

# Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

## Proposed New Rule

### Rule 190-X-7-.02 Extern.

(1) Extern. A student enrolled in their last year at a Board approved chiropractic college accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education or a recent chiropractic graduate of such an accredited school who is issued a limited license to practice under the direct on-premises supervision of a sponsor licensed to practice chiropractic in the state of Alabama and in the case of a student, under the supervision of the accredited school.

(2) Qualifications. In order to receive a permit as an Extern the following applies:

(a) Student

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Alabama 1975 §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

- (i) Currently enrolled in the final academic year at an approved chiropractic college which maintains a standard of training acceptable to the Board.
- (ii) Documentation of successfully completing the written examination Parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.
- (iii) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance coverage.

(b) Graduate

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Alabama 1975 §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

- (i) Graduated within six (6) months preceding the filing of an application from an approved chiropractic college maintaining a standard of training acceptable to the Board and not yet licensed in any other state.
- (ii) Documentation of successfully passing Parts I and II ~~and III~~ of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.
- (iii) Successfully passing Part III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination within twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(c) Any student or graduate must submit an application which shall include a provision that in executing the application the applicant agrees to comply with the provisions of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and all the Rules adopted by the Board. In addition, a student, in order to be approved, must have submitted a current and complete licensure application, including any fee and documentation, required by

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all student applicants for licensure.

1. For purpose of this rule the following meanings shall apply.

(i) Tier I applicants are those whose results from any required background checks have not yet been received. Tier I applicants are not allowed to adjust, or make any diagnosis or treatment directly with the patient. Tier II extern can perform same services as a chiropractic assistant as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor and may observe the preceptor doctors treatment of patients.

(ii) Tier II applicants are those who have successfully complied with all requirements set out in this rule. Tier II applicants should be able to have full patient treatment privileges as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor. A student who graduates is no longer eligible to possess a permit to participate in the preceptorship program unless at the time of graduation the requirements of Part IV of the National Board of Chiropractors Examination have not been satisfied. In that event, participation in the preceptor program may continue for no longer than twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(d) Anyone approved as an extern shall only deliver chiropractic services under the direct on-premises supervision of an approved preceptor. The chiropractic services delivered are those specified in the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act or in any Rule adopted by the Board.

(3) Each applicant for this permit shall be of good moral character or have not engaged in any act or omission which is a ground for discipline set out and described in Code of Alabama 1975 34- 24-166(b). In addition, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States or if not such a citizen, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the Federal Government.

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