

2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ILLNESS (COVID-19) GUIDANCE

TITLE: Guidance for Training Programs for Certified Nurse Aides

DATE: **May 27, 2021**

TIME: 7:00 AM

TO: CNA Course Administrators and Adult Care Homes

FROM: Health Occupations Credentialing
Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary State Hospitals and Facilities

SUMMARY: KDADS will allow hours worked as a CNA Trainee II to count for the 25 hours of hands on training needed to complete the training course.

GUIDANCE:

To become a licensed Certified Nurse Aide in Kansas, a student must complete a 90-hour course approved by KDADS (K.A.R 26-50-12). That course has two parts. Part I includes 20 hours of didactic or classroom training and 20 hours of supervised laboratory and clinical instruction. Part II should include 25 hours of additional classroom instruction and 25 hours of supervised clinical instruction in a licensed adult care home environment.

Under K.A.R 26-50-20, students that complete Part I of the certified nurse aide program including the nurse aid training and competency evaluation program task checklist may be employed as a nurse aide trainee II. Any individual that has been determined to have training equivalent to the nursing aide training and upon receiving written approval from KDADS. A Nurse aide trainee II can provide direct care to patients for up to 4 months from the beginning date of their CNA course or written approval from KDADS under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse.

KDADS will temporarily allow modifications to these rules under the authority of Security Howard.

1. Hours worked as a nurse aide Trainee II will satisfy the requirement for 25 hours of supervised clinical instruction in the second Section of the CNA training. The Facility Coordinator that employees the nurse aide Trainee II will provide documentation of hours worked to the student's CNA course instructor. The course instructor must provide this documentation to KDADS Health Occupations Credentialing including the student identifier and course number before allowing the student to take the qualifying exam for CNA licensure. **This modification is approved for CNA courses beginning on or before July 1, 2021.**

2. The 4-month limit on Trainee IIs providing direct patient or resident care in a health care setting was briefly extended for an additional two months for courses with start dates between Jan 1,2020 through March 19, 2020. **Courses beginning on or after March 20, 2020, the 4-month timeframe for a Trainee II period has resumed.**