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Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference

There is still time to register for the Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference Working Together for Solutions to Mental Health Challenges in Long-Term Care being held Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

CEUs will be available for social workers and health facility administrators. Certificates of completion are also available. Only registered participants can request CEUs. CEUs will be given based on attendance at sessions. Attendance at all the conference sessions will award five CEUs.

Participants have the option to attend in person or virtually. A continental breakfast (muffins, bagels, coffee, tea and water) and lunch will be served. Please click the link below for more information, including the agenda, and to register. We hope to see you there!

[IDOH Healthcare Leadership Conference](#)

Long-Term Care Clinician Newsletter – NEW

The IDOH LTC Medical Director Shireesha Vuppalanchi, M.D., would like to connect with the clinicians working in long-term care facilities to provide clinically relevant information. Please have your clinicians sign up by subscribing to the clinician newsletter.

The [Long-Term Care Clinician Newsletter](#) is a free, email newsletter published by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation Commission. The purpose of the newsletter is for IDOH to provide relevant information to clinicians working in the LTC settings. [Click to subscribe.](#)

Statewide CMS Waiver Approved for NATCEP

IDOH was notified by CMS on 9/29/2022 of approval of our statewide waiver request for NATCEP to allow more time to certify nurse aides beyond the current deadline of Oct. 6, 2022. **The approval of this waiver is valid until the end of the PHE or March 29, 2023, whichever comes first.** Even with this approved waiver, there should be no delay in attempting to get nurse aides trained and tested promptly.

Please continue to report your nurse aides working, who are not yet certified, on the [REDCap Nurse Aide in Training Registry](#). During the time this waiver is in effect, IDOH must provide CMS with monthly reports on the status of our NATCEP and will need to continue to monitor capacity issues related to training and testing of nurse aides and attempt to resolve any issues identified.

Any questions regarding the Nurse Aide in Training Registry or the CMS waiver may be directed to Suzanne Williams at suwilliams@isdh.in.gov.

Ivy Tech Recruiting Nurse Aide Training Program Directors for Field Testing

Ivy Tech is reaching out to program directors who are interested in performing CNA Skills testing on behalf of the college's agreement with Indiana Department of Health to supplement the pool of field proctors.

- Program directors must be listed as an NAT-approved director at an approved NAT program site
- Program directors must NOT proctor candidates from their own program site
- Program directors must meet all the requirements on the Field Proctor Test Administrator job description, including status as a registered nurse
- Ivy Tech reserves the right to use, or cease utilizing, program director field proctors at its sole discretion

- Program directors will typically be identified in geographic areas where additional field proctor coverage is most needed
- Sessions will be conducted at other facilities and/or at local Ivy Tech campuses depending on need
- Program directors will attend required training session with existing field proctor prior to first session
- Program directors will be considered temporary part-time employees of the college and will be compensated at an hourly rate

Interested candidates should fill out this information form: <https://forms.gle/2YuUHEYJ6mZZZTCq7>

Updated Long-Term Care Survey Area Map

There have been some recent changes in supervisors of long-term care surveyors. Erica Ruder is no longer with IDOH, and Winter Hyde is the new survey supervisor for Area 4. However, Hyde is on leave so Area 4 is being covered temporarily by Area 3 Supervisor Christine Fodrea. Area 5 supervisor Nicole Shrader has changed her name to Nicole Richmond. Please refer to the [survey area map](#) for all the survey areas, area supervisor names and contact information.