



SKILLED NURSING EVALUATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is meant to serve as a resource for you as you explore various skilled nursing options. Complete a checklist for each community you're considering and then compare your answers. We're hopeful this will help to provide valuable insight into the areas of overall impressions, services, community life and finances as you pursue the next step in your life's journey.

Overall Impressions	Y	N	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you like the overall environment of the community?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you feel welcomed at the community?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you feel comfortable at the community?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the current residents look well taken care of?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the current residents seem to be in good spirits?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community accredited?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community located in an easily accessible area for resident's friends and family to visit?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community free from unpleasant odors?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community look clean?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the noise level comfortable?			

Staff

Y

N

Notes

<input type="checkbox"/> Is there always a Registered Nurse (RN) on duty?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Are CNAs involved in care planning meetings?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a licensed doctor on staff that can be reached at all times?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you like the staff and resident interactions?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Will the same staff be frequently interacting with your loved one so they are able to build a rapport?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the staff get to know residents personally?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community offer training and continuing education opportunities for staff?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community complete background checks and drug screenings on their staff?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the staff refer to residents by name?			

Services

Y

N

Notes

<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community Medicare-certified?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community Medicaid-certified?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community invested in your loved one's care?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community offer specialized care plans to ensure your loved one's needs are met?			

Services (Cont'd)

Y

N

Notes

<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community have special services in a separate unit if needed? (specialize rehabilitation, dementia care, etc.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community offer preventative care? (like a yearly flu shot)			
<input type="checkbox"/> May residents still see their regular doctors?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you happy with the results of their last health inspection?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the community up to code?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Would you be promptly notified in the event your loved one has a change in condition?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Would you be involved in decisions regarding changes in condition as they happen?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you like the policy the community has on communication with the family?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ask what the community's biggest complaint is. Does the admissions director do a good job of explaining why it is a problem and how they are taking action to reduce complaints?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Will they make special accommodations for your loved one on an as-needed basis?			

Community Life

Y

N

Notes

<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community allow for 24/7 visiting hours?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Can the admissions director tell you about a time where they have gone above and beyond to make a resident's family feel at home?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community accommodate family members with disabilities?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Will the community support any hobbies your loved one may have?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the community offer an outdoor area for residents to use?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there a variety of food options?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the food tasty and well balanced?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there nutritious snacks available at all times?			

While this list is a great start to discovering the best community for you, there is no substitute for visiting, touring, and asking current residents questions about their life in the community.

To find a Presbyterian Senior Living Community near you,
please visit our Community Finder:

<http://www.presbyterianseniorliving.org/community-finder>.