**44:74:02:02.  Employment of qualified nurse aides required.** Nurse aides shall meet the following minimum qualifications of training, competency evaluation, registry status, and performance:

 (1)  Successful completion of a training program and a competency evaluation program approved by the department pursuant to §§ 44:74:02:07 and 44:74:02:17;

 (2)  Verification from the department of current registry status or eligibility for inclusion on the registry;

 (3)  Acceptable employment performance as a nurse aide as documented by the aide's supervisor;

 (4)  Annual attendance at a minimum of 12 hours of in-service education related to results of performance review and of special resident needs; and

 (5)  Minimum age of 16 years old at time of employment.

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