

month previous to the meeting; at this meeting it shall be their duty to examine all applicants for registration under this Act to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care of the sick; upon filing application for examination and registration, each applicant shall deposit a fee of five dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is twenty-three years of age, is of good moral character, has received the equivalent of a high school education, and has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital where three years of training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital, or has graduated from a training school in connection with a hospital of good standing supplying a systematic three years' training correspondence to the above standards, which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals.

Qualifications
of applicant.

Graduates of
training
schools.

Permitted to
register.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all nurses graduating before June 1, 1906, possessing the above qualifications, shall be permitted to register without examination, upon payment of registration fee; nurses who shall show to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners that they are graduates of training schools connected with a general hospital or sanitarium giving two years' training, or prior to the year 1897 having given one year's training, and who maintain in other respects proper standards, and are engaged in professional nursing at the date of the passage of this Act, or have been engaged in nursing five years after graduation, prior to the passage of this Act, also those who are in training at the time of the passage of this Act, and shall graduate hereafter, and possess the above qualifications, shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided such application be made before June 1, 1906. Graduates of training schools in connection with special hospitals, giving a two years' course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1906; or said graduates shall be eligible for registration prior to said date upon passing a special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training school from which they have been graduated. And it shall be unlawful after the expiration of that time for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in this State; a nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse;" no other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R. N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

Eligible for
registration.