



2020 MEDICATION ASSISTANT COMPETENCY EXAM CHANGES

(Meeting held on 9-12-19)

The annual review of the Medication Assistant (CMA) Manual Skills and Written Tests and testing procedures was established and conducted on September 12, 2019, at the meeting of the ad hoc Test Advisory Panel (TAP) at the Arizona Board of Nursing.

Background:

The ad hoc Test Advisory Panel (TAP) is made up of volunteers who are directly involved with the education or supervision of Medication Assistants. Attendees at the NA Retreat were asked if they would like to serve on this panel and selection is made based upon past attendance, past or potential contributions to the process and representation of rural/urban areas and program types. Most volunteers are offered at least one opportunity to participate on a TAP.

*Changes
Effective February 1, 2020*

KNOWLEDGE TEST

- **ACTIVE TEST BANK**
 - Current number of active test questions in the test bank is 663. 132 questions were reviewed by the panel.
- **CHANGE TO NUMBER OF TEST QUESTIONS**
 - The number of test questions on the Knowledge Test will increase from 50-55
- **PRACTICE TEST BANK**
 - Test bank update, 50 questions were reviewed and update by the panel

SUBJECT AREAS

The TAP panel reviewed the Subject Areas and recommended the number of questions in each of the areas:

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>BREAKOUT OF # OF QUESTIONS FROM EACH SUBJECT AREA ON TEST</u>
Six Rights of Medication Administration	3
Affects of Medication on Body Systems	10
Allowable Routes	3
Regulation of Controlled Substances	2
Medication Administration	10
Documentation	3
Error Reporting	3
Role/Responsibility	7
Terminology	6
Body Systems – A&P	3
Regulations	3
Resident Safety/Infection Control	2
TOTAL QUESTIONS ON TEST	55

SKILLS TASK CHANGES

The panel reviewed the skill task changes from the 2018 TAP meeting and the only changes made were to take the “side specific” references out of the Candidate Handbook on the task listings and replace with “correct” ear, eye, forearm and nostril.

11/15/19

Quinn moved, Berrigan seconded, and it was unanimously carried, accept and approve the proposed changes to the CMA Testing with an effective date of February 1, 2020.