## Project 4984 - NOIRA

# **BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS**

### Periodic review

### Part I

### General Provisions

## 18VAC95-20-10. Definitions.

A. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the definitions ascribed to them in § 54.1-3100 of the Code of Virginia:

Board

Nursing home

Nursing home administrator

B. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Accredited institution" means any degree-granting college or university accredited by an accrediting body approved by the United States Department of Education.

"Active practice" means a minimum of 1,000 hours of practice as a licensed nursing home administrator within the preceding 24 months.

"A.I.T." means a person enrolled in the administrator-in-training program in nursing home administration in a licensed nursing home.

"Administrator-of-record" means the licensed nursing home administrator designated in charge of the general administration of the facility and identified as such to the facility's licensing agency.

"Approved sponsor" means an individual, business or organization approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards NAB or by an accredited institution to offer continuing education programs in accordance with this chapter.

"Continuing education" means the educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, performance and competence recognized as relevant to the nursing home administrator's professional responsibilities.

"Full time" means employment of at least 35 hours per week.

"Hour" means 50 minutes of participation in a program for obtaining continuing education.

"Internship" means a practicum or course of study as part of a degree or post-degree program designed especially for the preparation of candidates for licensure as nursing home administrators that involves supervision by an accredited college or university of the practical application of previously studied theory.

# "NAB" means the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards.

"National examination" means a test used by the board to determine the competence of candidates for licensure as administered by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards NAB or any other examination approved by the board.

"Preceptor" means a nursing home administrator currently licensed and registered or recognized by a nursing home administrator licensing board to conduct an administrator-intraining (A.I.T.) program.

## 18VAC95-20-80. Required fees.

A. The applicant or licensee shall submit all fees below that apply:

1. A.I. I. program application	\$215
2. Preceptor application	\$65
3. Licensure application	\$315

4. Verification of licensure requests from other states	\$35
5. Nursing home administrator license renewal	\$315
6. Preceptor renewal	\$65
7. Penalty for nursing home administrator late renewal	\$110
8. Penalty for preceptor late renewal	\$25
9. Nursing home administrator reinstatement	\$435
10. Preceptor reinstatement	\$105
11. Duplicate license	\$25
12. Duplicate wall certificates	\$40
13. Reinstatement after disciplinary action	\$1,000

B. For the first renewal after the effective date of this regulation, the following one time shortfall assessment shall apply:

1. Nursing home license renewal	<del>\$100</del>
2. Preceptor renewal	<del>\$20</del>

# 18VAC95-20-175. Continuing education requirements.

A. In order to renew a nursing home administrator license, an applicant shall attest on his renewal application to completion of 20 hours of approved continuing education for each renewal year.

- 1. Up to 10 of the 20 hours may be obtained through Internet or self-study courses and up to 10 continuing education hours in excess of the number required may be transferred or credited to the next renewal year.
- 2. Up to two hours of the 20 hours required for annual renewal may be satisfied through delivery of services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services. One hour of continuing education may be credited for one hour of providing such volunteer services, as documented by the health department or free clinic.

- 3. A licensee is exempt from completing continuing education requirements and considered in compliance on the first renewal date following initial licensure.
- B. In order for continuing education to be approved by the board, it shall (i) be related to health care administration and shall be approved or offered by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) NAB, an accredited institution, or a government agency, or (ii) as provided in subdivision A 2 of this section.
  - C. Documentation of continuing education.
    - 1. The licensee shall retain in his personal files for a period of three renewal years complete documentation of continuing education including evidence of attendance or participation as provided by the approved sponsor for each course taken.
    - 2. Evidence of attendance shall be an original document provided by the approved sponsor and shall include:
      - a. Date or dates the course was taken;
      - b. Hours of attendance or participation;
      - c. Participant's name; and
      - d. Signature of an authorized representative of the approved sponsor.
    - 3. If contacted for an audit, the licensee shall forward to the board by the date requested a signed affidavit of completion on forms provided by the board and evidence of attendance or participation as provided by the approved sponsor.
- D. The board may grant an extension of up to one year or an exemption for all or part of the continuing education requirements due to circumstances beyond the control of the administrator, such as a certified illness, a temporary disability, mandatory military service, or

officially declared disasters. The request for an extension shall be received in writing and granted by the board prior to the renewal date.

#### 18VAC95-20-180. Late renewal.

A. A person who fails to renew his license or preceptor registration by the expiration date shall, within one year of the initial expiration date:

- 1. Return the renewal notice or request renewal in writing to the board; and
- 2. Submit the applicable renewal fee and penalty late fee.
- B. The documents required in subsection A of this section shall be received in the board office within one year of the initial expiration date. Postmarks shall not be considered.

18VAC95-20-200. Reinstatement for nursing home administrator license or preceptor registration.

- A. The board may reinstate a nursing home administrator license or preceptor registration that was not renewed within one year of the initial expiration date.
- B. An applicant for nursing home administrator license reinstatement shall apply on a reinstatement form provided by the board, submit the reinstatement fee, and provide one of the following:
  - 1. Evidence of the equivalent of 20 hours of continuing education for each year since the last renewal, not to exceed a total of 60 hours.
  - 2. Evidence of active practice in another state or U.S. jurisdiction or in the U.S. armed services during the period licensure in Virginia was lapsed.
  - 3. Evidence of requalifying for licensure by meeting the requirements prescribed in 18VAC95-20-220 or 18VAC95-20-225.

C. An applicant for preceptor reinstatement shall apply on a reinstatement form provided by the board, submit the reinstatement fee, and meet the current requirements for a preceptor in effect at the time of application for reinstatement.

D. Any person whose license or registration has been suspended, revoked, or denied renewal by the board under the provisions of 18VAC95-20-470 shall, in order to be eligible for reinstatement, (i) submit a reinstatement application to the board for a license, (ii) pay the appropriate reinstatement fee, and (iii) submit any other credentials as prescribed by the board. After a hearing, the board may, at its discretion, grant the reinstatement.

### Part III

## Requirements for Licensure

### 18VAC95-20-220. Qualifications for initial licensure.

One of the following sets of qualifications is required for licensure as a nursing home administrator:

- 1. Degree and practical experience. The applicant shall (i) hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in a health care-related field that meets the requirements of 18VAC95-20-221 from an accredited institution; (ii) have completed not less than a 320-hour internship that addresses the Domains of Practice as specified in 18VAC95-20-390 in a licensed nursing home as part of the degree program under the supervision of a preceptor; and (iii) have received a passing grade on the national examination;
- 2. Certificate program. The applicant shall (i) hold a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university; (ii) successfully complete a program with a minimum of 21 semester hours study in a health care-related field that meets the requirements of 18VAC95-20-221 from an accredited institution; (iii) successfully complete not less than a 400-hour internship that addresses the Domains of Practice as specified in 18VAC95-

20-390 in a licensed nursing home as part of the certificate program under the supervision of a preceptor; and (iv) have received a passing grade on the national examination; er

- 3. Administrator-in-training program. The applicant shall have (i) successfully completed an A.I.T. program which meets the requirements of Part IV (18VAC95-20-300 et seq.) of this chapter, and (ii) received a passing grade on the national examination, and (iii) completed the Domains of Practice form required by the board; or
- 4. Health Services Executive (HSE) credential. The applicant shall provide evidence that he has met the minimum education, experience, and examination standards established by NAB for qualification as a Health Services Executive.

# 18VAC95-20-221. Required content for coursework.

To meet the educational requirements for a degree in a health care-related field, an applicant must provide a <u>an official</u> transcript from an accredited college or university that documents successful completion of a minimum of 21 semester hours of coursework concentrated on the administration and management of health care services to include a minimum of three semester hours in each of the content areas in subdivisions 1 through 4 of this section, six semester hours in the content area set out in subdivision 5 of this section, and three semester hours for an internship.

1. Resident <u>centered</u> care and quality of life: Course content shall address program and service planning, supervision and evaluation to meet the needs of patients, such as (i) nursing, medical and pharmaceutical care; (ii) rehabilitative, social, psycho-social and recreational services; (iii) nutritional services; (iv) safety and rights protections; (v) quality assurance; and (vi) infection control.

- 2. Human resources: Course content shall focus on personnel leadership in a health care management role and must address organizational behavior and personnel management skills such as (i) staff organization, supervision, communication and evaluation; (ii) staff recruitment, retention, and training; (iii) personnel policy development and implementation; and (iv) employee health and safety.
- 3. Finance: Course content shall address financial management of health care programs and facilities such as (i) an overview of financial practices and problems in the delivery of health care services; (ii) financial planning, accounting, analysis and auditing; (iii) budgeting; (iv) health care cost issues; and (v) reimbursement systems and structures.
- 4. Physical environment and atmosphere Environment: Course content shall address facility and equipment management such as (i) maintenance; (ii) housekeeping; (iii) safety; (iv) inspections and compliance with laws and regulations; and (v) emergency preparedness.
- 5. Leadership and management: Course content shall address the leadership roles in health delivery systems such as (i) government oversight and interaction; (ii) organizational policies and procedures; (iii) principles of ethics and law; (iv) community coordination and cooperation; (v) risk management; and (vi) governance and decision making.

## 18VAC95-20-225. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement.

The board may issue a license to any person who:

- 1. Holds a current, unrestricted license from any state or the District of Columbia; and
- 2. Meets one of the following conditions:
  - a. Has practiced nursing home administration for one year been engaged in active practice as a licensed nursing home administrator; or

b. Has education and experience equivalent to qualifications required by this chapter and has provided written evidence of those qualifications at the time of application for licensure.

# 18VAC95-20-230. Application package.

- A. An application for licensure shall be submitted after the applicant completes the qualifications for licensure.
- B. An individual seeking licensure as a nursing home administrator or registration as a preceptor shall submit:
  - 1. A completed application as provided by the board;
  - 2. Additional documentation as may be required by the board to determine eligibility of the applicant;
  - 3. The applicable fee;
  - 4. An attestation that he has read and understands and will remain current with the applicable Virginia laws and regulations relating to the administration of nursing homes; and
  - 5. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
- C. With the exception of school transcripts, examination scores, the NPDB report, employer verifications, and verifications from other state boards, all parts of the application package shall be submitted at the same time. An incomplete package shall be retained by the board for one year, after which time the application shall be destroyed and a new application and fee shall be required.

## Part IV

# Administrator-In-Training Program

## 18VAC95-20-300. Administrator-in-training qualifications.

- A. To be approved as an administrator-in-training, a person shall:
  - 1. Have received a passing grade on a total of 60 semester hours of education from an accredited institution;
  - 2. Obtain a registered preceptor to provide training;
  - 3. Submit the fee prescribed in 18VAC95-20-80;
  - 4. Submit the application and Domains of Practice form provided by the board; and
  - 5. Submit additional documentation as may be necessary to determine eligibility of the applicant and the number of hours required for the A.I.T. program.
- B. With the exception of school transcripts, all required parts of the application package shall be submitted at the same time. An incomplete package shall be retained by the board for one year after which time the application shall be destroyed and a new application and fee shall be required.

# 18VAC95-20-340. Supervision of trainees.

- A. Training shall be under the supervision of a preceptor who is registered or recognized by a licensing board.
  - B. A preceptor may supervise no more than two A.I.T.'s at any one time.
  - C. A preceptor shall:
    - 1. Provide direct instruction, planning and evaluation in the training facility;

- 2. Shall be routinely present with the trainee in the training facility <u>as appropriate to the</u> experience and training of the A.I.T. and the needs of the residents in the facility; and
- 3. Shall continually evaluate the development and experience of the A.I.T. to determine specific areas in the Domains of Practice that need to be addressed.

## 18VAC95-20-380. Qualifications of preceptors.

A. To be registered by the board as a preceptor, a person shall:

- 1. Hold a current, unrestricted Virginia nursing home administrator license and be employed full time as an administrator of record in a training facility for a minimum of two of the past three years immediately prior to registration;
- 2. Provide evidence that he has completed the online preceptor training course offered by NAB; and
- 2.3. Meet the application requirements in 18VAC95-20-230.

## B. To renew registration as a preceptor, a person shall:

- 1. Hold a current, unrestricted Virginia nursing home license and be employed by or have an agreement with a training facility for a preceptorship; and
- 2. Meet the renewal requirements of 18VAC95-20-170.

## **18VAC95-20-390.** Training plan.

Prior to the beginning of the A.I.T. program, the preceptor shall develop and submit for board approval a training plan that shall include and be designed around the specific training needs of the administrator-in-training. The training plan shall address the Domains of Practice approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards NAB that is in effect at the time the training program is submitted for approval. An A.I.T. program shall include training in each of the learning areas in the Domains of Practice.

### 18VAC95-20-430. Termination of program.

A. If the A.I.T. program is terminated prior to completion, the trainee and the preceptor shall each submit a written explanation of the causes of program termination to the board within five working 10 business days.

B. The preceptor shall also submit all required monthly progress reports completed prior to termination.

### Part V

Refusal, Suspension, Revocation, and Disciplinary Action

## 18VAC95-20-470. Unprofessional conduct.

The board may refuse to admit a candidate to an examination, refuse to issue or renew a license <u>or registration</u> or approval to any applicant, suspend a license for a stated period of time or indefinitely, reprimand a licensee <u>or registrant</u>, place his license <u>or registration</u> on probation with such terms and conditions and for such time as it may designate, impose a monetary penalty, or revoke a license <u>or registration</u> for any of the following causes:

- 1. Conducting the practice of nursing home administration in such a manner as to constitute a danger to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents, staff, or public;
- 2. Failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws and regulations governing the operation of a nursing home;
- 3. Conviction of a felony or any misdemeanor involving abuse, neglect or moral turpitude;
- 4. Violating or cooperating with others in violating any of the provisions of Chapters 1 (§ 54.1-100 et seq.), 24 (§ 54.1-2400 et seq.), and this chapter 31 (§ 54.1-3100 et seq.) or regulations of the board; or

- 5. Inability to practice with <u>reasonable</u> skill or safety <u>by reason of illness, substance</u> <u>abuse, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;</u>
- 6. Abuse, negligent practice, or misappropriation of a resident's property;
- 7. Entering into a relationship with a resident that constitutes a professional boundary violation in which the administrator uses his professional position to take advantage of the vulnerability of a resident or his family, to include actions that result in personal gain at the expense of the resident, an inappropriate personal involvement or sexual conduct with a resident;
- 8. The denial, revocation, suspension or restriction of a license to practice in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory;
- 9. Assuming duties and responsibilities within the practice of nursing home administration without adequate training or when competency has not been maintained;
- 10. Obtaining supplies, equipment, or drugs for personal or other unauthorized use;
- 11. Falsifying or otherwise altering resident or employer records, including falsely representing facts on a job application or other employment-related documents;
- 12. Fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or seeking reinstatement of a license; or
- 13. Employing or assigning unqualified persons to perform functions that require a license, certificate or registration.

# 18VAC95-20-471. Criteria for delegation of informal fact-finding proceedings to an agency subordinate. (Repealed.)

A. Decision to delegate. In accordance with § 54.1-2400 (10) of the Code of Virginia, the board may delegate an informal fact-finding proceeding to an agency subordinate upon

determination that probable cause exists that a practitioner may be subject to a disciplinary action.

B. Criteria for delegation. Cases that may not be delegated to an agency subordinate include violations of standards of practice as set forth in subdivisions 1, 3 and 5 of 18VAC95-20-470, except as may otherwise be determined by a special conference committee of the board.

### C. Criteria for an agency subordinate.

- 1. An agency subordinate authorized by the board to conduct an informal fact-finding proceeding may include current or past board members and professional staff or other persons deemed knowledgeable by virtue of their training and experience in administrative proceedings involving the regulation and discipline of health professionals.
- 2. The executive director shall maintain a list of appropriately qualified persons to whom an informal fact-finding proceeding may be delegated.
- 3. The board may delegate to the executive director the selection of the agency subordinate who is deemed appropriately qualified to conduct a proceeding based on the qualifications of the subordinate and the type of case being heard.

### Part I

### **General Provisions**

### 18VAC95-30-10. Definitions.

A. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the definitions ascribed to them in § 54.1-3100 of the Code of Virginia:

"Assisted living facility"

"Assisted living facility administrator"

"Board"

B. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Accredited institution" means any degree-granting college or university accredited by an accrediting body approved by the United States Department of Education.

"Active practice" means a minimum of 1,000 hours of practice as an assisted living facility administrator within the preceding 24 months.

"Administrator-of-record" means the licensed assisted living facility administrator designated in charge of the general administration and management of an assisted living facility, including compliance with applicable regulations, and is identified as such to the facility's licensing agency.

"ALF AIT" means an a person enrolled in an administrator-in-training program in a licensed assisted living facility administrator-in-training.

"Approved sponsor" means an individual, business or organization approved by NAB or by an accredited institution to offer continuing education programs in accordance with this chapter.

"Continuing education" means the educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, performance and competence recognized as relevant to the assisted living facility administrator's professional responsibilities.

"Domains of practice" means the content areas of tasks, knowledge and skills necessary for administration of a residential care/assisted living facility as approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards NAB.

"Full time" means employment of at least 35 hours per week.

"Hour" means 50 minutes of participation in a program for obtaining continuing education.

"Internship" means a practicum or course of study as part of a degree or post-degree program designed especially for the preparation of candidates for licensure as assisted living facility administrators that involves supervision by an accredited college or university of the practical application of previously studied theory.

"NAB" means the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards.

"National examination" means a test used by the board to determine the competence of candidates for licensure as administered by NAB or any other examination approved by the board.

"Preceptor" means an assisted living facility administrator or nursing home administrator currently licensed and registered to conduct an ALF AIT program.

# 18VAC95-30-40. Required fees.

A. The applicant or licensee shall submit all fees below that apply:

ALF AIT program application	\$215	
2. Preceptor application	\$65	
3. Licensure application	\$315	
4. Verification of licensure requests from other states	\$35	
5. Assisted living facility administrator license renewal	\$315	
6. Preceptor renewal	\$65	
7. Penalty for assisted living facility administrator late renewal	\$110	
8. Penalty for preceptor late renewal	\$25	
9. Assisted living facility administrator reinstatement	\$435	
10. Preceptor reinstatement	\$105	
11. Duplicate license	\$25	
12. Duplicate wall certificates	\$40	
13. Returned check	\$35	
14. Reinstatement after disciplinary action	\$1,000	

B. Fees shall not be refunded once submitted.

C. Examination fees are to be paid directly to the service contracted by the board to administer the examination.

D. For the first renewal after the effective date of this regulation, the following one time shortfall assessment shall apply:

1. Assisted living facility administrator license renewal

\$100

2. Preceptor renewal

\$20

# 18VAC95-30-70. Continuing education requirements.

A. In order to renew an assisted living administrator license, an applicant shall attest on his renewal application to completion of 20 hours of approved continuing education for each renewal year.

- 1. Up to 10 of the 20 hours may be obtained through Internet or self-study courses and up to 10 continuing education hours in excess of the number required may be transferred or credited to the next renewal year.
- 2. Up to two hours of the 20 hours required for annual renewal may be satisfied through delivery of services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services. One hour of continuing education may be credited for one hour of providing such volunteer services, as documented by the health department or free clinic.
- 3. A licensee is exempt from completing continuing education requirements for the first renewal following initial licensure in Virginia.
- B. In order for continuing education to be approved by the board, it shall (i) be related to the domains of practice for residential care/assisted living and approved or offered by NAB, an

accredited educational institution, or a governmental agency, or (ii) as provided in subdivision A 2 of this section.

- C. Documentation of continuing education.
  - 1. The licensee shall retain in his personal files for a period of three renewal years complete documentation of continuing education including evidence of attendance or participation as provided by the approved sponsor for each course taken.
  - 2. Evidence of attendance shall be an original document provided by the approved sponsor and shall include:
    - a. Date or dates the course was taken;
    - b. Hours of attendance or participation;
    - c. Participant's name; and
    - d. Signature of an authorized representative of the approved sponsor.
  - 3. If contacted for an audit, the licensee shall forward to the board by the date requested a signed affidavit of completion on forms provided by the board and evidence of attendance or participation as provided by the approved sponsor.
- D. The board may grant an extension of up to one year or an exemption for all or part of the continuing education requirements due to circumstances beyond the control of the administrator, such as a certified illness, a temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters. "Internship" means a practicum or course of study as part of a degree or post-degree program designed especially for the preparation of candidates for licensure as nursing home administrators that involves supervision by an accredited college or university of the practical application of previously studied theory. The request for an extension shall be submitted in writing and granted by the board prior to the renewal date.

18VAC95-30-90. Reinstatement for an assisted living facility administrator license or preceptor registration.

- A. The board may reinstate an assisted living facility administrator license or preceptor registration that was not renewed within one year of the initial expiration date.
- B. An applicant for assisted living facility administrator license reinstatement shall apply on a reinstatement form provided by the board, submit the reinstatement fee, and provide one of the following:
  - 1. Evidence of the equivalent of 20 hours of continuing education for each year since the last renewal, not to exceed a total of 60 hours.
  - 2. Evidence of active practice in another state or U.S. jurisdiction or in the U.S. armed services during the period licensure in Virginia was lapsed.
  - 3. Evidence of requalifying for licensure by meeting the requirements prescribed in 18VAC95-30-100 and 18VAC95-30-110.
- C. An applicant for preceptor reinstatement shall apply on a reinstatement form provided by the board, submit the reinstatement fee, and meet the current requirements for a preceptor in effect at the time of application for reinstatement.
- D. Any person whose license or registration has been suspended, revoked, or denied renewal by the board under the provisions of 18VAC95-30-210 shall, in order to be eligible for reinstatement, (i) submit a reinstatement application to the board for a license, (ii) pay the appropriate reinstatement fee, and (iii) submit any other credentials as prescribed by the board. After a hearing, the board may, at its discretion, grant the reinstatement.

## 18VAC95-30-100. Educational and training requirements for initial licensure.

A. To be qualified for initial licensure as an assisted living facility administrator, an applicant shall hold a high school diploma or general education diploma (GED) and hold one of the following qualifications:

- 1. Administrator-in-training program.
  - a. Complete at least 30 semester hours in an accredited college or university in any subject and 640 hours in an ALF AIT program as specified in 18VAC95-30-150;
  - b. Complete an educational program as a licensed practical nurse and hold a current, unrestricted license or multistate licensure privilege and 640 hours in an ALF AIT program;
  - c. Complete an educational program as a registered nurse and hold a current, unrestricted license or multistate licensure privilege and 480 hours in an ALF AIT <u>program</u>;
  - d. Complete at least 30 semester hours in an accredited college or university with courses in the content areas of (i) client/resident care; (ii) human resources management; (iii) financial management; (iv) physical environment; and (v) leadership and governance; and 320 480 hours in an ALF AIT;
  - e. Hold a master's or a baccalaureate degree in health care-related field or a comparable field that meets the requirements of subsection B of this section with no internship or practicum and 320 hours in an ALF AIT program; or
  - f. Hold a master's or baccalaureate degree in an unrelated field and 480 hours in an ALF AIT program; or
- 2. Certificate program.

Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in a field unrelated to health care from an accredited college or university and successfully complete a certificate program with a minimum of 21 semester hours study in a health care related field that meets course content requirements of subsection B of this section from an accredited college or university and successfully complete not less than a 320-hour internship or practicum that addresses the domains of practice as specified in 18VAC95-30-160 in a licensed assisted living facility as part of the certificate program under the supervision of a preceptor; or

## 3. Degree and practical experience.

Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in a health care-related field that meets the course content requirements of subsection B of this section from an accredited college or university and have completed not less than a 320-hour internship or practicum that addresses the Domains of Practice as specified in 18VAC95-30-160 in a licensed assisted living facility as part of the degree program under the supervision of a preceptor.

- B. To meet the educational requirements for a degree in a health care-related field, an applicant must provide a <u>an official</u> transcript from an accredited college or university that documents successful completion of a minimum of 21 semester hours of coursework concentrated on the administration and management of health care services to include a minimum of six semester hours in the content area set out in subdivision 1 of this subsection, three semester hours in each of the content areas in subdivisions 2 through 5 of this subsection, and three semester hours for an internship or practicum.
  - Resident/client services management Resident centered care and quality of life;
  - Human resource management resources;

- 3. Financial management Finance;
- 4. Physical environment management Environment;
- 5. Leadership and governance management.

# 18VAC95-30-120. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement or credentials.

A. If applying from any state or the District of Columbia in which a license, certificate or registration is required to be the administrator of an assisted living facility, an applicant for licensure by endorsement shall hold a current, unrestricted license, certificate or registration from that state or the District of Columbia. If applying from a jurisdiction that does not have such a requirement, an applicant may apply for licensure by credentials, and no evidence of licensure, certification or registration is required.

- B. The board may issue a license to any person who:
  - 1. Meets the provisions of subsection A of this section;
  - 2. Has not been the subject of a disciplinary action taken by any jurisdiction in which he was found to be in violation of law or regulation governing practice and which, in the judgment of the board, has not remediated;
  - 3. Meets one of the following conditions:
    - a. Has practiced as the administrator of record been engaged in active practice as a assisted living facility administrator in an assisted living facility that provides assisted living care as defined in § 63.2-100 of the Code of Virginia for at least two of the four years immediately preceding application to the board; or
    - b. Has education and experience substantially equivalent to qualifications required by this chapter and has provided written evidence of those qualifications at the time of application for licensure; and

4. Has successfully passed a national credentialing examination for administrators of assisted living facilities approved by the board.

# 18VAC95-30-130. Application package.

- A. An application for licensure shall be submitted after the applicant completes the qualifications for licensure.
- B. An individual seeking licensure as an assisted living facility administrator or registration as a preceptor shall submit:
  - 1. A completed application as provided by the board;
  - 2. Additional documentation as may be required by the board to determine eligibility of the applicant, to include the most recent survey report if the applicant has been serving as an acting administrator of a facility;
  - 3. The applicable fee;
  - 4. An attestation that he has read and understands and will remain current with the applicable Virginia laws and the regulations relating to assisted living facilities; and
  - 5. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
- C. With the exception of school transcripts, examination scores, the NPDB report, employer verifications, and verifications from other state boards, all parts of the application package shall be submitted at the same time. An incomplete package shall be retained by the board for one year, after which time the application shall be destroyed and a new application and fee shall be required.

### Part IV

## Administrator-in-Training Program

## 18VAC95-30-140. Training qualifications.

- A. To be approved as an ALF administrator-in-training, a person shall:
  - 1. Meet the requirements of 18VAC95-30-100 A 1;
  - 2. Obtain a <u>registered</u> preceptor to provide training;
  - 3. Submit the application <u>and Domains of Practice form</u> provided by the board and the fee prescribed in 18VAC95-30-40; and
  - 4. Submit additional documentation as may be necessary to determine eligibility of the applicant and the number of hours required for the ALF AIT program.
- B. With the exception of school transcripts, all required parts of the application package shall be submitted at the same time. An incomplete package shall be retained by the board for one year after which time the application shall be destroyed and a new application and fee shall be required.

## 18VAC95-30-150. Required hours of training.

- A. The ALF AIT program shall consist of hours of continuous training as specified in 18VAC95-30-100 A 1 in a facility as prescribed in 18VAC95-30-170 to be completed within 24 months, except a person in an ALF AIT program who has been approved by the board and is serving as an acting administrator shall complete the program within 150 days. An extension may be granted by the board on an individual case basis. The board may reduce the required hours for applicants with certain qualifications as prescribed in subsection B of this section.
- B. An ALF AIT applicant with prior health care work experience may request approval to receive hours of credit toward the total hours as follows:

- 1. An applicant who has been employed full time for one of the past four years immediately prior to application as an assistant administrator in a licensed assisted living facility or nursing home or as a hospital administrator shall complete 320 hours in an ALF AIT <u>program</u>;
- 2. An applicant who holds a license or a multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse and who has held an administrative level supervisory position in nursing for at least one of the past four consecutive years in a licensed assisted living facility or nursing home shall complete 320 hours in an ALF AIT <u>program</u>; or
- 3. An applicant who holds a license or a multistate licensure privilege as a licensed practical nurse and who has held an administrative level supervisory position in nursing for at least one of the past four consecutive years in a licensed assisted living facility or nursing home shall complete 480 hours in an ALF AIT <u>program</u>.

# 18VAC95-30-170. Training facilities.

A. Training in an ALF AIT program or for an internship or practicum shall be conducted only in:

- 1. An assisted living facility or unit licensed by the Virginia Board of Social Services or by a similar licensing body in another jurisdiction;
- 2. An assisted living facility owned or operated by an agency of any city, county, or the Commonwealth or of the United States government; or
- 3. An assisted living unit located in and operated by a licensed hospital as defined in § 32.1-123 of the Code of Virginia, a state-operated hospital, or a hospital licensed in another jurisdiction.
- B. Training shall not be conducted in a facility with a provisional license as determined by the Department of Social Services.

## 18VAC95-30-180. Preceptors.

- A. Training in an ALF AIT program shall be under the supervision of a preceptor who is registered or recognized by Virginia or a similar licensing board in another jurisdiction.
  - B. To be registered by the board as a preceptor, a person shall:
    - 1. Hold a current, unrestricted Virginia assisted living facility administrator or nursing home administrator license;
    - 2. Be employed full time as an administrator in a training facility or facilities for a minimum of one two of the past four years immediately prior to registration or be a regional administrator with on-site supervisory responsibilities for a training facility or facilities; and
    - 3. Provide evidence that he has completed the online preceptor training course offered by NAB; and
    - 3.4. Submit an application and fee as prescribed in 18VAC95-30-40. The board may waive such application and fee for a person who is already approved as a preceptor for nursing home licensure.

## C. A preceptor shall:

- 1. Provide direct instruction, planning, and evaluation;
- 2. Be routinely present with the trainee in the training facility <u>as appropriate to the experience and training of the ALF AIT and the needs of the residents in the facility;</u> and
- 3. Continually evaluate the development and experience of the trainee to determine specific areas needed for concentration.
- D. A preceptor may supervise no more than two trainees at any one time.

E. A preceptor for a person who is serving as an acting administrator while in an ALF AIT program shall be present in the training facility for face-to-face instruction and review of the trainee's performance for a minimum of two four hours per week.

# F. To renew registration as a preceptor, a person shall:

- 1. Hold a current, unrestricted Virginia assisted living facility or nursing home license and be employed by or have an agreement with a training facility for a preceptorship; and
- 2. Meet the renewal requirements of 18VAC95-30-60.

# 18VAC95-30-200. Interruption or termination of program.

A. If the program is interrupted because the registered preceptor is unable to serve, the trainee shall notify the board within 10 working days and shall obtain a new preceptor who is registered with the board within 60 days.

- 1. Credit for training shall resume when a new preceptor is obtained and approved by the board.
- 2. If an alternate training plan is developed, it shall be submitted to the board for approval before the trainee resumes training.
- B. If the training program is terminated prior to completion, the trainee and the preceptor shall each submit a written explanation of the causes of program termination to the board within five working 10 business days. The preceptor shall also submit all required monthly progress reports completed prior to termination within 10 business days.

### Part V

## Refusal, Suspension, Revocation and Disciplinary Action

## 18VAC95-30-210. Unprofessional conduct.

The board may refuse to admit a candidate to an examination, refuse to issue or renew a license <u>or registration</u> or <u>grant</u> approval to any applicant, suspend a license <u>or registration</u> for a stated period of time or indefinitely, reprimand a licensee <u>or registrant</u>, place his license <u>or registration</u> on probation with such terms and conditions and for such time as it may designate, impose a monetary penalty, or revoke a license <u>or registration</u> for any of the following causes:

- 1. Conducting the practice of assisted living administration in such a manner as to constitute a danger to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents, staff, or public;
- 2. Failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws and regulations governing the operation of an assisted living facility;
- 3. Conviction of a felony or any misdemeanor involving abuse, neglect or moral turpitude;
- 4. Failure to comply with any regulations of the board; or Violating or cooperating with others in violating any of the provisions of Chapters 1 (§ 54.1-100 et seq.), 24 (§ 54.1-2400 et seq.), and 31 (§ 54.1-3100 et seq.) or regulations of the board;
- 5. Inability to practice with <u>reasonable</u> skill or safety <u>by reason of illness, substance</u> abuse, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;
- 6. Abuse, negligent practice, or misappropriation of a resident's property;
- 7. Entering into a relationship with a resident that constitutes a professional boundary violation in which the administrator uses his professional position to take advantage of the vulnerability of a resident or his family, to include actions that result in personal gain

- at the expense of the resident, an inappropriate personal involvement or sexual conduct with a resident;
- 8. The denial, revocation, suspension or restriction of a license to practice in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory;
- 9. Assuming duties and responsibilities within the practice of assisted living facility administration without adequate training or when competency has not been maintained;
- 10. Obtaining supplies, equipment, or drugs for personal or other unauthorized use;
- 11. Falsifying or otherwise altering resident or employer records, including falsely representing facts on a job application or other employment-related documents;
- 12. Fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or seeking reinstatement of a license; or
- 13. Employing or assigning unqualified persons to perform functions that require a license, certificate or registration.