

[(2)] (3) Qualifications for each category of certified nursing assistant AND SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANT; and

[(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]**, a nursing assistant in a specific category, **OR A SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANT WITHIN A SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF NURSING ASSISTANT**, 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;

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

(iv) Be of good moral character.

(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 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.