NORTH CAROLINA MEDICATION AIDE TEST PLAN/CONTENT OUTLINE

A. AUTHORIZED DUTIES: 10% of Test Content
Roles, responsibilities, legal aspects and limitations of MEDICATION AIDES:

a. Authorized duties for a Medication Aide including:
   i. Permitted routes of medication administration: oral, eye, ear, nasal, inhalant, transdermal, topical, vaginal and rectal.
   ii. Prohibited routes: subcutaneous, intradermal, intramuscular, and intravascular injections and medications via tubes and ostomies.

b. Medication Aide's responsibility for reporting to a nurse;

c. How to address conflict with role and authorized duty issues;

d. Medication Aide role under state regulations
   i. completed a NC Board of Nursing approved course
   ii. completed state approved competency examination
   iii. listed on medication aide registry

B. MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION: 80% of Test Content

a. Administering and charting medications:

b. Medication packaging;

c. Preparation and administration of medications by approved routes;

d. Special Circumstances for administering medications:
   i. Liquid medication;
   ii. Cutting medications;
   iii. Crushing medications;
   iv. Difficulty swallowing;
   v. Administering medications to children;
   vi. Allergies;

e. Correct medication administration procedure (Six rights):
   ii. Right client;
   iii. Right medication;
   iv. Right dose;
   v. Right route;
   vi. Right time;
   vii. Right documentation;

f. Client medication rights, including the right to confidentiality and the right to know and refuse medications;

g. Client safety and error prevention;

h. Appropriate communication with supervising licensed nurse;

i. Infection control procedures including standard precautions;

j. Use of Medication Administration Record (MAR) to:
   i. Administer medications; and
   ii. Document medication administration.

k. Medication errors and reporting techniques;

l. Auditing and inventory systems:
   i. Controlled substance counts
   ii. Disposition of unused or contaminated medications.

C. MEDICATION CONCEPTS: 10% of Test Content

Concepts in administration of medications:

a. Commonly used abbreviations;

b. Terminology and definitions;