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# **North Carolina Medication Aide Registry for Adult Care Facilities**

Candidate Handbook

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# Quick Reference

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**Pearson VUE®**  
**Registration and Scheduling Services**  
**North Carolina Medication Aide Adult Care**

(888) 723-6773

*Hours of Operation (Eastern Time Zone)*

*Monday through Friday 8 am – 11 pm*

*Saturday 8 am – 5 pm*

*Sunday 10 am – 4 pm*

**Call Pearson VUE to:**

- Schedule an examination
- Cancel and/or reschedule an examination
- Request an excused absence
- Ask questions about online registration

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**Go to Pearson VUE's Web site ([www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)) to:**

- Register online at <https://i7lp.integral7.com/ncna>
- Download a Candidate Handbook

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**Refer any additional questions to:**

**North Carolina**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Division of Health Service Regulation**

2709 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2709

(919) 855-3969

*Hours of Operation:*

*8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (EST)*

*1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST)*

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# Introduction

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This handbook is designed for candidates seeking Adult Care Medication Aide certification in North Carolina, leading to listing on the North Carolina Medication Aide Registry. It describes the process of applying for and taking the Adult Care Examination.

It is important that you read the entire handbook and keep it bookmarked until you are notified of your examination results.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has contracted with Pearson VUE®, a nationally recognized leading provider of assessment services to regulatory agencies and national associations, to administer the examination. Pearson VUE will develop, score, and report the results of the Adult Care Medication Aide Examination to the North Carolina Medication Aide Registry.

If you are currently a Medication Aide in a nursing home facility, this does not qualify you to be a Medication Aide in an Adult Care facility. If you are currently a Medication Aide in Adult Care facility, this does not qualify you to be a Medication Aide in a Nursing Home.

## Medication Aide Examination

Pearson VUE has developed this examination to meet the medication aide evaluation requirement of state laws and regulations.

The examination is a measure of medication aide-related knowledge, skills, and abilities. The purpose of the examination is to make sure that you understand and can safely perform the job of an entry-level medication aide.

## Exam Overview

The Medication Aide Examination consists of sixty (60) multiple-choice questions written in English. Sample examination questions are provided in this handbook.

The examination will be administered on an electronic testing system. The examination is scored immediately after you complete it, and you will leave the test center with your score report.

NCDHHS is responsible for the content of the examination and for determining the passing score for the examination, as well as for decisions regarding who is eligible to take the examination.

# Application and Scheduling

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## Online Registration and Scheduling

### How to complete exam registration:

1. Navigate to:  
<https://i7lp.integral7.com/durango/do/login?ownername=ncna&channel=ncna&basechannel=integral7>  
Or you can click on <https://pearsonvue.com/nc/medaides/>
2. Create and complete a candidate profile. Please note: Candidates who have previously been a nurse aide or long-term candidate may already have an account. If you are already listed on the Nurse Aide I or Medication Aide registry, your name must match what is currently listed with the registry.
3. Complete Medication Aide Application for Adult Care
4. Click schedule exam link on account homepage
5. Select testing location, exam date, and exam time
6. Complete payment. After payment is processed, a confirmation email will be sent to the listed email with information regarding the appointment

The candidate will need to fill in all required fields, which are preceded by an asterisk (\*), on the online form in order to create an ID and be assigned a password. Step-by-step instructions will lead the candidate through the rest of the examination reservation process.

- Payment is in the form of a credit card or pre-paid credit card (American Express, MasterCard, Visa, or electronic voucher). Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable once submitted.
- You can access the online application at <https://i7lp.integral7.com/ncna>
- If you need help or have any questions about the **application process**, contact a Pearson VUE support representative at (888) 723-6773 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone).
- **Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

## Exam Fees

There is an examination fee of \$25. **Payment will NOT be accepted at the test center.** Examination fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Exam Scheduling

For more information about scheduling, or on how to register for the examination online, please visit:

<http://www.pearsonvue.com/nc/nurseaides>

Walk-in testing is not available.

## Testing Locations

Please login and begin scheduling process to view the 44 locations available for testing.

## Holiday Schedule

The examination will not be scheduled on the following holidays or holiday weekends:

New Year's Day / Eve  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Memorial Day / Weekend  
Independence Day / Weekend  
Labor Day / Weekend  
Thanksgiving Day / Weekend  
Christmas Day / Eve

## Accommodations

Pearson VUE complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended. The purpose of accommodations is to provide candidates with full access to the test. Accommodations are not a guarantee of improved performance or test completion. Pearson VUE provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodations.

Test accommodations are individualized and considered on a case-by-case basis. All candidates who are requesting accommodations because of a disability must provide appropriate documentation of their condition and how it is expected to affect their ability to take the test under standard conditions. This may include:

- Supporting documentation from the professional who diagnosed the condition, including the credentials that qualify the professional to make this diagnosis
- A description of past accommodations the candidate has received

To requesting test accommodations, go to:

<http://pearsonvue.com/accommodations>

Then select North Carolina Medication Aide from the alphabetized list. Candidates who have additional questions concerning test accommodations may contact the ADA Coordinator at:

[accommodationspearsonvue@pearson.com](mailto:accommodationspearsonvue@pearson.com)

# Testing Process

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## Exam Procedures

You should report to the test center thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of your examination to complete registration. When you arrive at the test center, you should check in with the test center manager. At this time you will present the manager with your identification and other required documents (see Proper Identification, page 3). After the manager gathers your information, he or she will take your photograph, which will be printed on your score report.

After registration, the test center manager will assign you a seat and assist you with the testing unit. You will have an opportunity to go through a tutorial on the testing system. The time spent on the tutorial will not reduce the examination time. The test center manager will answer questions at this time, but you should be aware that the manager is not familiar with the content of the examination.

Once you are familiar with the testing system, you may begin the examination. The examination begins the moment you look at the first examination question. You will be given two (2) hours to complete the examination. After the examination time has expired, the testing unit will automatically turn off. Under no circumstances will you be permitted to work beyond the allotted time. Official scoring of your examination will take place immediately. You will leave the test center with your official score in hand.

# Cancellation and Rescheduling

## Change/Cancel Policy

To change or cancel your examination reservation without monetary penalty, you must notify Pearson VUE by phone at least one (1) business day before your scheduled examination. If you call at least one (1) business day before your scheduled examination, the fee from your first reservation will be applied to your new reservation. See the following pages for specific circumstances. Pearson VUE Customer Care Representatives are available at (888) 723-6773 from:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Eastern Standard Time)

If you call Pearson VUE less than one (1) business day before your scheduled examination, you will forfeit the full examination fee for the canceled reservation and you must pay another fee for a new reservation.

## Absence Policy

Since unexpected situations occasionally occur, Pearson VUE will consider excusing an absence from a scheduled examination in certain situations.

### Acceptable reasons for re-scheduling are as follows:

- Illness of yourself or a member of your immediate family
- Death in the family
- Disabling traffic accident
- Court appearance or jury duty
- Military duty
- Weather emergency

Requests for excused absences must be made in writing and received **within ten (10) business days** following the scheduled examination. This request must include verification of your absence from an appropriate source. For example, if you had jury duty, you must supply a copy of your court notice.

The decision of Pearson VUE will be final regarding whether an absence is excused and whether you must pay the examination fee if you are absent.

## Lateness

Plan to arrive about thirty (30) minutes before the examination starts. If you are late for your scheduled examination, or do not bring all of your required items (see *What to Bring*), you will **NOT** be allowed to test and your examination fee will **NOT** be returned.

## Weather Emergencies

Examinations will be delayed or cancelled only in emergencies. If severe weather or a natural disaster makes the test center inaccessible or unsafe, the examination will be delayed or cancelled. Candidates may call Pearson VUE at (800) 274-2615 for details on weather delays and cancellations. If the examination has been cancelled, you will be re-scheduled for the next available examination at that site.

# Exam Day

## Proper Identification

Candidates are required to bring two (2) forms of **current, not expired** official U.S. government-issued signature-bearing identification to the test site. One form of identification must be a U.S. government issued Social Security (SS) card signed and non-laminated. Medication Aide candidates who are in the armed services may use their current U.S. Military I.D. in place of a SS card. The test taker's SS number must be on the I.D. if used. The second form must be any of those listed below. Examples of proper identification include:

- Current, non-expired Driver's license
  - Candidates choosing driver's license as a form of photo id, and who do not have their new license by exam day **MUST** bring the expired driver's license AND the 20 day temporary permit.
- Military I.D.
  - The test-taker's SSN **MUST** be on the I.D.
  - Sponsor Military I.D. cards and the Dependent Military I.D. may be used as a second I.D. (one with photo) when presented with a valid SS card.
- State- or federal-issued identification card
- Passport
- Alien registration card

If a candidate fails to present proper identification, he or she may not test. Photocopies of identification will **NOT** be accepted.

The name on your identification must be the same as the name you used on the application to register for the examination. If your name has changed you must:

- Contact Pearson VUE if you are **NOT** on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry
- If you are on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry, contact Pearson VUE and the Registry

You must do this at least seven (7) business days prior to your scheduled exam. Be prepared to provide official government documentation of the name change.

**If you do not bring proper identification, you will not be allowed to test and your examination fee will not be refunded.**

## Security

If you give help to or receive help from anyone during the examination, the examination will be stopped. The incident will be reported to the NC DHHS for review, and your examination will not be scored (see *Testing Policies*).

Please note that all examination questions, each form of the examination, and all other examination materials are copyrighted by and the property of Pearson VUE. Consequently, any distribution of the examination content or materials through any form of reproduction, or through oral or written communication, is strictly prohibited and punishable by law. **Anyone who removes or tries to remove examination materials or information from the test site will be prosecuted.**

## Testing Policies

The following policies are observed at each test center.

### Lateness

Plan to arrive thirty (30) minutes before the examination starts. If you are late for your scheduled examination, or do not bring all of your required materials, you will **NOT** be allowed to test and your examination fee will **NOT** be returned.

If you are late or do not bring all your required materials, you will **NOT** be allowed to test and you will be required to re-apply and pay another examination fee (see *Cancellation* for more details).

### Electronic Devices

Cellular phones, beepers, or any other electronic devices are not permitted to be used and must be turned off during testing. There is no place for storage of personal belongings at the test center.

### Study Aids

You are not permitted to take personal belongings such as briefcases, large bags, study materials, extra books, or papers into the examination room. Any such materials brought into the examination room will be collected and returned to you when you have completed the examination. Pearson VUE is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

### Eating/Drinking/Smoking

You are not permitted to eat, drink, or smoke during the examination.

### Misconduct

If you are discovered causing a disturbance of any kind or engaging in any kind of misconduct, you will be dismissed from the examination and the incident will be reported to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

### Guests/Visitors

**No guests, visitors, pets, or children are allowed at the test center.**

## Score Reporting

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### Exam Results

When candidates complete the examination, they will receive a score report marked “pass” or “fail”. Candidates who pass the examination will receive a score report that includes information about his or her certification as an Adult Care Medication Aide in North Carolina.

To protect candidates’ privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of results, Pearson VUE does not give score information over the telephone.

### Failing

Candidates who fail the examination will receive a score report that includes a numeric score and diagnostic information relating to the general portions of the examination as well as information about retesting. If you fail the examination, your Score Report will provide you with information on how to re-take the examination. A new examination fee is required each time you re-take any part of the examination.

## Passing

Once you have passed the examination, your name will be submitted to the Adult Care North Carolina Medication Aide Registry. Once listed, you may view your name on the Registry by going to **www.ncnar.org**. If you have any questions regarding your listing on the Registry you may contact the North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) at **(919) 855-3969**.

### Duplicate Score Report

You can now request a duplicate of your Score Report. Sign in to your account. Click on the HISTORY tab. Select the exam you would like a duplicate score report for, click on “details,” and print the report.

## The Registry

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### Change of Name

**The Adult Care North Carolina Medication Aide Registry must be kept informed of your name once you become listed.**

There is no charge for changing your name on the Registry. You may notify the Registry of a name change by using the Name Change Reporting Form on the Adult Care North Carolina Medication Aide Registry website ([www.ncnar.org](http://www.ncnar.org)).

If your name changes at any time after you are placed on the Registry, you must send written notification of this change to the Registry. Please remember, however, that if you changed your name, you **MUST** provide official documentation along with your notification. Written documentation must include 1) a COPY of your signed social security card with the new name on it, AND 2) a COPY of a court-issued marriage certificate, divorce decree, or other legal document that demonstrates the name change. Your notification must include your previous name, current name, mailing address, phone number, and Social Security number. All documents provided to the Registry in support of your name change **MUST** be official and legal documents. Any documents provided may be subject to verification with the issuing source.

**Failure to inform the Registry of a name change may jeopardize your listing status.**

# Sample Questions

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- 1. A resident has an order for a drug to be given subcutaneously. The abbreviation for subcutaneous is sq. This means the drug should be given:**
  - (A) in the eyes
  - (B) in the rectum
  - (C) under the skin
  - (D) by mouth
- 2. One of the easiest and most important ways to prevent the spread of germs or infection is:**
  - (A) Wear a mask and gown
  - (B) Wash your hands
- 3. A medication ordered q8h would be given at:**
  - (A) 6:00a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
  - (B) 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
  - (C) 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
  - (D) 8:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- 4. When applying a transdermal patch, you should:**
  - (A) apply to the same site the previous patch was removed
  - (B) apply the patch to an area that the resident moves a lot
  - (C) apply the patch to an area of the body that is hairless
- 5. When should a medication aide report a medication error to the supervisor?**
  - (A) before the next medication is due
  - (B) during the end of shift report
  - (C) as soon as the error occurs
  - (D) after calling the physician

**Answer Key:** 1(C); 2(B); 3(A); 4(C); 5(C)