NURSE AIDE CURRICULUM SKILL PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

Name: ____________________________

Measure and record temperature: Electronic Thermometer 4.01D

This performance checklist must be used by the teacher and student during skill acquisition, guided practice, and independent practice.

During skill check-off, the student must perform the skill unassisted with 100% competence.

While the course is being taught, a skill performance summary document/chart may be used to verify skills that have been completed. However, verification that the student has demonstrated competency on this skill MUST be recorded on the NATS Part II by the conclusion of the course.

Equipment: Paper, pen, electronic thermometer, probe covers, tissues, and gloves

1. Assemble equipment. Knock before entering room.
2. Address resident by name. State your name and title.
3. Identify resident. Explain procedure and obtain permission.
5. Provide for resident safety. Position bed at best level for body mechanics.
6. Put on gloves if contamination possible.
7. Remove appropriate colored probe from stored position and insert into disposable probe cover.
   Insert covered probe into mouth, axilla, or rectum as required.
8. □ Probe should be lubricated for rectal temperature.
□ Red probe is for rectal temperatures
□ Blue probe is for oral temperatures or axillary temperatures
9. Hold probe in place.
10. Wait for signal indicating temperature reading is complete.
11. Remove probe, eject, and discard probe cover. Do not touch probe cover.
12. Return probe to its stored position
13. Record resident’s name and temperature on notepad using R or A as appropriate.
14. Remove gloves, if worn, and wash hands.
15. Lower bed. Provide for comfort with call signal in reach.
16. Return thermometer to appropriate place.
17. Record temperature and report any abnormal reading to supervisor.

Instructor’s Initials: ____________________________________________ Date: ______________