

**58M-2.003 Professional Guardian Coursework and Competency Examination.**

(1) The minimum hours of instruction and training are set out in Section 744.1085(3), F.S. The initial 40 hours of education and training must be approved by SPGO prior to an applicant taking a course. Information about the professional guardian coursework may be obtained from the Statewide Public Guardianship Office or online at <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/english/public.html>.

(2) Completion of the required professional guardian instruction and training course is a mandatory requirement in order for the registrant to be eligible to take the competency examination. The exam will be administered by the approved contractor. The contractor will set the examination fee, which cannot by law exceed \$500. The examination may be waived in accordance with the criteria in Section 744.1085(8), F.S.

(3) The exam is comprised of two parts: 1) national guardianship ethics and practices, and 2) Florida law and procedure. Registrants must score a minimum of 75% on both parts.

(4) If the registrant fails to successfully complete either portion of the Professional Guardian Competency Examination in three (3) attempts, the registrant shall be required to re-take the instruction and training course prior to being eligible to sit for the competency examination again/

(5) Professional guardians must complete continuing education credits as outlined in Section 744.1085(3), F.S. The SPGO must approve the coursework for all continuing education classes prior to attendance. Proof of completion of the required continuing education hours shall be submitted with the annual renewal registration.

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