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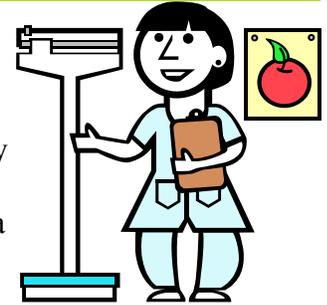
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What do nutrition credentials mean and what do you need to know before hiring a dietitian or dietary manager?

According to federal regulations, a long term care facility needs to hire a registered dietitian (RD) either full time or as a consultant. A person becomes registered as a dietitian with the American Dietetic Association (ADA) by completing a four-year approved college program and either completing an internship program and/or obtaining a Masters Degree. The person must also pass a credentialing exam and maintain CEUs (75 per five-year period). In Maryland, a RD must also be licensed by the State Board of Dietetic Practice as a licensed dietitian-nutritionist (LDN).



Maryland's regulations (COMAR 10.07.02) state that the dietary manager of a facility must be a dietitian, a diet technician (2 year degree), or a certified dietary manager (CDM). If the dietary manager is not a dietitian, the individual must receive regularly scheduled consultation from a RD.

A CDM must take two college level courses (nutrition & food service management), become a member of the Dietary Managers Association (www.dmaonline.org), pass the credentialing exam and maintain CEUs. A CDM can help the RD gather information by visiting and observing the residents, and can complete Section K of the MDS. Only a RD/LDN can complete the nutritional assessment and develop the appropriate plan of care.

There must also be someone in the dietary department who is certified in food service sanitation, this is different from being a CDM. This certification can be obtained by completing a 16-hour ServSafe course and passing the exam. This certification must be renewed every three years in Maryland. Different counties have different requirements – some (Baltimore County for example) require that a certified person be on duty whenever food is prepared and others only require that one employee be ServSafe certified.

The information above was provided by Nancy Ferrone, MS, RD, LDN, owner of Dietary Consulting Inc. and a practicing RD/LDN in Maryland. If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Ferrone at NFerroneRD@verizon.net.

COMAR 10.33.01

Attached is the latest edition of the Board's Code of Maryland Regulations. The Board has been working for the past few years updating its regulations, and is still in the process of recommending amendments.

The amendments currently under development mainly concern the legislatively mandated sanctioning guidelines and updating the language for the disciplinary process. When that project is complete, a revised booklet will be disseminated.

Part-time AIT Regulations

The Board has developed a part-time AIT program, and the regulation amendments were promulgated March 21, 2011. Administrator-In-Training candidates now have an option of spending 30 hours per week in a Board-approved AIT program in lieu of the typical 40-hour per week program.

This may give the candidate an opportunity to seek a part-time position to supplement their income. However, the part-time option will extend the program six months, requiring the trainee to spend 18 months in training.



Disciplinary Actions

The Board accepted the surrender of **Scott Colver**'s license to practice as a Nursing Home Administrator in Maryland, effective May 5, 2011. This surrender was prompted by an investigation of Mr. Colver's license by the Maryland Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. As a result of the investigation, the Board charged Mr. Colver with fraudulently or deceptively using a license, in violation of Health Occupations Article (H.O.) §9-314(b)(2); otherwise failing to meet substantially the standard of practice adopted by the Board under H.O. §9-205; willfully making or filing a false report or record in the practice of nursing home administration (H.O. §9-314(b)(8)); committing an act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of a nursing home administrator (H.O. §9-314(b)(11)); violation of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.33.01.15A(1); and having practiced fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in the licensee's capacity as a nursing home administrator.

On February 9, 2011, a show cause hearing was held before the Board on the Notice of Intent to Cancel the Administrator-In-Training Contract of **Yetunde Johnson**. On April 4, 2011, the Board signed the Final Order for Ms. Johnson, which stipulated that the Administrator-In-Training contract entered into on June 1, 2010, by Ms. Johnson and Mr. Richard Balogh (Ms. Johnson's preceptor) was cancelled, and it was further ordered that Ms. Johnson's participation in the Board approved Administrator-In-Training program at the Springbrook Nursing & Rehabilitation Center be revoked.

Public orders and documents can be viewed on the Board's website at www.maryland.gov/bonha under the Consumers tab on the Homepage.

Health Occupations Investigator

Marian Ruth was hired as a Health Occupations Investigator to work with the Board (as well as working for four other health occupation boards) on February 23, 2011. She has already completed a number of investigations and reduced the Board's backlog. Ms. Ruth graduated from the University of Baltimore with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice.

She worked for the Baltimore County Police Department for 17½ years and achieved the rank of lieutenant before taking early retirement. Ms. Ruth came to the Board from the Department of Motor Vehicles where she worked as a supervisor and investigator.

Continuing Education Alert

To All Licensees who completed courses sponsored by Medcom, Inc./Medcom Trainex: NAB has informed the Board that Medcom did not have any programs approved by NAB for the period of **July 1, 2009 to March 1, 2011**. If you took a course from Medcom during this period of time, you should contact Medcom. The Board cannot accept any continuing education courses taken for license renewal that did not have NAB approval.

Sunset Review

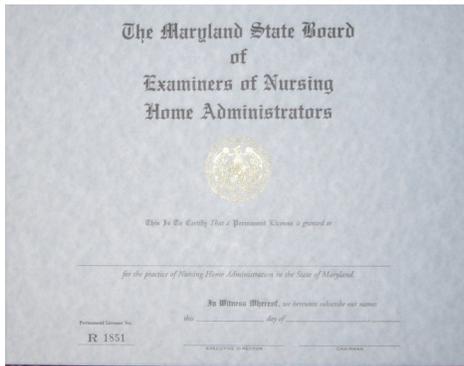
The Board's Sunset Extension bills (Senate Bill 93 and House Bill 64) passed this legislative session. The bills continue the Board until July 1, 2017, and alter the composition to include a seat for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman designated under §10-903 of the Human Services Article.

Pictured right: (top) Pat Hannigan, Executive Director, Jennifer Voorhaar, LCSW-C, Member of the Board, Kristen Neville, Regulations/Legislative Coordinator, (bottom) Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President, Senate, Governor Martin O'Malley, Michael E. Busch, Speaker, House of Delegates

Sunset Bill Signing Ceremony



Licenses Issued in 2010 and To Date in 2011



Phyllis Johns Smith	R 1804	01/06/10
Mana Masih	R 1805	01/20/10
Margaret M. Bills	R 1807	01/22/10
George H. Clemes	R 1808	02/11/10
Martin A. Melson, Jr.	R 1809	03/12/10
Amanda J. Baker	R 1810	03/12/10
Ingrid Hall	R 1811	03/25/10
Kathryn M. Catucci	R 1812	04/16/10
Christopher Newport	R 1813	04/28/10
Louis G. Grimmell, Jr.	R 1814	05/13/10
Todd B. Miller-Jones	R 1815	06/17/10
Mary G. Hochradel	R 1816	06/24/10
Amilia A. Apollon	R 1817	07/29/10
Olayina Oyekoya	R 1818	08/20/10
Luis Navas-Migueloa	R 1819	09/15/10
Surojit Mookerjee	R 1820	09/15/10
Jason Steen	R 1821	10/25/10

Amber Hurley	R 1822	11/18/10
Jennifer L. Michaels	R 1823	11/19/10
Sytina Smith	R 1824	12/09/10
William M. Holman	R 1825	02/15/11
Wendy S. Ness	R 1826	02/15/11
Darlene M. Rocco	R 1827	02/25/11
Debra Horton	R 1828	03/02/11
Ann A. Patterson	R 1829	03/10/11
John M. Midolo	R 1830	04/21/11
Abimbola Ogunkelu	R 1831	04/21/11
Kadine I. Mitchell	R 1832	04/27/11
Delbert G. Downing	R 1833	04/28/11
M. Kenneth Bricker	R 1834	05/09/11
Nathaniel T. Sweeney	R 1835	05/11/11
Deborah Savoca	R 1836	06/16/11
Ashley Banks	R 1837	06/16/11
John Mangione, Jr.	R 1839	06/27/11
Heather L. Howlett	R 1840	06/27/11



Continuing Education Notes

Effective January 25, 2010, the Board can accept only continuing education (CE) programs approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB). Please check for the NAB approval number, sometimes referred to as NCERS (National Continuing Education Review Service).

If you took a continuing education program that was approved by another state board of nursing home administrators, but it was not NAB-approved, the Board will only accept such a program if you completed it prior to January 25, 2010.

Any CE program with an expired NAB approval number is not considered approved by the NAB, and it will not be accepted by the Board.

The Board has received a number of renewal applications where a CE sponsor has listed an expired NAB approval number on the licensee's certificate of completion. It is the licensee's responsibility to assure that all CE hours submitted to the Board have current NAB approval numbers.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- July 4, 2011—Holiday—State Offices closed
- August 15, 2011—Applications due for Credentials Mtg.
- August 18, 2011—Maryland State's Standards Exam
- August 30, 2011—Credentials Committee meeting
- September 2, 2011—Service Reduction Day—State Offices closed
- September 5, 2011—Holiday—State Offices closed
- September 14, 2011—Board Meeting
- September 15, 2011—Applications due for Credentials Mtg.



Reminder

It is your responsibility, as a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, to notify the office of any changes in employment or home address. Failure to notify this office of any change within 30 days will result in a fine of \$100. Please do not assume that the facility will notify the office.

Have a happy and safe summer!



The Board's website has a new address:
www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/bonha.

If you use the old address
(www.dhmfh.state.md.us/bonha), a link
will take you to the new address.

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