

319B.030 Powers and duties of board -- Administrative regulations -- Licensure and exemptions from licensure -- Examinations -- Fees -- Continuing education -- Enforcement -- Evaluation of applicants.

The board shall:

- (1) Promulgate administrative regulations to:
 - (a) Establish licensure categories and issue licenses for orthotists, prosthetists, pedorthists, and orthotic fitters;
 - (b) Establish the qualifications, educational courses, curriculum, hours, and standards that are prerequisite to issuance of all levels and types of licensure established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection. Any qualifications established by the board shall include the following:
 1. To qualify for a license to practice orthotics or prosthetics, a person shall:
 - a. Possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
 - b. Complete a CAAHEP accredited education program in orthotics, prosthetics, or both;
 - c. Complete a residency as defined in this chapter in the discipline for which a license is sought;
 - d. Pass all written and practical examinations in any combination that is required and approved by the board; and
 - e. Be qualified to practice in accordance with internationally accepted standards of orthotic and prosthetic care;
 2. To qualify for a license to practice pedorthics, a person shall:
 - a. Possess a minimum of a high school diploma or comparable credential approved by the board;
 - b. Complete an NCOPE-approved pedorthic education program;
 - c. Pass all written and practical examinations that are required and approved by the board;
 - d. Have a minimum of one thousand (1,000) hours of pedorthic patient care experience as approved by the board;
 - e. Be qualified to practice in accordance with nationally accepted standards of pedorthic care;
 3. To qualify for a license to practice as an orthotic fitter, a person shall:
 - a. Possess a minimum of a high school diploma or comparable credential approved by the board;
 - b. Complete an NCOPE-approved orthotic fitter course;
 - c. Pass all examinations that are required and approved by the board;
 - d. Complete a minimum of one thousand (1,000) hours of experience in orthotic fitting as approved by the board;

- e. Be qualified to practice in accordance with nationally accepted standards of care acceptable to the board;
- 4. Provisions that a person may be licensed in more than one (1) discipline;
- (c) Establish the circumstances or conditions, if any, under which persons may be exempt from licensure after completion of training, while waiting to take or receive the results of any required examination, or upon meeting specified minimum educational and clinical qualifications;
- (d) Select the examination or examinations to be utilized as the board's licensure examination or examinations and the prerequisites for admission to the examination or examinations. The board may enter into a contract or agreement with the chosen examination service or services, or select an intermediary between the board and the examination service or services, to process applicants for the examination or examinations;
- (e) Establish any other criteria for licensure that are reasonably related to the safe and competent performance of prosthetics, orthotics, and pedorthics;
- (f)
 - 1. Establish the fees to be paid for each of the following:
 - a. Application for licensure;
 - b. Renewal or reinstatement of licensure;
 - c. Late renewal of licensure;
 - d. Application for continuing education course approval; and
 - e. Duplicate or replacement license.
 - 2. The fees shall be set at a level that is adequate to pay all of the expenses of implementing and administering licensure under this chapter;
- (g) Establish the continuing education requirements for licensees, which shall include the frequency of reporting, number of hours, types of courses, approval of courses, methods of proving compliance, penalties for violation, and all fees necessary for implementing the continuing education process; and
- (h) Delineate the standards of practice for persons licensed under this chapter; and
- (2) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and evaluate the qualifications of applicants for licensure.

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