Advanced CNA Academy

Register now for this free, two-day training. It provides comprehensive training for nursing facility certified nurse aides and helps them understand their role in the NF and learn more about how to care for the geriatric population.

Upcoming Date and Location

- December 19-20 – Harlingen

An additional regional conference has been scheduled for May 1-2, 2019, in Lubbock. Registration for this location will be available soon.

Visit the conference web page for more information and additional conference dates. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Coming Soon - PASRR in the Nursing Facility: Putting the Pieces Together

Computer Based Training

The “PASRR in the Nursing Facility: Putting the Pieces Together” training program was presented to NF staff and other stakeholders during nine regional two-day conferences held between January and July of this year.

The updated curriculum will be available soon as a computer-based training program. More information, including a link to the CBT, will be released once the training site is operational.

Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Music & Memory Update

Phase V of the HHSC Music & Memory program kicks-off December 12. Selected NF participants will meet in Austin to receive more information about the program and to receive the equipment necessary to launch Music & Memory in their facilities.

Phase V of the program includes a research study which measures the effectiveness of the program in reducing antipsychotic medication used in NF residents with dementia. Facilities participating in Phase V have agreed to take part in and complete specific tasks related to the research study.

More information about the HHSC Music & Memory program is available here. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

APRNs in NFs

HHSC has received Civil Monetary Penalty funds for the “Providing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Services in Nursing Facilities” program. HHSC has contracted with The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing Center for Excellence in Aging Services and Long Term Care to administer the program.

With this program, APRNs will be placed in NFs selected by HHSC. The goal of the program is to determine if employment of full-time, salaried APRNs, as part of an NF care team, reduces the rates of adverse events and improves the quality of care for NF residents.
More information about the program and the NF nomination process will be available soon.

**Survey on Workplace Violence Prevention – Response Period Extended**

The DSHS Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies sent out a survey on workplace violence prevention policies and strategies to employers at the beginning of October. The deadline for response has been extended to January 15, 2019.

The survey was distributed by email to hospitals, long term care facilities, freestanding emergency centers, and home health agencies with more than 1,000 visits per year. If you have not completed the survey for your facility, you can access the survey [here](#).

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