



**NMG CORE COMPETENCIES**  
**Percentages on Multiple Choice Exams**  
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What is a Core Competency?

CGC relies upon a written survey to identify topic areas, or competencies, that should be covered in the National Master Guardian certification examination. The purpose of the survey is to describe the "job" of a master guardian in sufficient detail to ensure that the examination content is job-related.

National Master Guardians across the country participate in the survey. They are asked to rank the topics that are grouped into seven "core competencies." Multiple choice exam questions are coded to the appropriate competency and assigned to the exams according to the priorities the survey participants determined. The examination is designed to allow applicants to demonstrate the different skill sets and knowledge National Master Guardians must be able to apply to adequately carry out their responsibilities.

- 1. Professional Practices/Professional Role – 14% (of 120 questions or 16 questions)**  
Knowledge and application of guardianship principles as they relate to the professional roles of the experienced guardian
- 2. Limitation, Termination, Modification of Guardianships – 13%**  
Knowledge and application of the experienced guardian's responsibility to limit, modify, or terminate a guardianship
- 3. Concepts of Surrogate Decision making – 16%**  
Knowledge of theory and application of decision making principles and limitations in making surrogate decisions
- 4. Courts and Legal Processes – 14%**  
Knowledge of laws, courts and legal processes governing guardianship
- 5. Knowledge of the Ward, Guardianship Planning, Well-being Visits – 15%**  
Knowledge of the personal aspects of a ward's life and ability to address those special situations or circumstances affecting a ward; knowledge and application of the responsibilities of the guardian of the person including planning for and overseeing supports and services
- 6. Financial Management, Accountability, Public Benefits – 14%**  
Knowledge and application of the responsibilities for financial management of a ward's estate and assets
- 7. Medical Decisionmaking, End of Life, Complex Health Issues – 15%**  
Knowledge and application of the principles and responsibilities surrounding complex surrogate medical decisions, including the ability to identify issues that have legal and ethical consequences for both the guardian and the ward