(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 subtitle; 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.

(i)   "Medication assistant" means an individual who has completed the 16–hour course in medication administration approved by the Board.

(J)   "SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANT" MEANS A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT WHO MAY PERFORM ADDITIONAL TASKS BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BOARD–APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN A SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF NURSING ASSISTANT.

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(a)   The Board shall adopt regulations establishing:

(1)   Categories of certified nursing assistants, including geriatric nursing assistants, home health aides, school health aides, dialysis technicians, individuals working in developmental disabilities administration facilities, and medicine aides;

(2)   CATEGORIES OF SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANTS IN THE FOLLOWING SETTINGS:

(I)   LICENSED NURSING HOMES; AND

(II)   LICENSED DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION ALTERNATIVE LIVING UNITS;

[(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;