

CHAPTER 445

BASIC SCIENCES EXAMINING BOARD

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445.01 Definitions. (1) In this chapter:

(a) "Treat the sick" means to examine into the fact, condition or cause of human health or disease, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, or to undertake, offer, advertise, announce or hold out in any manner to do any of the aforementioned acts, for compensation, direct or indirect, or in the expectation thereof.

(b) "Disease" means any pain, injury, deformity, or physical or mental illness or departure from complete health and proper condition of the human body or any of its parts.

(c) "Basic sciences" means anatomy, physiology, pathology, physical diagnosis, chemistry and bacteriology.

(2) In this chapter, "examining board" means basic sciences examining board.

(3) This chapter shall not apply to or affect persons making application for certification as a physician's assistant under s. 448.51, for examination to hold a certificate, under ch. 447, as a dental hygienist nor shall sub. (1) apply to former commissioned physicians of the medical corps of one of the armed services or of the federal health service of the United States or to graduates of a foreign medical school who are either admitted for examination or for whom a written examination is waived under s. 448.03 (2) or who receive temporary licenses under s. 448.03 (3) or to optometrists. The exemption contained in this subsection shall likewise apply to all those who prior to July 1, 1952, filed an application for a license to practice dentistry under ch. 447.

History: 1971 c. 40 s. 93; 1971 c. 153; 1973 c. 149.

445.02 Practice. No person shall treat, or attempt to treat, the sick unless he has a certificate of registration in the basic sciences, and has complied with all other requirements of law. This section shall not affect the exemptions provided by s. 448.16 (1) and (2), nor shall it be construed to require a certificate of registration in the basic sciences for the practice of nursing by

persons registered under ch. 441 nor for the practice of physical therapy by persons registered under ch. 448.

445.03 Other boards. No examining board for any branch of treating the sick shall admit to its examinations or license or register any applicant unless such applicant first presents a certificate of registration in the basic sciences. Any such examining board may by rule accept such certificate in lieu of examination in those subjects.

445.04 Application. Application for a certificate of registration in the basic sciences shall be made to the examining board accompanied by evidence of good moral character satisfactory to the examining board and credentials certifying preliminary education equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school of this state, and a fee of \$20.

445.05 Examination. Examination shall be in the basic sciences only, shall be conducted not less than 4 times a year and shall be both written and by demonstration or other practical test. No applicant shall be required to disclose the professional school he may have attended or what system of treating the sick he intends to pursue. In lieu of its own examination, the examining board may accept, either in whole or in part, the certificate of the national board of medical examiners provided that certification by the national board is accepted by the medical examining board in whole or in part and that such certification is accepted by the basic science boards of at least 6 other states. If certifications by the national board are accepted in whole or in part by the dentistry examining board, the examining board may accept, in whole or in part, the certificate of the council of the national board of dental examiners in lieu of its own examination.

445.06 Certificate. If the candidate attains a grade of 75% in each subject, he shall receive a certificate in the basic sciences, signed by the president and secretary. If he fails in one subject only, he may be reexamined in that subject at any examination within one year without further examination fee. If he fails in 2 or more subjects he must apply anew and stand examination in all subjects.

445.07 Reciprocity. The examining board may issue a certificate to an applicant who presents sufficient and satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations in the basic sciences before a legal examining board or officer of another state, or of a foreign country, if the standards are as high as those of this state, and upon payment of a fee which shall be fixed by the examining board at not less than the reciprocity fee of the state whose certificate the applicant presents; such fee in no event to be less than \$20.

445.08 Previous practice. Any person who, on February 1, 1925, was regularly licensed or

registered in this state to treat the sick need not be registered under this chapter.

445.09 Revocation. Certificate of registration in the basic sciences shall be subject to revocation for the causes and as provided in s. 448.18.

445.10 Review. The action of the examining board in granting or denying a certificate shall be subject to review by appeal under ch. 227, and any state examining board for any branch of treating the sick may take such appeal as a party aggrieved.

445.11 Administration. The examining board shall keep a complete record in which shall be entered all applications, examinations, registrations, fees, decisions, orders and proceedings.

445.12 Penalty. Anyone violating this chapter may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned not less than 60 days nor more than one year or both.