

In-Home Care Qualifications Checklist

You should consider your priorities regarding a caregiver's qualifications. You may decide what points you are willing to compromise on. Decide your priorities before you begin interviewing candidates. The following are some qualifications to consider:

Personality

Sense of humor? Creative? Flexible? Neat? Quiet?

Experience

Teaching? Mothering? High-School baby-sitting? Experience with children of your own child's age? Nursing?

Education

Formal education? Child development degree or credentials? A loving and experienced provider with no formal education?

Skills

Cooking? Drivers license? Housekeeping? Sports? Helping with homework? CPR/First Aid Training?

Age

Does it matter? Grandmother type? Experienced mother? Is 18 or 19 too young?

Habits

Smoker or non-smoker? Special eating habits?

Cultural Background

From the same or similar culture? Could your child benefit from a person who speaks another language? What about her religion?