



## BRIDGE NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM: APPLICANT PROCESS

Wisconsin Department of Health Services / Division of Quality Assurance

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Bridge Nurse Aide Training Programs (Bridge NATPs) are designed for individuals who received nurse aide training of less than 120-hours in another state that, when combined with a 45-hour instructional Bridge NATP in Wisconsin, will result in training that is substantially equivalent to that obtained through a 120-hour NATP in Wisconsin, per Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 129.03(30m)(b). Individuals who wish to be licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a nurse aide via participation in a Bridge NATP must follow the process outlined below.

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### PROCESS

1. Complete the “Registry Out-of-State Application” form. This form is available on Pearson VUE’s website at [www.pearsonvue.com/wi/nurseaides/](http://www.pearsonvue.com/wi/nurseaides/). (Scroll down to “Test Taker Services.”)
2. Mail the completed application with the required documentation to the state nurse aide registry where the applicant is currently registered or where the applicant trained as a nurse aide. A complete list of state nurse aide registries is available on Pearson VUE’s website at [www.pearsonvue.com/wi/nurseaides/](http://www.pearsonvue.com/wi/nurseaides/). (Scroll down to “Registry Services.”)

Applicants transferring from **California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, or Pennsylvania** must mail their application directly to:

Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
Division of Quality Assurance  
Office of Caregiver Quality  
PO Box 2969  
Madison, WI 53701

**NOTE:** The Department of Health Services (DHS) is unable to accept faxed or emailed versions of the application.

DHS will review applications received for completeness.

- If the information submitted does not satisfy Wisconsin’s nurse aide training requirements, the request will be denied and the applicant will be notified.
- If the application is complete, an “approval letter to enroll” in a Wisconsin-approved Bridge NATP will be mailed to the applicant by DHS.

3. The applicant uses the “approval letter to enroll” to enroll in a DHS-approved 45-hour Bridge NATP.
4. Once the applicant completes the Wisconsin Bridge NATP, they are eligible to register for the Wisconsin nurse aide competency exam for placement on the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry.