

21 NCAC 10 .0306 PUBLICATION OF NON-DIPLOMATE CREDENTIALS

(a) Scope of Rule. Any credential awarded to a licensee of the Board upon completion of a healthcare-related educational program shall be subject to this Rule except an academic degree or a diploma recognized pursuant to Rule .0304 of this Section.

(b) Publication of Unrecognized Credentials Unlawful. It shall constitute false or misleading advertising, in violation of G.S. 90-154(b)(1), for a licensee to publish a credential that is not recognized by the Board. For purposes of this Rule, "publication" includes representations made in a licensee's print, broadcast or online advertisement, professional stationery, business cards, and office signage.

(c) Criteria for Recognition. The criteria for recognition by the Board of a credential subject to this Rule shall be as follows:

- (1) the educational program leading to the awarding of the credential is offered at the post-doctor of chiropractic level;
- (2) for a chiropractic discipline, the educational program is offered or sponsored by a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education;
- (3) for a discipline not unique to chiropractic, the educational program is offered or sponsored by a professional school or college accredited by an agency that is the equivalent of the Council on Chiropractic Education;
- (4) the educational program is 100 hours in duration, except for programs in Acupuncture-Meridian Therapy, whose duration shall conform to Rule .0208 of this Chapter; and
- (5) The educational program culminates in a final examination that the candidate must pass to earn the credential.

(d) Recognized Credentials. The following credentials are recognized by the Board and may be published upon the credentialed licensee's compliance with Paragraph (e) of this Rule.

- (1) Certified Chiropractic Extremity Practitioner (CCEP);
- (2) Certified Chiropractic Rehabilitation Doctor (CCRD);
- (3) Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician (CCSP);
- (4) Chiropractic Certification in Spinal Trauma (CCST);
- (5) International Chiropractic Sports Physician (ICSP); and
- (6) Certificate in Acupuncture-Meridian Therapy.

Any licensee wishing to publish a credential not listed in this Paragraph shall first make written application to the Board and provide evidence that the credential meets the criteria set forth in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The licensee shall not publish the credential until receipt of Board recognition.

(e) Filing Certificates. A licensee shall not publish any recognized credential until he or she files with the Board a copy of the dated certificate or similar document signifying that the licensee successfully completed all program requirements and that the credential was awarded.

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