WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3E-4

§30-3E-4. License to practice as a physician assistant.

(a) A person seeking licensure as a physician assistant shall apply to the Board of Medicine or to the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The appropriate board shall issue a license to practice as a physician assistant with the collaboration of that board's licensed physicians or podiatrists.

(b) A license may be granted to a person who:

(1) Files a complete application;

(2) Pays the applicable fees;

(3) Demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that he or she:

(A) Obtained a baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited program of instruction for physician assistants;

(B) Prior to July 1, 1994, graduated from an approved program of instruction in primary health care or surgery; or

(C) Prior to July 1, 1983, was certified by the Board of Medicine as a physician assistant then classified as Type B;

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

(5) Has a current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or has a current license in good standing from a state that does not require a physician assistant to maintain national certification;

(6) Is mentally and physically able to engage safely in practice as a physician assistant;

(7) Has not had a physician assistant license, certification, or registration in any jurisdiction suspended or revoked;

(8) Is not currently subject to any limitation, restriction, suspension, revocation, or discipline concerning a physician assistant license, certification, or registration in any jurisdiction: *Provided,* That if a board is made aware of any problems with a physician assistant license, certification, or registration and agrees to issue a license, certification, or registration notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision or subdivision (7) of this subsection;

(9) Is of good moral character; and

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(10) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the appropriate board.

(c) A board may deny an application for a physician assistant license to any applicant determined to be unqualified by the board.

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