

**NURSE AIDE RESIDENT ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING ACT -  
IMPLEMENTATION**

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AN ACT

Amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), entitled "An act providing for Statewide nurse aide training programs relating to nursing facilities," further providing for implementation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 9 of the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, is amended to read:

Section 9. Implementation.

The department shall incorporate the resident abuse prevention training under section 3 as part of the State-approved nurse aide training programs. **Under an approved nurse aide training program, curriculum content for the theory and laboratory requirements of the training may be delivered in class, in person, online or via asynchronous, virtual reality or other digital delivery mechanism, or in a blended format which is a combination of any of the above, and must be approved by the department. The clinical hour requirements must be completed in an approved clinical setting. The department shall report annually to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Aging and Youth Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives on the progress in implementing the requirements of this section.** In addition, the resident abuse prevention training shall be extended to be part of the regular in-service education of the nurse aide, as required by section 483.75(8) of the regulations of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-203, 101 Stat. 1330). Annually, after completion of the nurse aide training and competency evaluation program, the nurse aide shall attend an in-service program that incorporates section 3 as part of the presentation. [The resident abuse prevention training component shall be included as part of the residents' rights curriculum in all nurse aide training classes and as part of the regular in-service education of the nurse aide on or before March 1, 1998.]

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 22nd day of December, A.D. 2021.

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