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Community Care Foster Family Home Program



Aloha CCFFH Operators,

CTA is distributing this information on behalf of the Office of Health Care Assurance.

We are pleased to announced that DOH has approved online in-service training for all caregivers in the CCFFH program. This is effective immediately. Due to in-person trainings being unavailable during the COVID shutdown those homes that have been unable to take courses will have 3 months, until the end of October 2020, to get up to date. Those homes not yet affected are expected to keep in-service hours up to date by utilizing online courses.

Please see the guidelines below for determining whether a course you take will qualify as some online training programs that are out there do NOT qualify.

NOTE: It is important to understand that if you need training or continuing education credits for credits to continue being a certified nurse aide the following may not meet those requirements. All requirements for the 24 hours of CNA recertification meets all CCFFH in-service requirements but not vice versa.

Online In-Service Training



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Community Ties of America, Inc. provides licensure and certification on behalf of the State of Hawaii, Office of Health Care Assurance

Our website address to find forms, information and helpful tools:

<http://comties.com/HIforms.html>

OHCA website for posted surveys

<http://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/inspection-reports/>

Online training has NOT been approved for CPR or 1stAid. You can do a blended online course or take the course in person but there must be a face to face skills demonstration portion for it to be valid. **CPR/1staid: Note that most hospitals/nursing homes only accept AHA or ARC certifications when they hire healthcare personnel. If you are employed by an outside agency, make sure to follow their requirement.** OSHA also does not approve online training only and requires a portion to be hands-on. The link to OSHA is <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/2012-08-02>.

Any online course that is acceptable for nursing CEU's per the Hawaii State Board of Nursing Guidance and Information booklet will be accepted. *The courses taken by any caregiver must be pertinent to their individual CCFH and the residents of that CCFH. Caregivers must take the courses themselves and not have someone do the courses for them.* Certificates cannot be copied, and another caregivers name inserted. This would be fraud and falsifying documents and considered a serious offense.

CTA reserves the right to ask any caregiver about specifics of the training course and content they took online. All online training must produce a certificate of completion that needs to include the participant's name, course name, date taken and hours of completion, instead of an actual instructor signature (that would be obtained if taken in person) it should have something to indicate where you took it from. This is to ensure that all courses taken meet the guidelines below.

DOH has approved the following specific sites <https://cnazone.com/>- Fairly low cost at \$24.99 per year. There is an option to try one course for free.

<http://www.cnaceu.co>- Is another low-cost option, \$19.29 a year for unlimited courses. They even have a couple of free courses.

<https://www.careandcompliance.com/caregiver-state-requirements/states-a-k.html>- Has Hawaii Personal Care Aide Continuing Education (6-8 CEU hrs.), Hawaii Personal Care Aide Initial Training (18 CEU hrs.). It's a little more expensive the previous two sites listed above.

Bloodborne Pathogen - Per the HAR this is required every year (annually) although some certificates say 2 years. Any site used must be approved by the Hawaii State Board of Nursing as outlined in their guidance handbook for CEUs.

Information taken from the nursing board outlining how to recognize if the course you are taking is from an approved provider.

"Approved provider" means a local, state or national agency, institution, organization, or agency responsible for the development, implementation, evaluation, financing, record-keeping, and maintenance of a continuing education offering program or a total continuing education curriculum which may be delivered in a variety of formats, including electronic, journal, and lecture/seminar, as recognized by the board.

. (*Definition of "Approved provider" in HAR 16-89-2*)

"Recognized national certifying body" means nurse credentialing agencies accredited National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) and recognized by the Board which include, but is not limited to:

- The American Nurses Credentialing Center;
- The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board;
- The National Certification Corporation for

- Obstetric;
- The Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties;
- The Council on Certification of the American College of Nurse Midwives;
- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;
- The Council on Certification of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists;
- Or any new national certifying body or a national certifying body which is a successor to any body accredited by the NCCA or ABNS and recognized by the Board. Any modifications by the national certifying bodies, the NCCA, or the ABNS shall apply unless otherwise provided in the Board's policy and Board's rules. (*Definition of "Recognized national certifying body" in HAR §16-89-2*)

NOTE:All state certified Nurse Aide Training Programs are approved for continuing education of nurse aides and certified nurse aides. Some schools offer in-service trainings that will meet CCFH needs, some do not. You will need to check with individual schools to determine if their courses will meet your needs.

Reminder:1 and 2 bed certified homes – PCG must have 12 hours and all SCGs (including <3 hr SCGs) must have 8 hours of in-service training per calendar year (from January to December).

3 bed certified homes – PCGs and all SCGs must have 12 hours of in-service training in 12 months **OR** 24 hours of in-service training in 24 months (not calendar years)


Mahalo,

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