Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)

**Aligned Program of Study:** Nursing Services  
**Aligned Course:** Nursing Education (6000)

**Description**
The Certified Nurse Aide is a nationally known credential in nursing care and is a key stepping stone in career advancement for patient care providers. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA 1987) required states to initiate and maintain Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs and Nurse Aide Registries. The Act was designed to improve the quality of care in long-term health care facilities and to define training and evaluation standards for nurse aides who work in such facilities. The CNA credential allows a student to enter the health care field as a certified health care provider and is required, by law, for all nurse aide practitioners in Tennessee.

**Materials and Resources**
Practice tests are available at [hdmaster.com](http://hdmaster.com).

**Testing Sites**
Upon completion of a state certified CNA program, the certification exam is scheduled. Times and locations are listed at [https://www.dandsdiversifiedtech.com](https://www.dandsdiversifiedtech.com)

**Test Owner and Registration**
D&S Diversified Technologies LLP  
333 Oakland Avenue  
Findlay, OH 45840  
Phone: (877) 201-0758  
Fax: (419) 422-8327  
Email: hdmastereast@hdmaster.com

**Registration Procedures**
- From the [www.hdmaster.com](http://www.hdmaster.com) homepage, select Tennessee under the Nurse Aide column. Then, select Student/Candidate button under the Candidate Forms column.
- After selecting the test location and date choice, click the Submit Updates button at the top of the screen. Once the Submit Updates button is selected, a test notification will appear on the screen. If the test notification does not appear, the test has not been scheduled properly.
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| Type of Questions | Questions are selected from the following subject areas outlined in OBRA regulations. The subject areas and the number of questions, included in parentheses, from each subject area are as follows:  
  ● Safety (8)  
  ● Infection Control (5)  
  ● Personal Care (7)  
  ● Mental Health (4)  
  ● Care Impaired (5)  
  ● Resident Rights (5)  
  ● Communication (6)  
  ● Data Collection (4)  
  ● Basic Nursing Skills (11)  
  ● Role and Responsibility (11)  
  ● Disease Process (5)  
  ● Aging Process (4) |
| Length of Test  | Written: 90 minutes, Skills: 35 minutes |
| Price           | $96 |

For a self-guided tutorial about the Certified Nursing Assistant certification, go to:  