

July 27, 2009

Dear School Director:

The purpose of this letter is to notify all career schools offering Nurse Aide/Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP) that the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has adopted new rules concerning these programs. Effective May 1, 2008, the adopted amendment stated that NATCEP programs must ensure that trainees are not listed as unemployable on the Employee Misconduct Registry (EMR) and have not been convicted of a criminal offense listed in Texas Health and Safety Code 250.006. If they are on either registry, they cannot be employed as a certified nurse aide. Important information, including answers to common questions, can be found at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/NF/credentialing/emr/index.html>.

Because of this requirement, your catalog must now include in the entrance requirements for the Nurse Aide/Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) that **the student cannot be listed as unemployable on the Employee Misconduct Registry (EMR) and cannot have been convicted of a criminal offense as listed in Texas Health and Safety Code 250.006.**

Schools must submit catalog changes with a PS-042R by October 1, 2009. All current students must be informed of this change.

Please feel free to call or email the CSC staff if you have any questions:

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