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

7 Eagle Square

Concord, New Hampshire 03301

phone (603) 271-2152 fax (603) 271-6702

web https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-medicine

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Fees

License/application
Annual renewal
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

1,024

Related Training

Physician Assistant