

## Chapter Chir 12

### NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING CERTIFICATION

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#### Chir 12.01 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) “Administering” means the direct application of a product, whether by ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by any of the following:

- (a) A chiropractor.
- (b) A patient or research subject at the direction of the chiropractor.

(2) “Dispensing” means delivering a product to an ultimate user or research subject by a chiropractor.

(3) “Nutritional counseling” means providing counsel, direction, guidance, advice or a recommendation to a patient regarding the health effects of vitamins, herbs or nutritional supplements.

(4) “Nutritional supplement” means a product, other than tobacco, that is intended to supplement the diet that contains one or more of the following dietary ingredients: a vitamin, a mineral, an herb or other botanical, an amino acid, a dietary substance for use by man to supplement the diet by increasing the total daily intake, or concentrate, metabolics, constituent, extract or combination of these ingredients; or is labeled as a nutritional or dietary supplement.

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**Chir 12.02 Requirements for nutritional counseling certification.** (1) The board shall grant a certificate for nutritional counseling to a licensed chiropractor who does all of the following:

- (a) Submits an application for a certificate to the department on a form provided by the department.

**Note:** Application forms are available on request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department’s website at: <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

- (b) Pays the fee specified in s. 446.02 (2) (c), Stats.

(c) Submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she has completed any of the following:

1. Received a postgraduate degree in human nutrition, nutrition education, food and nutrition or dietetics conferred by a college or university that is accredited by an accrediting body listed as nationally recognized by the secretary of the federal department of education.

2. Received diplomate status in human nutrition conferred by a college of chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or approved by the board or by an agency approved by the United States office of education or its successor.

3. Received a postgraduate degree in human nutrition conferred by a foreign school determined to be equivalent to an accredited college of chiropractic by the CCE or approved by the board or another board approved accrediting agency, indicating that the applicant has graduated from a program that is substantially equivalent to a postgraduate or diplomate program under subd. 1. or 2.

4. Received a degree from or otherwise successfully completed a postgraduate program after December 1, 2006 consisting of a minimum of 48 hours in human nutrition that is approved by the board as provided in s. Chir 12.03, after December 1, 2006.

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**Chir 12.03 Approval of nutritional counseling education programs.** (1) To qualify for board approval as a nutritional counseling education program under s. Chir 12.02 (1) (c) 4., a program shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:

(b) The program subject matter includes core curriculum education in each of the following areas:

1. Nutrition counseling and initial screening to include nutrition physical examination.

2. Diet history taking.

3. Analysis of laboratory data including hair, saliva, urine and blood samples.

4. Symptoms of severe vitamin and nutritional deficiencies, and the toxicity of excess vitamin and mineral supplementation, herbals or other nutritional supplements.

5. Protein, carbohydrates, and fat macronutrient needs and symptoms of deficiencies of any of these nutrients.

6. Vitamin recommended daily allowances and dietary reference intakes.

7. Mineral and metals needs of the human body and the biochemistry of essential and non-essential nutritional supplements.

8. Fiber needs.

9. Codex Alimentarius Commission.

10. Dietary supplement health and education act of 1994, P.L. 103–417 and related regulations.

11. Etiology of organ system dysfunction, internal medicine diseases and conditions.

12. Supplements and nutrition.

13. The efficacy, safety, risks and benefits of glandular products, chelation therapy and therapeutic enzymes.

14. Food composition and foods as a source of vitamins.

15. Sports nutrition, endurance, body building and exercise physiology.

16. Weight management and control.

17. Contraindications, side effects, and toxic effects of botanicals, nutritional supplements and diet products.

18. Nutrition across the life cycle.

19. Nutrition relating to infants, pregnancy and lactation.

20. Geriatric nutritional needs.

21. Adolescent nutrition needs.

22. Male and female nutrition needs.

23. Therapeutic use of botanical medicine.

24. Food, drug, and nutritional supplements interactions.

25. Safety and efficacy – risks and benefits of nutritional supplements.

(c) The program sponsor agrees to provide a responsible person to monitor and verify the attendance of each registered chiropractor at the program, and the program sponsor agrees to keep the records of attendance for 3 years from the date of the program and to furnish each participant with evidence of having attended the program.

(d) The program sponsor shall not assign or delegate its responsibilities to monitor or record attendance, provide evidence of attendance, compare course content with subject matter content

required under sub. (1) (b), or provide information on instructors or other aspects of the program unless the assignment or delegation is specifically identified in the application for approval and approved by the board.

(e) The program sponsor has reviewed and validated the program's content to insure its compliance with par. (b).

(f) When a course instructor of the program is on the undergraduate or postgraduate faculty of a chiropractic college, the program sponsor has provided written verification that the course instructor has been appointed in accordance with the accreditation standards of the Council on Chiropractic Education.

(g) The program offers significant professional educational benefit for participants, as determined by the board.

(h) The instructor is qualified to present the course.

(i) The program shall include a written assessment instrument, designed to ensure that the chiropractor actively participated in the presentation of material and derived a measurable benefit from participation. There shall be an assessment or test at the conclusion of each 12 hours of education. A score of 75% or higher shall be considered a passing score.

(j) The program shall contain a reasonable security procedure to assure that the chiropractor enrolled is the actual participant.

(k) Programs shall be approved for one hour of education credit for every 50 minutes of instruction. The time used for testing and assessment purposes shall not be included in the computation of educational credit.

**(2)** (a) An application for approval of a nutritional counseling education program shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be on a form provided by the board.

**Note:** Application forms are available on request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or from the department's website at: <http://dps.wi.gov>.

2. Identify the name and address of the program sponsor.

3. Describe the time and place of the program.

4. Be complete as prescribed in this subsection and filed with the board no later than 75 days prior to the program date. An application is not considered complete until such time as all information required to be submitted with the application, and any supplementary information requested by the board, is received by the board.

5. Include evidence of the program sponsor's verification showing to the satisfaction of the board that the subject matter is generally taught at the undergraduate or postgraduate level of a chiropractic college and relates to improving the clinical skills of a chiropractor. A detailed course outline or syllabus describing the subject matter of the program, and the amount of time devoted to each section of the outline or syllabus shall be attached to the application.

6. Describe the names and qualifications of all instructors, and if applicable, whether an instructor of the program who is an undergraduate or postgraduate faculty member of a sponsoring college was appointed in accordance with accreditation standards of the Council on Chiropractic Education.

7. Identify whether the program sponsor intends to assign or delegate any of its responsibilities to another person or entity, and if so, include all of the following:

a. A specific description of the assignment or delegation.

b. The person or entity who is assigned or delegated to perform the responsibility, including name, address and qualification to perform the responsibility.

c. The method by which the program sponsor intends to assure that the delegated or assigned responsibility is performed.

8. Include a written assessment instrument, designed to ensure that the chiropractor actively participated in the presenta-

tion of material and derived a measurable benefit from participation.

9. Include a reasonable security procedure to assure that the chiropractor enrolled is the actual participant.

(b) If necessary, in order to determine whether an applicant meets the requirements of this chapter, the board may require that the applicant submit information in addition to that described in this section.

**(3)** Continuing education credit may not be awarded for meals, breaks, testing or assessment periods.

**(4)** The sponsor of an approved program shall ensure that the program is carried out and presented as represented to and approved by the board, and that all responsibilities of the program sponsor, an instructor, and any person or entity delegated or assigned a responsibility relating to a program approved by the board are fulfilled.

**(5)** The approval of a course shall be effective only for the biennium in which it is approved.

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**Chir 12.04 Application denials.** The board may deny approval of an application submitted under s. Chir 12.03 for any of the following reasons:

**(1)** The program or program sponsor does not meet requirements established in this chapter.

**(2)** The emphasis of the program is on the business, management, or insurance aspects of a chiropractic practice rather than on improving the clinical skills of the chiropractor.

**(3)** The board determines that the program sponsor has not provided adequate assurance that responsibilities delegated or assigned to others will be satisfactorily performed.

**(4)** Any presentation, program content, materials or displays for the advertising, promotion, sale or marketing of equipment, devices, instruments or other material of any kind or purpose is not kept separate from the program content and presentation for which approval is applied and granted.

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**Chir 12.05 Revocation of approval.** The board may revoke approval of a program for any of the following reasons:

**(1)** The program sponsor, an instructor, or a person delegated or assigned a responsibility has a financial, personal or professional interest which conflicts directly with the performance of responsibilities in this chapter.

**(2)** Failure on the part of a program sponsor, an instructor, or a person delegated or assigned a responsibility to carry out a program as represented to and approved by the board or as provided in this chapter.

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**Chir 12.06 Prohibited practices.** **(1)** A chiropractor shall not delegate to any chiropractic assistant or other person any recommendations, analysis, advice, consultation or dispensing with respect to vitamins, herbs, or nutritional supplements. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prevent chiropractic assistants or administrative employees from processing sales of vitamins, herbs, or nutritional supplements.

**(2)** After December 1, 2008 a chiropractor shall not sell, barter, trade or give away vitamins, herbs or nutritional supplements unless the chiropractor holds a certificate for nutritional counseling and except as consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

**(3)** A chiropractor shall not deliver, dispense, administer, transfer or sell a product unless that product is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law.

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