



## **Home Care Aide National Certification Program**

The Home Care Aide Certification Program is composed of three competency-based elements:

- **TRAINING:** Seventy-five hours based on content as outlined in the Model Curriculum and Teaching Guide for the Instruction of the Homemaker/Home Care Aide *OR* a curriculum that is comparable.
- **SKILLS DEMONSTRATION:** Home Care Aide Skills Competency Assessment Checklist.
- **WRITTEN EXAMINATION:** Administered through Home Care University. The National Certification Program has provided testing for home care aides since 1990. Designed to establish a national standard for preparation of home care aides, it offers significant benefits to consumer, providers and payers.

### **Benefits to:**

#### **THE CONSUMER**

- Benefits from a higher standard of care
- Receives assurance that caregivers have met basic standards for training and competency

#### **THE HOME CARE AIDE**

- Receives a national identity through certification as a paraprofessional
- Has increased self-confidence through obtaining a credential that documents individual skills and training

#### **THE HOME CARE AGENCY**

- Has access to a national standard
- May use this program as a marketing tool
- Utilizes the program as a cost-effective mechanism for meeting the OBRA requirements
- Utilizes the national data base to validate home care aide certification at time of hiring

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