

ACCEPTABLE DEGREES, CERTIFICATIONS and COURSEWORK

Appropriate degrees and certifications may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Degrees

Bachelors in Law Degree/Pre-Law Degree
Bachelors in Accounting
Bachelors in Social Work
Bachelors in Human Services, Counseling, Psychology, Special Education
Bachelors in Family and Consumer Science
Medical Degree/Nursing Nome Care
Financial Planning
MBA – Master in Business
JD – Law Degree/Pre-Law Degree
MSW – Social Work
BSW – Social Work/Accounting
MD – Medical Doctor
DO – Doctor of Osteopathy
Nursing/Pre-nursing

Certifications

CFP	Certified Financial Planner
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CMC	Care Manager Certified
CCM	Certified Case Manager
C-SWCM	Certified Social Work Case Manager
C-ASWCM	Certified Advanced Social Worker in Case Management Certification by the American Association of Daily Money Managers Licensed Therapeutic Recreational Specialist
CPG	Washington Certified Professional Guardians
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse

If an applicant wishes to request another degree, certification or licensure be considered, they may do so through staff. The NCG Committee will receive the request for consideration.

Approved coursework

- CGC will accept education units for an organized program of learning which includes attendance and/or participation towards the approved coursework requirement. One educational credit hour is equal to 60 minutes/1 hour.

An education unit should increase the candidate's basic knowledge and understanding in:

- guardianship duties, responsibilities and limitations;
- the judicial system and legal process involved in guardianship proceedings;
- accessing and monitoring services, supports and benefits for the physical, psychological and emotional care and treatment of a ward;
- decision making and ethical principles;
- standards of guardianship practice.

- CGC approved programs of learning towards the educational requirements include:
 - National Guardianship Association (NGA) sponsored education conferences, colloquia and programs including:
 - NGA Certification review course for the National Certified Guardian Certification
 - NGA web-based education modules
 - NGA annual conference
 - NGA state affiliate sponsored conferences and programs
 - Other specific classes, seminars or training course work related to guardianship matters approved by CGC
 - A candidate may request up to 15 hours of education credit provided by an employer or agency providing guardianship and related services and supports. In-house/program educational units provided by agency staff or sponsored by the agency/program must be documented and verified by agency/program administration.

- CGC allows the following **exceptions** to the approved coursework requirement:
 - California 30-hour pre-examination education hours requirement to be eligible to apply for license
 - Florida 40-hour professional guardian course required of professional guardians to be eligible to sit for the competency exam and the 8-hour course required of family guardians
 - Washington State 90-hours of required education to receive state certification

- A candidate must provide documentation of attendance or completion of an educational unit from the sponsoring entity and submit the documentation to CGC. Candidates shall attach certificates(s) of attendance (copies accepted) for the program, course work for educational credits. CGC reserves the right to request additional information or documentation to verify educational units.

- All work experience and approved coursework shall be obtained within two years prior to the applicant applying to take the exam for national certification.