

Initial Geriatric Nursing Assistant (GNA) Certification

To obtain initial GNA certification:

- A. Complete an approved GNA course;
- B. Obtain CNA certification from the Maryland Board of Nursing;
- C. Apply to MDGNATS for the Geriatric Nursing Assistant Examination;
- D. Results of the examination will be forwarded to the Board and MDGNATS will notify the candidate of the results;
- E. For those passing the examination, the Board will indicate on the database that the individual is certified as a GNA, which will appear on online and telephone verification.

Note: No new certificate will be issued. GNA certification will appear on the CNA certificate at the next renewal.

F. Renewal

- 1. GNA shall obtain verification from employer of the required 8 hours of work as a GNA in a comprehensive care facility in the two years immediately preceding renewal of the certification on the form and in the manner required by the Board.
- 2. Complete CNA renewal form:
- 3. If GNA or other certifications cannot be verified during processing, the individual will not receive these designations on the CNA certificate.

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