



News Brief

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Drug Takeback Day 2017



October 28, 2017 marks the fourteenth National Prescription Drug Takeback Day in Virginia.

[Find a drug takeback location near you.](#)

The DEA's [Partnership Toolbox](#) provides a number of useful materials are available for download and distribution.

Practitioners can view [a letter from the Director](#) of the Department of Health Professions.

Pending Regulatory Actions

A Periodic Review is underway for the **Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing Home Administrators** (18 VAC 95 – 20 et seq.) and the **Regulations Governing the Practice of Assisted Living Facility Administrators** (18 VAC 95 – 30 et seq.).

PLEASE NOTE: A Public Comment Period on the Board's Proposed Regulations is currently open from August 23, 2017, to October 22, 2017.

To view the text of the proposed regulatory changes or to access the Public Comment Forum for this pending action, please visit **The Virginia Regulatory Townhall Website** at <http://townhall.virginia.gov>.



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATOR BOARDS (NAB)

NAB Launches *NABVerify* with Two New Products: The CE Registry and the Health Services Executive™ (HSE) Qualification

NAB has launched two new products for administrator licensees: The CE Registry and the Health Services Executive™ (HSE) qualification.

→ **CE Registry** - The NAB CE Registry system will enable long-term care administrator licensees to track continuing education (CE) courses, including both CE approved by NAB's National Continuing Education Review Service (NCERS) and non-NCERS approved CE. The system is offered free of charge to licensees. Interested licensees can visit the NAB website and sign up for a new NAB user account through the member login section.

→ **Health Services Executive™ (HSE) Qualification** - The NAB Health Services Executive™ (HSE) is a broad based qualification for administrators who meet education, examination, and experience requirements. Licensees interested in applying for the HSE can visit the NAB website. **Please Note: NAB is offering a grandfathering provision and exam discounts to early applicants through January 31, 2018. The grandfathering provisions can be found on the NAB website at: <https://www.nabweb.org/health-services-executive>.**

For more information on these two products, [please view the flyer from NAB](#), or visit the NAB website at www.nabweb.org.

Attention Exam Candidates and Prospective Examinees:

In July 2015, NAB transitioned its examinations to a new structure: examinees will need to pass a 100-item Core of Knowledge exam and a 50-item Line of Service exam (NHA, RC/AL, or HCBS).

As part of that transition, NAB released a revised [NAB Exam Candidate Handbook](#), with information on the new exam structure, the core exam, and all line of service exams.

NAB has also released a new [digital study guide](#), with an outline of key materials, tips for studying, a glossary of terms, and practice questions.

Connect with NAB on Social Media – On Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Receive the latest updates from NAB on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



Voluntary Preceptor Directory – Available on Board’s Website

The Board understands that finding a licensed Preceptor can be difficult for someone trying to complete the Administrator-in-Training (AIT) Program. To facilitate this process, the Board offers a Voluntary Preceptor Directory as a resource for both Preceptors and AITs. The Directory contains the contact information of registered Preceptors who have volunteered to list their information in a public directory.*

To view the current Preceptor Directory, click on the following link: [Preceptor Directory](#)

If you are a registered preceptor and are interested in adding your name and contact information to the Registry, please contact the Board.

**Please note that Preceptor Director does not constitute an endorsement by the Board of the preceptors listed; rather it is intended as an informational resource.*

Health Workforce Data Center – 2017 Survey Reports for NHA and ALFA

During each renewal cycle, licensees are asked to participate in a surveys to obtain data about the administrator workforce in Virginia. The findings of the surveys are published each year and provide a statewide look at both the Nursing Home Administrator and the Assisted Living Facility Administrator professions. The links to the most recent 2017 Survey Reports are provided below:

[Virginia's Nursing Home Administrator Workforce: 2017](#)

[Virginia's Assisted Living Facility Administrator Workforce: 2017](#)

UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Virginia’s Healthcare Workforce Data Center Issues Digital Healthcare Occupational Road Map – Featuring the Assisted Living Facility Administrator and Nursing Home Administrator

To assist Virginians considering careers to meet the healthcare needs of Virginia’s 8 million residents, the Virginia Department of Health Professions’ (DHP) Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC) released its [Healthcare Occupational Roadmap](#) to

support students and others with their decision-making process. This digital tool includes overviews of more than ten career paths with modest educational requirements; projected yearly median income ranges of \$30,000 - \$60,000 or more and high job satisfaction rates.



The DHP HWDC Healthcare Occupational Roadmap contains key information about health care careers, including educational requirements, levels of job satisfaction and median income. The Roadmap includes video clips of licensed practitioners, charts and career overviews that support Executive Order 23 to advance regional and statewide information regarding workforce credentialing and educational requirements to meet the demands of Virginia's labor market.

Careers featured include **Assisted Living Facility Administrator**; **Nursing Home Administrator**; Physical Therapist Assistant; Certified Nurse Aide; Licensed Practical Nurse; Registered Nurse; Dental Hygienist; Pharmacy Technician; Occupational Therapy Assistant; Licensed Radiological Technologist; and Respiratory Therapist.

To read the full news release, click [here](#).

Nursing Home Administrator
Visit the Board's Website

Nursing Home Administrators are in charge of the daily operations of nursing homes to ensure the health and wellbeing of the residents. Administrators perform tasks such as: creating and overseeing programs, policies, and procedures; hiring and training staff; managing the budget; marketing and public relations activities; ensuring the nursing home complies with state and federal regulations; meeting with families; and working with medical and technical personnel.

Occupational Requirements

- There are three ways to qualify for a Nursing Home Administrators License. You may:
 - Obtain a Bachelor's degree or higher in health care administration, complete a 320-hour Administrator-in-Training Program (AIT), and pass the national exam.
 - Obtain a Bachelor's degree or higher in any field, complete 21 semester hours in health care administration, complete a 400-hour AIT, and pass the national exam.
 - Obtain a minimum of 60 credit hours and complete an AIT program and pass the national exam.
- A Preceptor may be found on the Virginia [Preceptor Directory](#).
- You must then complete an [application](#) for the AIT program.
- After completion of the AIT program, you must pass the [NHA Exam](#) (Nursing Home Administrator).

Current Workforce Education Levels

High School Diploma/GED	2%
Associate's	8%
Bachelor's	47%
Master's or above	43%

The median income for this career is between \$100-110k, with 96% of those currently employed receiving benefits.

86% of workers in this profession are employed. Of those who work in this field, 96% report being satisfied or very satisfied with their job.

Read the full report [EXIT](#)

Assisted Living Facility Administrator
Visit the Board's Website

Assisted Living Facility Administrators are responsible for the day-to-day management of Assisted Living facilities to ensure the health and wellbeing of the residents. The administrator's duties include: making sure the facility has sufficient, trained staff; managing the budget; advertising and marketing facility services; creating and overseeing programs, policies, and procedures; and ensuring the facility complies with state and federal regulations.

Occupational Requirements

- You must acquire a license as an Assisted Living Facility Administrator. [Click here](#) to apply online.
- Although you can get your license quicker by having a Bachelor's degree or higher, you are also able to fulfill your educational requirement by completing the Administrator-in-Training program. With as little as 30 semester hours at an accredited college you may work under the supervision of a licensed Preceptor to learn the skills of the job. The number of hours you need are shown on the [Education and Experience Matrix](#).
- A Preceptor may be found on the Virginia [Preceptor Directory](#).
- After completion of the AIT program, you must pass the national [RC/LA Exam](#) (Residential Care/Assisted Living Administrator).

Current Workforce Education Levels

High School Diploma/GED	20%
Associate's	28%
Bachelor's	20%
Master's or Above	32%

The median salary for this career is between \$60-70k, with 81% of current employees receiving benefits.

92% of workers in this profession are employed. Of those who work in this field, 95% report being satisfied or very satisfied with their job.

Read the full report [EXIT](#)

The Virginia Board of Medicine Promulgates Emergency Regulations for Opioid Prescribing - Effective March 15, 2017

In response to the escalating opioid crisis in Virginia – and recently passed [legislation](#) – the Board of Medicine has promulgated regulations on the prescribing of opioids for pain and buprenorphine for treatment of substance abuse. The emergency regulations will remain in effect from March 15, 2017 to March 19, 2018 and will be replaced by permanent regulations during that time. A letter from Dr. William Harp, Executive Director of the Board [summarizes the intent and content of these new regulations](#)

[Emergency regulations effective on 8/24/17 replace the regulations that were effective on 3/15/17. Changes are bracketed in the document.](#)

[FAQs about the Prescribing of Buprenorphine for Addiction and Opioids for Pain](#)

What is the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP)?

The Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) monitors the recovery of practitioners who may be impaired by chemical dependencies or who suffer from physical or mental disabilities. This voluntary program refers impaired practitioners to appropriate treatment and offers continuous monitoring of progress for participants.

For more information on the HPMP, please view the attached [HPMP flyer](#) or visit [the DHP website – Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program](#).

Upcoming Board Meetings – 2017 and 2018

- **December 19, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) – Board Meeting**
- **March 15, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) - Board Meeting**
- **June 28, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) - Board Meeting**
- **September 12, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) - Board Meeting**
- **December 13, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) - Board Meeting**

Be sure to check the Board's website for updated news and information.

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