

21 NCAC 10 .0304 DESIGNATION OF SPECIALTIES

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Claim of Specialization: any use of the designations listed in this Rule or any representation stating or implying that, by virtue of additional training, a licentiate possesses greater expertise in any aspect of health care than is possessed by chiropractic physicians who have not had additional training. The mere recitation of academic degrees awarded to a licentiate does not constitute a claim of specialization.
- (2) Publication: includes but is not limited to representations made in a licentiate's advertising, whether printed or broadcast; written representations appearing on professional stationery, business cards, curriculum vitae or office signage; and oral representations made in judicial proceedings.

(b) Recognized Specialties. The Board of Examiners recognizes only the specialties listed in this Rule. Any published claim of specialization outside the listed subject areas or any published claim of specialization made by or at the behest of a licentiate who has not satisfied all applicable provisions of this Rule constitutes false or misleading advertising.

(c) Chiropractic Orthopedics. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedics" ("DABCO"), "Diplomate of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics" ("DACO"), "Fellow of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics" ("FACO") or "Chiropractic Orthopedist." In order to claim chiropractic orthopedics as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in orthopedics at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DABCO examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DABCO examination, and cause a copy of the DABCO diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(d) Chiropractic Radiology. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology" ("DACBR") or "Chiropractic Radiologist." In order to claim chiropractic radiology as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in radiology at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACBR examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACBR examination, and cause a copy of the DACBR diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(e) Chiropractic Neurology. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board" ("DACNB"), "Diplomate of the International Board of Chiropractic Neurology" ("DIBCN") or "Chiropractic Neurologist." In order to claim chiropractic neurology as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in neurology at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACNB or DIBCN examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACNB or DIBCN examinations, and cause a copy of the DACNB or DIBCN diploma or their equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(f) Chiropractic Internal Disorders. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Internists" ("DACBI") or "Chiropractic Internist." In order to claim chiropractic internal disorders as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in internal disorders at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACBI examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACBI examination, and cause a copy of the DACBI diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(g) Chiropractic Pediatrics. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the International Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics" ("DICCP") or "Chiropractic Pediatrician." In order to claim chiropractic pediatrics as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in pediatrics at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DICCP examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DICCP examination, and cause a copy of the DICCP diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(h) Chiropractic Sports Injuries. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians" ("DACBSP") or "Chiropractic Sports Physician." In order to claim chiropractic sports injuries as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in sports injuries at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACBSP examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACBSP examination, and cause a copy of the DACBSP diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(i) Chiropractic Nutrition. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Nutrition" ("DACBN") or "Chiropractic Nutritionist." In order to claim chiropractic nutrition as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in nutrition at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACBN examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACBN examination, and cause a copy of the DACBN diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

(j) Chiropractic Rehabilitation. This specialty is designated by the terms "Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Rehabilitation Board" ("DACRB") or "Chiropractic Rehabilitation Specialist." In order to claim chiropractic rehabilitation as a specialty, a licentiate shall first:

- (1) Complete a post-graduate course of study in rehabilitation at least 300 hours in length and offered by a college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and
- (2) Pass all parts of the DACRB examination, or all parts of an examination deemed by the Board of Examiners to be the equivalent of the DACRB examination, and cause a copy of the DACRB diploma or its equivalent to be filed with the Board of Examiners.

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