

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.275; §2, NRS 630.130 and 630.279; §3, NRS 630.130 and 630.269.

A REGULATION relating to professions; revising the qualifications of an applicant to practice in this State as a physician assistant, practitioner of respiratory care or perfusionist; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 630.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.280 An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must have the following qualifications:

1. If the applicant has not practiced as a physician assistant for 12 months or more before applying for licensure in this State, he or she must, at the order of the Board, have taken and passed the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for initial licensure.

2. *Be a citizen of the United States or be lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.*

3. Be able to communicate adequately orally and in writing in the English language.

~~3.1~~ 4. Be of good moral character and reputation.

~~4.~~ 5. Have attended and completed a course of training in residence as a physician assistant approved by ~~the~~ *one of the following entities affiliated with the American Medical Association or its successor organization:*

(a) *The* Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation ~~the~~ *or its successor organization;*

(b) *The* Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs *or its successor organization;* or ~~the~~

(c) *The* Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant ~~which are affiliated with the American Medical Association.~~
~~5.~~ *or its successor organization.*

6. Be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants ~~the~~ *or its successor organization.*

7. Possess a high school diploma, general equivalency diploma or postsecondary degree.

Sec. 2. NAC 630.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.500 An applicant for licensure as a practitioner of respiratory care must have the following qualifications:

1. If he or she has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 12 months or more immediately preceding his or her application for licensure in this State, the applicant must, except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, at the order of the Board, take and pass any examination that the Board deems appropriate to test the professional competency of the practitioner.

2. If he or she has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 12 months or more but less than 5 years immediately preceding his or her application for licensure in this State, the

applicant may provide proof that he or she has successfully completed 10 units of continuing education for each year or portion thereof he or she has not practiced respiratory care. If he or she provides proof of successfully completing at least 10 units of continuing education for each year or portion thereof he or she has not practiced respiratory care, the applicant is exempt from the examination required pursuant to subsection 1.

3. If he or she has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 5 years or more immediately preceding his or her application for licensure in this State, the applicant must retake and pass the examination required to be certified as a practitioner of respiratory care administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization.

4. *Be a citizen of the United States or be lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.*

5. Be able to communicate adequately orally and in writing in the English language.

~~15.1~~ 6. Be of good moral character and reputation.

~~16.1~~ 7. Be in compliance with the provisions of NRS 630.277.

Sec. 3. NAC 630.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.700 1. An application for licensure as a perfusionist must be made on a form provided by the Board. The application must set forth:

- (a) The date and place of birth of the applicant;
- (b) The gender of the applicant;
- (c) The education of the applicant, including, without limitation, each high school and postsecondary institution attended by the applicant, the dates of attendance and whether the applicant is a graduate of those schools and institutions;

(d) If the applicant has ever applied for a license or certificate to practice perfusion in another state or jurisdiction, the date and disposition of the application;

(e) The training and experience of the applicant in the practice of perfusion;

(f) If the applicant has ever been investigated for misconduct in the practice of perfusion, had a license or certificate to practice perfusion revoked, modified, limited or suspended or had any disciplinary action or proceeding instituted against the applicant by a licensing body in another state or jurisdiction, the dates, circumstances and disposition of each such occurrence;

(g) If the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, the dates, circumstances and disposition of each such occurrence;

(h) If the applicant has ever been investigated for, charged with or convicted of the use or illegal sale or dispensing of a controlled substance, the dates, circumstances and disposition of each such occurrence; and

(i) Each place of residence of the applicant after the date of graduation of the applicant from high school or the receipt by the applicant of a high school general equivalency diploma, whichever occurred most recently.

2. An applicant must submit to the Board:

(a) *Proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or that the applicant is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.*

(b) Proof of completion of a perfusion education program that satisfies the requirements of NRS 630.2691. For the purpose of that section, the following perfusion education programs shall be deemed approved by the Board:

(1) Any perfusion education program completed by the applicant on or before June 1, 1994, which was approved by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association;

(2) Any perfusion education program completed by the applicant after June 1, 1994, which was accredited by the Accreditation Committee-Perfusion Education and approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs of the American Medical Association, or its successor; or

(3) Any other perfusion education program completed by the applicant, the educational standards of which the Board determines are at least as stringent as those established by the Accreditation Committee-Perfusion Education and approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs of the American Medical Association, or its successor.

~~(b)~~ (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.2693, proof of passage of the certification examination given by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion or its successor, as required by NRS 630.2692.

~~(e)~~ (d) Such further evidence and other documents or proof of qualifications as are required by the Board.

3. Each application must be signed by the applicant and sworn to before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

4. The application must be accompanied by the applicable fee.

5. An applicant shall pay the reasonable costs of any examination required for licensure.