Physician Assistant

Provide patient services under direct supervision and responsibility of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. Elicit detailed patient histories and do complete physical examinations. Reach tentative diagnosis and order appropriate laboratory tests. Counsel patient and family on health and disease. Suture minor wounds, assist in surgery, apply and remove cast and traction apparatus, and perform other therapeutic procedures under supervision of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. May have special training in a particular medical specialty. Physician assistants are allowed to distribute prescription drugs.

Legislation
Statute: NH RSA 328-D
Administrative Rules: Chapter Med 600

Licensure Requirements
• Completion of a statement from the Registered Supervisory Physician and the Alternate Registered Supervisory Physician accepting responsibility
• Proof of graduation from a Physician Assistant program accredited by the American Medical Association’s Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or by its successor
• Proof of current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
• Must work under the supervision of a licensed physician
• Applicants for initial permanent licensure or endorsement must submit a notarized criminal history record release form along with a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or authorized employee of the New Hampshire Department of Safety

Examination
Written examination required — National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Continuing Education
Continuing Medical Education (CME) as required by NCCPA to maintain current national certification and three hours of continuing education in the area of pain management and addiction disorder for those Physician Assistants required to register with the NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Regulatory Agency
New Hampshire Board of Medicine
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 301
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
phone (603) 271-1203
fax (603) 271-6702
web <www.oplc.nh.gov/medicine/>
contact Penny Taylor, Administrator
e-mail penny.taylor@oplc.nh.gov

Fees
License/application.................................................. $115.00
Annual renewal....................................................... $65.00
Combined FBI and New Hampshire State Police
Criminal Record Check-Including fingerprints............... $48.25
All fees are subject to change

O*Net Codes
29-1071.00 Physician Assistants

Additional Information Sources
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
<www.nccpa.net>

Reciprocity
No, but license may be issued by endorsement

Active Licenses
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Related Training
Physician Assistant