer based
- 50 operational (scored) questions and 10 pretest (non-scored) questions
- Timed (90 minutes)
- 4th-6th grade reading level
- Each question is weighted, so the pass score is different for each test



Clinical Skills Test

- 5 total skills
- All candidates will be scored on Handwashing and Indirect Care
- The other 3 skills are assigned randomly by the testing software
- Timed (based on skills assigned)
- Each skill has objective criteria (checkpoints) used by Nurse Aide Evaluators (NAE) to evaluate the skills performance
- Each checkpoint is weighted; the NAE inputs the results (checkpoints) into Prometric system; **software** determines pass/fail
- Must pass all 5 skills to pass





Prometric has many resources available on their website:

https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/Nurseaide/Pages/LA.aspx

Candidate Information Bulletin:

- Application instructions
- Test procedures
- Written test content (subjects on the exam)

- Clinical skills list
- Sample written test and answer key

Each of the required textbooks include all subject areas that may be tested on the competency evaluation

The Clinical Skills
Checklist on the
Prometric website
provides the checkpoints
used to evaluate the skills
performance



Testing Sites:

In-facility or Regional?

Application Process:

Who will pay for the test (and/or re-test)?



Remember:

- Passing a skill does **NOT** require **PERFECT** performance!
- The skills checklist is **NOT** to be used as a Procedure Guide...follow the curriculum!



Several other changes have occurred at the NATP desk:

- 1. LDH website: http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/directory/detail/12588
 - ⇒ Updated frequently so please check ALL links and pages periodically
- 2. Programs are being contacted to update their information
 - ⇒ Days/times instruction; policy/procedures (to include Prometric testing); curriculum; training location; etc.

- 3. Use of email as primary notification by both LDH and Prometric
 - ⇒ Ensure current contact information is correct

Please refer to the LDH website for general questions regarding your program. If your question is not answered, please contact me via email ash-leigh.garcia@la.gov or phone 225.342.5779.

For general Prometric questions (i.e., testing, application, etc.) please refer to the Stakeholder PowerPoint (found on both the LDH website and the Prometric website). Contact information for the LA account managers can be found there as well. For concerns not addressed by Prometric, please let me know. I will find the answers!

Thank you!

Questions??



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