

(b) "Approved nursing assistant training program" means a course of training that meets the basic nursing assistant curriculum prescribed and approved by the Board.

(c) "Board" means the State Board of Nursing.

(d) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Board to practice as a certified nursing assistant in the State.

(e) "Certified medicine aide" means a [certified] GERIATRIC nursing assistant who has completed a 60-hour, State-approved course in medication administration.

(f) "Certified nursing assistant":

(1) Means an individual regardless of title who routinely performs nursing tasks delegated by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for compensation OR SATISFIES THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN § 8-6A-05(D) OF THIS TITLE; and

(2) Does not include a medication assistant.

(g) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(H) "GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANT" MEANS A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANT MANDATED UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.

[(h)](I) "Medication assistant" means an individual who has completed the 16-hour course in medication administration approved by the Board.

8-6A-05.

(a) The Board shall adopt regulations establishing [the qualifications for certification as a certified nursing assistant]:

(1) CATEGORIES OF CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS, INCLUDING ~~BUT NOT LIMITED TO~~ GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANTS, HOME HEALTH AIDES, SCHOOL HEALTH AIDES, DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS, INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES, AND MEDICINE AIDES;

(2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH CATEGORY OF CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT; AND

(3) STANDARDS FOR QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING THE APPLICANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY, WORK RECORD, AND PROHIBITIONS AGAINST BEHAVIOR WHICH MAY BE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL TO PATIENTS.

(b) To qualify for certification AS A NURSING ASSISTANT OR A NURSING ASSISTANT IN A SPECIFIC CATEGORY, an applicant shall meet the requirements set by the Board.