Preview

CHAPTER 15. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SUBCHAPTER 3. LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

435:15-3-1. Qualification; application

(a) **Qualifications.** No license shall be issued unless an applicant:

(1) Submits an application and other information pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) and remits the required fee.

(2) Has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistants accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, or prior to 2001, either by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The Board may also issue a license to an applicant who does not meet the educational requirement specified in this section, but who passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants prior to 1986;

(3) Has passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants;

(4) Jurisprudence examination.

(A) Upon initial licensure, initial compact privilege, or upon application to reenter practice, ~~Has~~has responded correctly to seventy-five (75) percent or greater questions on a jurisprudence examination prepared by the Board staff. The examination shall include:

(i) The Physician Assistant Act; and

(ii) Significant state statutes or rule impacting physician assistant practice.

(B)The Board shall supply the applicant with a copy of the statutes, rules, or other material from which the examination is based while the applicant is completing the examination.

(C) An applicant that does not meet the requirement under subsection (4)(A) after three attempts shall meet with the ~~Secretary of the Board~~Chairperson of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to create a study plan prior to reexamination.

(5) Does not hold a license or registration as a physician assistant that is currently under discipline, revocation, suspension, or probation relating to practice as a physician assistant. The Board may waive this paragraph for good cause shown;

(6) Pursuant to 59 O. S. § 519.4, be of good moral character; and

(7) For a renewal application, has met the continuing medical education requirements pursuant to 435:15-3-17.

(b) **Application.**

(1) The applicant shall complete an application form approved by the Board and such additional forms necessary for the Board to consider the application and the qualifications of the applicant.

(2) Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 519.2(8), the practice agreement shall involve the joint formulation, discussion, and agreement on methods of delegation and collaboration for diagnosis, consultation and treatment of medical conditions.

(3) No health care services may be performed by a physician assistant unless a current license is on file with and approved by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

(A) All practice agreements and any amendments shall be filed with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision within ten (10) business days of being executed.

(B) Practice agreements may be filed electronically.

(C) The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall not charge a fee for filing or amendments of practice agreements.

(4) A physician assistant may have practice agreements with multiple allopathic or osteopathic physicians. Each physician shall be in good standing with the State Medical Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

(5) Renewal.

(A) An application for renewal shall include any changes from the most recent application submitted to the Board not previously submitted.

(B) An applicant for renewal shall submit the examination under subsection (a)(4).

(C) An application for renewal shall be submitted not later than March 31 of each calendar year.

(D) A license shall expire if a renewal application is not submitted by March 31.

(E) A renewal application submitted between April 1 and May 31 must be accompanied by the late fee pursuant to 435:1-1-7(a)(2)(E).

(F) An application after May 31 shall be considered an initial application.

(6) Return to practice.

(A) Application. This subsection (a)(4) shall apply to an applicant that is clinically inactive.

(B) In addition to complying with the provision of this section 435:15-3-1, an applicant under this subsection (a)(4) shall:

(i) Complete a reentry plan approved by the Board or a Board designee; and

(ii) Comply with any practice conditions approved by the Board

(c) **Other information**. An applicant shall submit or make available any other information the board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant.

435:15-3-1.1. Physician Assistant with 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical practice experience

(a) **Reporting of hours.** The applicant shall complete a form prescribed by the Board pursuant to 59 OS §519.6(B) for reporting completion of six thousand two hundred forty (6,240) or more hours postgraduate clinical practice experience by a physician assistant. Upon verification by the Board of the requisite completion of six thousand two hundred forty (6,240) or more hours postgraduate clinical practice experience, the physician assistant shall not be required to practice under the supervision of a delegating physician and shall not be required to complete a practice agreement. However, nothing in this rule shall prohibit a physician assistant from voluntarily maintaining a practice agreement.

(1) Clinical practice experience includes:

(A) Performing medical services related directly to patient

(B) Providing instruction to physician assistants at an institution accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. Time spent preparing to provide instruction or performing administrative tasks related to providing instruction is not clinical practice.

(2) Documentation of postgraduate clinical practice experience:

(A) On the form prescribed by the Board, an attestation from the physician assistant's medical facility, hospital administration, department chair, or delegating physician that the physician assistant has accrued the requisite hours.

(B) The Board, as delegated through the Board Secretary , may waive the documentation requirement if the Board determines the documentation is unavailable for a reason beyond the control of the physician assistant requesting the waiver, and the Board is able to determine the physician assistant has completed the required hours. The physician assistant must complete an attestation regarding the number of hours.

(b) **Requirement for insurance.** ~~The physician assistant is not required to provide verification of insurance or proof of financial responsibility required under 59 O.S. § 519.6(H) to the Board, but shall produce it upon request.~~

(1) A physician assistant not practicing under a practice agreement, or the employer of such physician assistant on his or her behalf, shall carry malpractice insurance or demonstrate proof of financial responsibility in a minimum amount of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00) in the aggregate per year. This requirement shall not apply to a physician assistant practicing under a practice agreement.

(2) A physician assistant who is employed by a state agency or facility that is covered by or subject to The Governmental Tort Claims Act, Section 151 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be deemed in compliance with paragraph 1 of this subsection when practicing under such state employment. However, to the extent the physician assistant practices outside of such state employment, the physician assistant shall comply with paragraph 1 of this subsection.

(3) The physician assistant is not required to provide verification of insurance or proof of financial responsibility required under 59 O.S. § 519.6(H) to the Board, but shall produce it upon request.

(c) **Notice of supervision status.** A physician assistant who has completed the requirement of 6,240 hours and received verification from the Board shall notify the Board if he or she is practicing under a practice agreement in accordance with the rules of the Board regarding practice agreements and shall list every business address to which the practice agreement applies. This information shall be provided on the form required by the Board. The Board shall update the Board website with this information.

DOWNLOAD PDF