

CNA Written Exam



To schedule:

1. Schedule your appointment at <https://ihcc.edu/schedulemytest>
2. Register (pay) for the CNA Written test at <https://indianhills.augusoft.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=1999&retURL=>
 - a. Log in or create a new profile.
 - b. Click Browse>Health and Public Safety>Long Term Care>CNA Registry Written Exam 1st, 2nd or 3rd attempt.

About the test:

- Classes or training are not required for testing. Iowa allows testers to challenge the CNA Written and Skills test.
- 2-hour time limit (no timer on the screen), 100 questions, 70 to pass.
- No calculator allowed. Tester will be given scratch paper and pencil.
- Retesting/ Tester must wait 7 days to retest the written or skills exam.
- If tester fails 3 times, they must take 75-hour class again and pass before testing for a 4th attempt.
- Tester must PASS both the skills and written within a year of each other.

Accommodations:

- The tester can request for the Natural Reader program without any accommodation documentation and can have a human reader on a 2nd or 3rd attempt if needed.
- If the tester requests additional time for testing, then that would have to be approved through our Disability Services department.

After the test:

- After passing the (CNA) written and skills tests, your name and scores are submitted to DIAL and you are automatically placed on the DCW Registry. You will receive a six-digit ID number and can verify your registry status and print your DCW card online at <https://dia-hfd.iowa.gov/> about one business week after completing the tests.
- To remain active on the DCW Registry, you must:
 - Work at least eight hours in a state-approved long-term care facility setting every two years.
 - Complete 12 hours of in-service training per year if you work as a nurse aide in a certified long-term care facility.
 - Your registry status expires if you stop working as a CNA for 24 months. You can check if you are currently active on the registry by visiting the Health Facilities website and selecting DCW Search. You can search by your registry ID number, first or last name, city, or county.

Questions:

- Contact Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry staff at DCW@dia.iowa.gov, 515.281.4077, or 515.281.0108