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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

CREDENTIALING INFORMATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER APPLICANTS

All applicants shall pass the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) examination and an open book examination on the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES:

An applicant for certification may apply to the Board for a Temporary Certificate to practice respiratory care if the applicant meets the following conditions. If a review is required, the Temporary Certificate cannot be issued until the review is complete.

Certified Practitioners (individuals who hold a license in another state):

- An individual who currently holds an active license in another state may qualify for a Temporary Certificate if they have completed all requirements for licensure and DSPS is awaiting the receipt of their license verification from the State Board(s).
- A Temporary Certificate will expire 90 days after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.

An applicant **may** be required to complete an oral examination if he/she:

1. has a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits the applicant's ability to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety;
2. uses chemical substances so as to impair in any way the applicant's ability to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety;
3. has been diagnosed as suffering from pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism;
4. has within the past 2-years engaged in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances;
5. has been subject to adverse formal action during the course of respiratory care education, postgraduate training, hospital practice, or other respiratory care employment;
6. has been disciplined or had licensure denied by a licensing or regulatory authority in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction;
7. has been convicted of a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of respiratory care;
8. has not practiced respiratory care for more than 1,200 hours during the last 3-years prior to application;
9. has graduated from a respiratory care school not approved by the Board

An applicant who meets any of the above criteria 1-9 shall be reviewed by the Respiratory Care Practitioner Council to determine whether an applicant is required to complete an oral examination. If selected to appear for an oral examination, you will be advised of that date upon completion of your application.

Applicants required to complete an oral examination will be charged the fee of \$266.00.

An applicant who fails to receive a passing score on the NBRC examination and/or the Wisconsin Statutes and Rules examination three (3) times must submit a Remedial Education Plan to the Board for approval prior to re-scheduling the exam. An applicant for an oral examination may re-apply twice at not less than 4-month intervals.

APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

- Complete application and pay applicable fee(s) online via LicensE
- Certificate of Professional Education ([Form #1792](#)), not applicable for Late Renewal (WI license expired more than 5 years)
- Verification of Certification from the National Board for Respiratory Care: Order at nbcrc.org or with the [NBRC Request for Credential Verification Form](#), not applicable for Late Renewal
- Verification of licensure from all State Boards where licensed, active and inactive
- Wisconsin Statutes and Rules Examination
- Request for a Temporary Certificate ([Form #2871](#)), for individuals who hold a license in another state
- Malpractice Suits or Claims ([Form #2829](#)) and copies of malpractice suit, court documents with allegations and settlement, if applicable
- Practice of Respiratory Care ([Form #1794](#)), not applicable for new graduates
- Convictions and Pending Charges ([Form #2252](#)), if applicable