Registration / Licensure Requirements

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Protecting the public



- Education
 - Secondary / high school
 - Pre-chiropractic college/ university
 - Chiropractic program
 - Continuing education / professional development
- Accreditation / program approval

- Examinations
 - Exit examinations by chiropractic program
 - National test by regulators
 - Jurisdictional exams: ethics, jurisprudence
 - Special exams for expanded practice (acupuncture)
- Language fluency
- Legal permission to work
- Malpractice / liability insurance

- Criminal records check
 - Fingerprinting
 - By national ID
- Character references
- Fitness to practice / mental incapacity
 - Good health: physical and mental
- Pay fees

- If practiced previously:
 - Recent practice
 - "Good standing" in other jurisdictions
 - CIN-BAD check
 - Pending complaints / investigations
 - Pending compliance with other board orders
 - Previous malpractice settlements



Education

- High school / secondary level
- Pre-chiro University / College before matriculation?
- Chiropractic program
 - Degree issued
 - Individual courses
 - Hours
- CE /CPD
 - Acceptable vs. required vs. prohibited hours, topics
 - Quality assurance

Examinations

- Are exit examinations by chiro program sufficient?
- National test by regulators
 - Cost effective?
 - Duplicative?
- Jurisdictional exams: ethics, jurisprudence
- Special exams for expanded practice (acupuncture)
 - Slow the process?

- Language fluency
 - How to establish standard?
- Legal permission to work
 - Citizenship?
- Malpractice / liability insurance
 - What levels are sufficient?

- Criminal records check
 - Varying degrees of thoroughness, fees
 - Legislative authorization
- Character references
 - Are they meaningful?
- Fitness to practice / mental incapacity
 - Define good health: physical and mental
- Pay fees

- If practiced previously:
 - Recency of practice
 - Full-time? Part-time? How many years? Why?
 - "Good standing" in other jurisdictions
 - No previous actions? 100+ categories of license status
 - Pending complaints / investigations
 - Can jurisdiction release this information?

- If practiced previously:
 - CIN-BAD check
 - Free to FCLB Member Boards, fees for other access
 - Pending compliance with other board orders
 - Board financial cutbacks = difficulty monitoring compliance
 - Previous malpractice settlements
 - Failure to disclose / no way to check

Discussion

Which requirements for registration or licensure truly protect the public?



How do we move toward more uniform requirements and language?