

[(3)](4) 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] ASSISTANT, a nursing assistant in a specific category, OR A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, an applicant shall meet the requirements set by the Board.

(c) (1) An applicant for a certificate shall:

(i) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires;

(ii) Provide evidence, as required by the Board, of successful completion of an approved nursing assistant training program OR AN APPROVED COURSE IN MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION;

(iii) Pay to the Board an application fee set by the Board; [and]

(iv) Be of good moral character; ~~AND~~

(v) BE AT LEAST 18 16 YEARS OLD TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A NURSING ASSISTANT; AND

(VI) BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

(2) An applicant for certification as a certified medicine aide, in addition to the requirements under subsection (c)(1) of this section, shall submit an additional application to that effect to the Board on the form that the Board requires.

(3) An applicant for a certificate may not:

(i) Have committed any act or omission that would be grounds for discipline or denial of certification under this subtitle; and

(ii) Have a record of abuse, negligence, misappropriation of a resident's property, or any disciplinary action taken or pending in any other state or territory of the United States against the certification of the nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN in the state or territory.

[(d) The Board shall waive the requirement for successful completion of an approved nursing assistant training program under subsection (c) of this section for any applicant who applies for certification under this subtitle by July 1, 2002 and submits evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Holds current registration in good standing as a geriatric nursing assistant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department under § 19-308.1 of the Health - General Article; or

(2) In the last 2 years has practiced for at least 1,000 hours as a nursing assistant.]