

NMG CORE COMPETENCIES
ON MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAM

Crosswalk with NGA Standards as of February 1, 2026

	NGA Standards
1. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES OF A MASTER GUARDIAN – 16% Knowledge and application of guardianship principles as they relate to the professional roles of the guardian (includes but not limited to):	
1.1 Demonstrating Ethical Conduct	Stand 1 Stand 2 Stand 16
1.2 Avoiding Conflicts of Interest	Stand 16 Stand 20
1.3 Applying NGA Standards for Agencies	Agency Standards
1.4 Maintaining Fiscal and Accounting Protocols	Stand 17 Stand 18
1.5 Maintaining Accurate Case File Documentation	Stand 12 Stand 13.III Stand 18
2. GUARDIANSHIP PLANNING – 14% Awareness of the personal aspects of an individual’s life and ability to address those special situations or circumstances affecting that individual (includes but not limited to):	
2.1 Embracing Diversity	Stand 10
2.2 Managing Challenging Family Dynamics	Stand 4
2.3 Resolving Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation	Stand 1.XII
2.4 Understanding the Person’s Values, Beliefs, Preferences	Stand 8 Stand 9 Stand 10
2.5 Understanding the Person’s Medical, Mental, Physical, Emotional Needs	Stand 8 Stand 10
2.6 Maximizing the Person’s Autonomy, Self-determination	Stand 9 Stand 10 Stand 11
3. SURROGATE DECISION-MAKING – 14% Knowledge of theory and application of decision-making principles and limitations in making decisions on behalf of an individual (includes but not limited to):	
3.1 Making Informed Person-Centered Decisions	Stand 7 Stand 8 Stand 9
3.2 Identifying Less Restrictive Alternatives	Stand 6 Stand 8
3.3 Advocating for Client’s Rights	Stand 1.III Stand 9
3.4 Involving the Person in Decision-Making	Stand 8 Stand 9
3.5 Differentiating Between Substituted Judgment and Best Interests	Stand 7
4. COURT PRACTICES AND LEGAL PROCESSES - 14% Application of legal processes governing fiduciary relationships and the responsibility to modify, terminate or limit a guardianship (includes but not limited to):	
4.1 Complying with Court Monitoring	Stand 1 Stand 2 Stand 12
4.2 Respecting Limitations to Guardian Authority	Stand 1 Stand 2
4.3 Seeking Modified Court Orders	Stand 8 Stand 12 Stand 21
4.4 Considering Other Protective Arrangements	Stand 8 Stand 12

	Stand 21
4.5 Restoring Rights	Stand 1 Stand 8 Stand 12 Stand 12
5. PERSONAL MANAGEMENT – 14% Application of the responsibilities of the guardian in planning, monitoring, and overseeing supports and services (includes but not limited to):	
5.1 Developing Care Plan for Supports and Services	Stand 9 Stand 13
5.2 Accessing and Implementing Functional Needs Assessments	Stand 13
5.3 Conducting Well-being Oversight of Supports and Services	Stand 13
5.4 Selecting Residential Accommodations	Stand 12 Stand 13
5.5 Accommodating Limited Resources	Stand 13 Stand 18
6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – 14% Application of the responsibilities for financial management of an individual's estate and assets (includes but not limited to):	
6.1 Developing and Monitoring Financial Plans, Budgets	Stand 18
6.2 Utilizing public benefits	Stand 18
6.3 Insuring and Protecting Assets	Stand 18
6.4 Planning for Declining Resources	Stand 12 Stand 13
6.5 Marshaling Assets and Resources	Stand 17 Stand 18
6.6 Understanding Authority to Manage Real/Personal Property	Stand 19
7. MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING – 14% Application of the principles and responsibilities surrounding surrogate medical decisions (includes but not limited to):	
7.1 Advocating for the Person's Preferences	Stand 14
7.2 Understand Client Values and Preferences	Stand 14
7.3 Ensuring Advance Directives are Honored	Stand 14
7.4 Understanding Care Options at End-of-Life	Stand 15
7.5 Advocating with Medical Professionals	Stand 14