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## BNATP Monthly Update July 2020

1. **Please do not send emails to** both the [ross.carey-walden@illinois.gov](mailto:ross.carey-walden@illinois.gov) and the [dph.bnatp@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.bnatp@illinois.gov) addresses. I monitor both inboxes!
2. **Please include your program number on all emails!**
3. Several testing centers are open to administer the CNA certification exam as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check with SIUC at [inat@siu.edu](mailto:inat@siu.edu) for additional information on testing center openings.
4. SIUC has completed a beta test and has created a process for students to take the certification exam from their own homes. If there are no open testing sites available near your students, please contact SIUC at [inat@siu.edu](mailto:inat@siu.edu) for more information on technical requirements, etc.
5. If you hire an instructor based on education (i.e., not taking a Train the Trainer program) they **must** have four (4) CEUs or equivalent in Alzheimer's/related dementias before an instructor code is issued. This is consistently being overlooked. Work with Alzheimer's patients/residents, etc. does not meet the requirement. Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP) who have not identified themselves to the NCCDP as a retired nurse are not required to take additional CEUs as the NCCDP requires 10 CEUs for continued membership.
6. All programs are allowed to continue with online education until the State of Illinois has reached Phase 4 or August 28<sup>th</sup> (whichever is latest). ***It is likely that this will be extended since most of the long-term care facilities are still not open to students.***
7. There have been many questions about whether the Temporary Nursing Assistants (TNA) would be allowed to become certified as a CNA. The answer is: NO! Sixteen hours of hands-on/on-the-job training does not prepare them in the same way that a student completing 120 hours of BNATP education is prepared. Federal regulations require a minimum of 75 hours of education to become certified. Illinois administrative rules require 120 hours. We are researching potentially giving the TNAs some type of credit toward the application for a BNATP. Suggestions are welcome!



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8. Instructors can only be approved for all aspects of the programs. Theory, lab, Alzheimer's and clinical. Approvals are not given for fewer than all four areas. You may utilize your instructors only in specific areas, but they must meet the qualifications for full approval.

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