In-Home Care Qualifications Guidelines

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.

Personality

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

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

Skills
Cooking? Driver's License? Housekeeping? Sports?
Helping with homework? CPR? First Aid?

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

Habits
Smoker? Non-smoker? Special eating habits?

Cultural background
From the same or similar culture? Religion?
Could your child benefit from a person who speaks another language?