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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 381.4018, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to develop strategies to maximize federal-state partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice in medically underserved or rural areas; authorizing the department to adopt certain rules; amending s. 456.013, F.S.; revising health care practitioner licensure application requirements; amending s. 458.3312, F.S.; removing a provision prohibiting a physician from representing himself or herself as a board-certified specialist in dermatology unless the recognizing agency is reviewed and reauthorized on a specified basis by the Board of Medicine; amending s. 459.0055, F.S.; revising licensure requirements for a person seeking licensure or certification as an osteopathic physician; amending s. 460.408, F.S.; defining the term "contact classroom hour"; revising provisions relating to continuing chiropractic education requirements; repealing s. 460.4166, F.S., relating to registered chiropractic assistants; amending s. 464.019, F.S.; extending through 2025 the Florida Center for Nursing's responsibility to study and issue an annual report on the implementation of nursing education programs; amending s. 464.202, F.S.; requiring the Board of Nursing to adopt rules that include disciplinary



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28 procedures and standards of practice for certified  
29 nursing assistants; amending s. 464.203, F.S.;  
30 revising certification requirements for nursing  
31 assistants; amending s. 464.204, F.S.; revising  
32 grounds for board-imposed disciplinary sanctions;  
33 amending s. 466.006, F.S.; revising certain  
34 requirements for examinations to be completed by  
35 applicants seeking dental licensure; amending s.  
36 466.007, F.S.; revising requirements for examinations  
37 of dental hygienists; amending s. 466.017, F.S.;  
38 providing adverse incident reporting requirements;  
39 providing for disciplinary action by the Board of  
40 Dentistry; defining the term "adverse incident";  
41 authorizing the board to adopt rules; amending s.  
42 466.036, F.S.; revising inspection frequency of dental  
43 laboratories during a specified period; amending s.  
44 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
45 "athletic trainer" for the purpose of relocating an  
46 existing requirement; amending s. 468.707, F.S.;  
47 revising athletic trainer licensure requirements;  
48 amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring certain licensees  
49 to maintain certification in good standing without  
50 lapse to renew their athletic trainer license;  
51 amending s. 468.713, F.S.; requiring that an athletic  
52 trainer work within a specified scope of practice;  
53 relocating an existing requirement; amending s.  
54 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct supervision of an  
55 athletic training student to be in accordance with  
56 rules adopted by the Board of Athletic Training;



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57 amending s. 468.803, F.S.; revising orthotic,  
58 prosthetic, and pedorthic licensure, registration, and  
59 examination requirements; amending s. 480.033, F.S.;  
60 revising the definition of the term "apprentice";  
61 amending s. 480.041, F.S.; revising qualifications for  
62 licensure as a massage therapist; specifying that a  
63 massage apprentice who was licensed before a specified  
64 date may continue to perform massage therapy as  
65 authorized under his or her license; authorizing a  
66 massage apprentice to apply for full licensure upon  
67 completion of the apprenticeship under certain  
68 conditions; repealing s. 480.042, F.S., relating to  
69 examinations for licensure as a massage therapist;  
70 amending s. 480.046, F.S.; revising instances under  
71 which disciplinary action may be taken against massage  
72 establishments; prohibiting certain massage  
73 establishments from applying for relicensure;  
74 providing an exception; amending s. 490.003, F.S.;  
75 revising the definition of the terms "doctoral-level  
76 psychological education" and "doctoral degree in  
77 psychology"; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; revising  
78 requirements for licensure by examination of  
79 psychologists and school psychologists; amending s.  
80 490.006, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by  
81 endorsement of psychologists and school psychologists;  
82 amending s. 491.0045, F.S.; providing an exemption for  
83 registration requirements for clinical social worker  
84 interns, marriage and family therapist interns, and  
85 mental health counselor interns under certain



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86           circumstances; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising  
87           requirements for the licensure by examination of  
88           marriage and family therapists; revising examination  
89           requirements for the licensure by examination of  
90           mental health counselors; amending s. 491.006, F.S.;  
91           revising requirements for licensure by endorsement or  
92           certification for specified professions; amending s.  
93           491.007, F.S.; removing a biennial intern registration  
94           fee; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing the Board  
95           of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy,  
96           and Mental Health Counseling or, under certain  
97           circumstances, the department to enter an order  
98           denying licensure or imposing penalties against an  
99           applicant for licensure under certain circumstances;  
100          amending ss. 491.0046 and 945.42, F.S.; conforming  
101          cross-references; providing an effective date.

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103   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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105           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 381.4018, Florida  
106           Statutes, is amended to read:

107           381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.—

108           (3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The department shall maximize the  
109           use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the  
110           department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental  
111           and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to  
112           develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of  
113           such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the  
114           department shall:



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115 (a) Monitor, evaluate, and report on the supply and  
116 distribution of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
117 459. The department shall maintain a database to serve as a  
118 statewide source of data concerning the physician workforce.

119 (b) Develop a model and quantify, on an ongoing basis, the  
120 adequacy of the state's current and future physician workforce  
121 as reliable data becomes available. Such model must take into  
122 account demographics, physician practice status, place of  
123 education and training, generational changes, population growth,  
124 economic indicators, and issues concerning the "pipeline" into  
125 medical education.

126 (c) Develop and recommend strategies to determine whether  
127 the number of qualified medical school applicants who might  
128 become competent, practicing physicians in this state will be  
129 sufficient to meet the capacity of the state's medical schools.  
130 If appropriate, the department shall, working with  
131 representatives of appropriate governmental and nongovernmental  
132 entities, develop strategies and recommendations and identify  
133 best practice programs that introduce health care as a  
134 profession and strengthen skills needed for medical school  
135 admission for elementary, middle, and high school students, and  
136 improve premedical education at the precollege and college level  
137 in order to increase this state's potential pool of medical  
138 students.

139 (d) Develop strategies to ensure that the number of  
140 graduates from the state's public and private allopathic and  
141 osteopathic medical schools is adequate to meet physician  
142 workforce needs, based on the analysis of the physician  
143 workforce data, so as to provide a high-quality medical



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144 education to students in a manner that recognizes the uniqueness  
145 of each new and existing medical school in this state.

146 (e) Pursue strategies and policies to create, expand, and  
147 maintain graduate medical education positions in the state based  
148 on the analysis of the physician workforce data. Such strategies  
149 and policies must take into account the effect of federal  
150 funding limitations on the expansion and creation of positions  
151 in graduate medical education. The department shall develop  
152 options to address such federal funding limitations. The  
153 department shall consider options to provide direct state  
154 funding for graduate medical education positions in a manner  
155 that addresses requirements and needs relative to accreditation  
156 of graduate medical education programs. The department shall  
157 consider funding residency positions as a means of addressing  
158 needed physician specialty areas, rural areas having a shortage  
159 of physicians, and areas of ongoing critical need, and as a  
160 means of addressing the state's physician workforce needs based  
161 on an ongoing analysis of physician workforce data.

162 (f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs  
163 that provide for the use of incentives to attract physicians to  
164 this state or retain physicians within the state. Such  
165 strategies should explore and maximize federal-state  
166 partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice  
167 in federally designated shortage areas, in otherwise medically  
168 underserved areas, or in rural areas. Strategies shall also  
169 consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical  
170 Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to  
171 s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan  
172 forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to



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173 relocate to underserved areas of the state.

174 (g) Coordinate and enhance activities relative to physician  
175 workforce needs, undergraduate medical education, graduate  
176 medical education, and reentry of retired military and other  
177 physicians into the physician workforce provided by the Division  
178 of Medical Quality Assurance, area health education center  
179 networks established pursuant to s. 381.0402, and other offices  
180 and programs within the department as designated by the State  
181 Surgeon General.

182 (h) Work in conjunction with and act as a coordinating body  
183 for governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to address  
184 matters relating to the state's physician workforce assessment  
185 and development for the purpose of ensuring an adequate supply  
186 of well-trained physicians to meet the state's future needs.  
187 Such governmental stakeholders shall include, but need not be  
188 limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee,  
189 the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the  
190 Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her designee,  
191 and the Chancellor of the State University System or his or her  
192 designee, and, at the discretion of the department, other  
193 representatives of state and local agencies that are involved in  
194 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future  
195 physicians. Other stakeholders shall include, but need not be  
196 limited to, organizations representing the state's public and  
197 private allopathic and osteopathic medical schools;  
198 organizations representing hospitals and other institutions  
199 providing health care, particularly those that currently provide  
200 or have an interest in providing accredited medical education  
201 and graduate medical education to medical students and medical



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202 residents; organizations representing allopathic and osteopathic  
203 practicing physicians; and, at the discretion of the department,  
204 representatives of other organizations or entities involved in  
205 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future  
206 physicians.

207 (i) Serve as a liaison with other states and federal  
208 agencies and programs in order to enhance resources available to  
209 the state's physician workforce and medical education continuum.

210 (j) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating  
211 information concerning the physician workforce and medical  
212 education continuum in this state.

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214 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection,  
215 including rules to establish guidelines to implement the federal  
216 Conrad 30 Waiver Program created under s. 214(1) of the  
217 Immigration and Nationality Act.

218 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
219 456.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

221 (1) (a) Any person desiring to be licensed in a profession  
222 within the jurisdiction of the department shall apply to the  
223 department in writing ~~to take the licensure examination~~. The  
224 application shall be made on a form prepared and furnished by  
225 the department. The application form must be available on the  
226 Internet, World Wide Web and the department may accept  
227 electronically submitted applications. The application shall  
228 require the social security number and date of birth of the  
229 applicant, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The  
230 form shall be supplemented as needed to reflect any material





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231 change in any circumstance or condition stated in the  
232 application which takes place between the initial filing of the  
233 application and the final grant or denial of the license and  
234 which might affect the decision of the department. If an  
235 application is submitted electronically, the department may  
236 require supplemental materials, including an original signature  
237 of the applicant and verification of credentials, to be  
238 submitted in a nonelectronic format. An incomplete application  
239 shall expire 1 year after initial filing. In order to further  
240 the economic development goals of the state, and notwithstanding  
241 any law to the contrary, the department may enter into an  
242 agreement with the county tax collector for the purpose of  
243 appointing the county tax collector as the department's agent to  
244 accept applications for licenses and applications for renewals  
245 of licenses. The agreement must specify the time within which  
246 the tax collector must forward any applications and accompanying  
247 application fees to the department.

248 Section 3. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended  
249 to read:

250 458.3312 Specialties.—A physician licensed under this  
251 chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified  
252 specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition  
253 as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of  
254 Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency that has been  
255 approved by the board. However, a physician may indicate the  
256 services offered and may state that his or her practice is  
257 limited to one or more types of services when this accurately  
258 reflects the scope of practice of the physician. ~~A physician may~~  
259 ~~not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist~~



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260 ~~in dermatology unless the recognizing agency, whether authorized~~  
261 ~~in statute or by rule, is triennially reviewed and reauthorized~~  
262 ~~by the Board of Medicine.~~

263 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 459.0055, Florida  
264 Statutes, is amended to read:

265 459.0055 General licensure requirements.—

266 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, any person  
267 desiring to be licensed or certified as an osteopathic physician  
268 pursuant to this chapter shall:

269 (a) Complete an application form and submit the appropriate  
270 fee to the department;

271 (b) Be at least 21 years of age;

272 (c) Be of good moral character;

273 (d) Have completed at least 3 years of preprofessional  
274 postsecondary education;

275 (e) Have not previously committed any act that would  
276 constitute a violation of this chapter, unless the board  
277 determines that such act does not adversely affect the  
278 applicant's present ability and fitness to practice osteopathic  
279 medicine;

280 (f) Not be under investigation in any jurisdiction for an  
281 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter. If, upon  
282 completion of such investigation, it is determined that the  
283 applicant has committed an act that would constitute a violation  
284 of this chapter, the applicant is ineligible for licensure  
285 unless the board determines that such act does not adversely  
286 affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice  
287 osteopathic medicine;

288 (g) Have not had an application for a license to practice



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289 osteopathic medicine denied or a license to practice osteopathic  
290 medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by the  
291 licensing authority of any jurisdiction unless the board  
292 determines that the grounds on which such action was taken do  
293 not adversely affect the applicant's present ability and fitness  
294 to practice osteopathic medicine. A licensing authority's  
295 acceptance of a physician's relinquishment of license,  
296 stipulation, consent order, or other settlement, offered in  
297 response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative  
298 charges against the osteopathic physician, shall be considered  
299 action against the osteopathic physician's license;

300 (h) Not have received less than a satisfactory evaluation  
301 from an internship, residency, or fellowship training program,  
302 unless the board determines that such act does not adversely  
303 affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice  
304 osteopathic medicine. Such evaluation shall be provided by the  
305 director of medical education from the medical training  
306 facility;

307 (i) Have met the criteria set forth in s. 459.0075, s.  
308 459.0077, or s. 459.021, whichever is applicable;

309 (j) Submit to the department a set of fingerprints on a  
310 form and under procedures specified by the department, along  
311 with a payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the  
312 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the  
313 applicant;

314 (k) Demonstrate that he or she is a graduate of a medical  
315 college recognized and approved by the American Osteopathic  
316 Association;

317 (l) Demonstrate that she or he has successfully completed



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318 an internship or residency ~~a resident internship~~ of not less  
319 than 12 months in a program accredited ~~hospital approved~~ for  
320 this purpose by ~~the Board of Trustees of~~ the American  
321 Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for  
322 Graduate Medical Education ~~any other internship program approved~~  
323 ~~by the board upon a showing of good cause by the applicant~~. This  
324 requirement may be waived for an applicant who matriculated in a  
325 college of osteopathic medicine during or before 1948; and

326 (m) Demonstrate that she or he has obtained a passing  
327 score, as established by rule of the board, on all parts of the  
328 examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic  
329 Medical Examiners or other examination approved by the board no  
330 more than 5 years before making application in this state or, if  
331 holding a valid active license in another state, that the  
332 initial licensure in the other state occurred no more than 5  
333 years after the applicant obtained a passing score on the  
334 examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic  
335 Medical Examiners or other substantially similar examination  
336 approved by the board.

337 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 460.408, Florida  
338 Statutes, is amended to read:

339 460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

340 (1) The board shall require licensees to periodically  
341 demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of  
342 renewal of a license by completing up to 40 contact classroom  
343 hours of continuing education. For purposes of this subsection,  
344 the term "contact classroom hour" means a presentation in which  
345 the persons presenting and the persons attending the course are  
346 present on site. Up to 10 general credit continuing education



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347 hours may be completed online in place of contact classroom  
348 hours, as determined by board rule. Online continuing education  
349 courses must be competency-based and must use the Shareable  
350 Content Objective Reference Model standard or more stringent  
351 standards, as determined by the board.

352 (a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic  
353 colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under ~~any~~  
354 ~~provision of~~ this chapter may be approved upon review by the  
355 board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth  
356 criteria for course approval are met.

357 (b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon  
358 the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic  
359 medicine, ~~and the board~~ may also approve courses in adjunctive  
360 modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use,  
361 application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of  
362 a specific company's brand of products or services are not  
363 eligible for approval.

364 Section 6. Section 460.4166, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

365 Section 7. Subsection (10) of section 464.019, Florida  
366 Statutes, is amended to read:

367 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

368 (10) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for Nursing  
369 shall study the administration of this section and submit  
370 reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
371 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by January 30,  
372 through January 30, 2025 ~~2020~~. The annual reports shall address  
373 the previous academic year; provide data on the measures  
374 specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such data becomes  
375 available; and include an evaluation of such data for purposes



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376 of determining whether this section is increasing the  
377 availability of nursing education programs and the production of  
378 quality nurses. The department and each approved program or  
379 accredited program shall comply with requests for data from the  
380 Florida Center for Nursing.

381 (a) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate program-  
382 specific data for each approved program and accredited program  
383 conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

384 1. The number of programs and student slots available.

385 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number  
386 of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.

387 3. The number of program graduates.

388 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program  
389 entry to graduation.

390 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State  
391 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

392 6. The number of graduates who become employed as practical  
393 or professional nurses in the state.

394 (b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the  
395 board's implementation of the:

396 1. Program application approval process, including, but not  
397 limited to, the number of program applications submitted under  
398 subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and  
399 denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials  
400 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a  
401 description of the outcomes of those reviews.

402 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to,  
403 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of  
404 approved programs for which the program director is required to



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405 appear before the board under subsection (5), the number of  
406 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of  
407 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of  
408 the outcomes of those reviews.

409 (c) The Florida Center for Nursing shall complete an annual  
410 assessment of compliance by programs with the accreditation  
411 requirements of subsection (11), include in the assessment a  
412 determination of the accreditation process status for each  
413 program, and submit the assessment as part of the reports  
414 required by this subsection.

415 Section 8. Section 464.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
416 read:

417 464.202 Duties and powers of the board.—The board shall  
418 maintain, or contract with or approve another entity to  
419 maintain, a state registry of certified nursing assistants. The  
420 registry must consist of the name of each certified nursing  
421 assistant in this state; other identifying information defined  
422 by board rule; certification status; the effective date of  
423 certification; other information required by state or federal  
424 law; information regarding any crime or any abuse, neglect, or  
425 exploitation as provided under chapter 435; and any disciplinary  
426 action taken against the certified nursing assistant. The  
427 registry shall be accessible to the public, the  
428 certificateholder, employers, and other state agencies. The  
429 board shall adopt by rule testing procedures for use in  
430 certifying nursing assistants and shall adopt rules regulating  
431 the practice of certified nursing assistants, including  
432 disciplinary procedures and standards of practice, and  
433 specifying the scope of practice authorized and the level of



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434 supervision required for the practice of certified nursing  
435 assistants. The board may contract with or approve another  
436 entity or organization to provide the examination services,  
437 including the development and administration of examinations.  
438 The board shall require that the contract provider offer  
439 certified nursing assistant applications via the Internet, and  
440 may require the contract provider to accept certified nursing  
441 assistant applications for processing via the Internet. The  
442 board shall require the contract provider to provide the  
443 preliminary results of the certified nursing examination on the  
444 date the test is administered. The provider shall pay all  
445 reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the board in  
446 evaluating the provider's application and performance during the  
447 delivery of services, including examination services and  
448 procedures for maintaining the certified nursing assistant  
449 registry.

450 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
451 464.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

452 464.203 Certified nursing assistants; certification  
453 requirement.—

454 (1) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a  
455 certified nursing assistant to any person who demonstrates a  
456 minimum competency to read and write and successfully passes the  
457 required background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. If the  
458 person has successfully passed the required background screening  
459 pursuant to s. 400.215 or s. 408.809 within 90 days before  
460 applying for a certificate to practice and the person's  
461 background screening results are not retained in the  
462 clearinghouse created under s. 435.12, the board shall waive the





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463 requirement that the applicant successfully pass an additional  
464 background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. The person must  
465 also meet one of the following requirements:

466 (c) Is currently certified in another state or territory of  
467 the United States or in the District of Columbia; is listed on  
468 that jurisdiction's ~~state's~~ certified nursing assistant  
469 registry; and has not been found to have committed abuse,  
470 neglect, or exploitation in that jurisdiction ~~state~~.

471 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
472 464.204, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

473 464.204 Denial, suspension, or revocation of certification;  
474 disciplinary actions.—

475 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the  
476 board may impose disciplinary sanctions as specified in  
477 subsection (2):

478 (b) ~~Intentionally~~ Violating any provision of this chapter,  
479 chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the board.

480 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection  
481 (4) of section 466.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

482 466.006 Examination of dentists.—

483 (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or  
484 school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of  
485 a dental college or school not approved by the board, the  
486 applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in  
487 this section to practice dentistry until she or he satisfies one  
488 of the following:

489 (b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least  
490 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental general  
491 dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association



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492 Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program must provide  
493 didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or  
494 D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association  
495 Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this  
496 paragraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not  
497 include an advanced education program in a dental specialty.

498 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter  
499 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or  
500 national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this  
501 state, an applicant must successfully complete both of the  
502 following:

503 (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the  
504 state regulating the practice of dentistry.~~†~~

505 (b)~~1.~~ A practical or clinical examination, which must ~~shall~~  
506 be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the  
507 American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor  
508 entity, if any, that is administered in this state ~~and graded by~~  
509 ~~dentists licensed in this state and employed by the department~~  
510 ~~for just such purpose~~, provided that the board has attained, and  
511 continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of  
512 directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the  
513 examination development committee of the American Board of  
514 Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the American  
515 Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule  
516 to assure that the standards established herein are maintained  
517 organizationally. A passing score on the American Dental  
518 Licensing Examination administered in this state ~~and graded by~~  
519 ~~dentists who are licensed in this state~~ is valid for 365 days  
520 after the date the official examination results are published.



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521       ~~1.2.a.~~ As an alternative to such practical or clinical  
522 examination ~~the requirements of subparagraph 1.~~, an applicant  
523 may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination  
524 previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state  
525 after October 1, 2011, and such examination results shall be  
526 recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state.  
527 A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination  
528 administered out-of-state shall be the same as the passing score  
529 for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in  
530 this state ~~and graded by dentists who are licensed in this~~  
531 ~~state~~. The examination results are valid for 365 days after the  
532 date the official examination results are published. The  
533 applicant must have completed the examination after October 1,  
534 2011.

535       ~~b.~~ This subparagraph may not be given retroactive  
536 application.

537       ~~2.3.~~ If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental  
538 Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously  
539 administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under  
540 subparagraph 1. ~~subparagraph 2.~~ is older than 365 days, ~~then~~  
541 such scores are ~~shall~~ nevertheless ~~be recognized as~~ valid for  
542 the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the  
543 applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional  
544 standards have been met:

545       ~~a.(I)~~ The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing  
546 Examination after October 1, 2011.

547       ~~(II)~~ This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive  
548 application;

549       b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited



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550 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
551 Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other  
552 dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States  
553 Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did  
554 not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit  
555 proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental  
556 general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental  
557 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2  
558 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring  
559 institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical  
560 education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited  
561 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
562 Accreditation. For purposes of this paragraph, a supplemental  
563 general dentistry program does not include an advanced education  
564 program in a dental specialty;

565 c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active  
566 dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has  
567 never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise  
568 disciplined, from another state or territory of the United  
569 States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto  
570 Rico;

571 d. The applicant submits proof that he or she has never  
572 been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the  
573 Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American  
574 Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-  
575 subparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully  
576 appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of  
577 these agencies;

578 e. (I) (A) In the 5 years immediately preceding the date of



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579 ~~application for licensure in this state,~~ The applicant submits  
580 ~~must submit~~ proof of having been consecutively engaged in the  
581 full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of  
582 the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth  
583 of Puerto Rico in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of  
584 application for licensure in this state; or

585 (B) If the applicant has been licensed in another state or  
586 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the  
587 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant  
588 submits ~~must submit~~ proof of having been engaged in the full-  
589 time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial  
590 licensure.

591 (II) As used in this section, "full-time practice" is  
592 defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every  
593 year in the consecutive 5-year period or, where applicable, the  
594 period since initial licensure, and must include any combination  
595 of the following:

596 (A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct  
597 patient care.

598 (B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a  
599 dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or  
600 accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on  
601 Dental Accreditation.

602 (C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate  
603 dental education program approved by the board or accredited by  
604 the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
605 Accreditation.

606 (III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type  
607 of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the



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608 cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this  
609 section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:

610 (A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;

611 (B) Submitted in writing;

612 (C) Submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of  
613 perjury attached;

614 (D) Further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated  
615 to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant's practice  
616 and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been  
617 engaged in full-time practice; and

618 (E) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and  
619 admissible.

620 (IV) An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable  
621 proof of full-time practice unless it is further attested to by  
622 someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of  
623 the applicant's practice. If the board deems it necessary to  
624 assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the  
625 applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the  
626 board and give oral testimony under oath;

627 f. The applicant submits ~~must submit~~ documentation that he  
628 or she has completed, or will complete, prior to licensure in  
629 this state, continuing education equivalent to this state's  
630 requirements for the last full reporting biennium;

631 g. The applicant proves ~~must prove~~ that he or she has never  
632 been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of  
633 adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice  
634 of a health care profession in any jurisdiction;

635 h. The applicant has ~~must~~ successfully passed ~~pass~~ a  
636 written examination on the laws and rules of this state



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637 regulating the practice of dentistry and ~~must successfully pass~~  
638 the computer-based diagnostic skills examination; and

639 i. The applicant submits ~~must submit~~ documentation that he  
640 or she has successfully completed the applicable examination  
641 administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental  
642 Examinations or its successor organization ~~National Board of~~  
643 ~~Dental Examiners dental examination.~~

644 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
645 (a) of subsection (6) of section 466.007, Florida Statutes, are  
646 amended to read:

647 466.007 Examination of dental hygienists.—

648 (4) Effective July 1, 2012, to be licensed as a dental  
649 hygienist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete  
650 the following:

651 (b) A practical or clinical examination approved by the  
652 board. The examination shall be the Dental Hygiene Examination  
653 produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)  
654 or its successor entity, if any, if the board finds that the  
655 successor entity's clinical examination meets or exceeds the  
656 provisions of this section. The board shall approve the ADEX  
657 Dental Hygiene Examination if the board has attained and  
658 continues to maintain representation on the ADEX House of  
659 Representatives, the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination Development  
660 Committee, and such other ADEX Dental Hygiene committees as the  
661 board deems appropriate through rulemaking to ensure that the  
662 standards established in this section are maintained  
663 organizationally. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the  
664 examination produced by its successor entity is a comprehensive  
665 examination in which an applicant must demonstrate skills within



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666 the dental hygiene scope of practice on a live patient and any  
667 other components that the board deems necessary for the  
668 applicant to successfully demonstrate competency for the purpose  
669 of licensure. ~~The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the~~  
670 ~~examination by the successor entity administered in this state~~  
671 ~~shall be graded by dentists and dental hygienists licensed in~~  
672 ~~this state who are employed by the department for this purpose.~~

673 (6) (a) A passing score on the ADEX Dental Hygiene  
674 Examination administered out of state must ~~shall~~ be considered  
675 the same as a passing score for the ADEX Dental Hygiene  
676 Examination administered in this state ~~and graded by licensed~~  
677 ~~dentists and dental hygienists.~~

678 Section 13. Subsections (9) through (15) are added to  
679 section 466.017, Florida Statutes, to read:

680 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

681 (9) Any adverse incident that occurs in an office  
682 maintained by a dentist must be reported to the department. The  
683 required notification to the department must be submitted in  
684 writing by certified mail and postmarked within 48 hours after  
685 the incident occurs.

686 (10) A dentist practicing in this state must notify the  
687 board in writing by certified mail within 48 hours after any  
688 adverse incident that occurs in the dentist's outpatient  
689 facility. A complete written report must be filed with the board  
690 within 30 days after the incident occurs.

691 (11) Any certified registered dental hygienist  
692 administering local anesthesia must notify the board in writing  
693 by registered mail within 48 hours of any adverse incident that  
694 was related to or the result of the administration of local





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695 anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the  
696 board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse  
697 incident.

698 (12) A failure by the dentist or dental hygienist to timely  
699 and completely comply with all the reporting requirements in  
700 this section is the basis for disciplinary action by the board  
701 pursuant to s. 466.028(1).

702 (13) The department shall review each adverse incident and  
703 determine whether it involved conduct by a health care  
704 professional subject to disciplinary action, in which case s.  
705 456.073 applies. Disciplinary action, if any, shall be taken by  
706 the board under which the health care professional is licensed.

707 (14) As used in subsections (9)-(13), the term "adverse  
708 incident" means any mortality that occurs during or as the  
709 result of a dental procedure, or an incident that results in a  
710 temporary or permanent physical or mental injury that requires  
711 hospitalization or emergency room treatment of a dental patient  
712 which occurs during or as a direct result of the use of general  
713 anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, pediatric moderate  
714 sedation, oral sedation, minimal sedation (anxiolysis), nitrous  
715 oxide, or local anesthesia.

716 (15) The board may adopt rules to administer this section.

717 Section 14. Section 466.036, Florida Statutes, is amended  
718 to read:

719 466.036 Information; periodic inspections; equipment and  
720 supplies.—The department may require from the applicant for a  
721 registration certificate to operate a dental laboratory any  
722 information necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter,  
723 including proof that the applicant has the equipment and



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724 supplies necessary to operate as determined by rule of the  
725 department, and shall require periodic inspection of all dental  
726 laboratories operating in this state at least once each biennial  
727 registration period. Such inspections must ~~shall~~ include, but  
728 need not be limited to, inspection of sanitary conditions,  
729 equipment, supplies, and facilities on the premises. The  
730 department shall specify dental equipment and supplies that are  
731 not allowed ~~permitted~~ in a registered dental laboratory.

732 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida  
733 Statutes, is amended to read:

734 468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

735 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this  
736 part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including  
737 the education requirements established as set forth by the  
738 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
739 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the  
740 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an~~  
741 ~~athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent~~  
742 ~~that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that~~  
743 ~~he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to~~  
744 ~~provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from~~  
745 ~~providing.~~

746 Section 16. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended  
747 to read:

748 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be  
749 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on  
750 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also  
751 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,  
752 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The



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753 department shall license each applicant who:

754 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the  
755 required fees.

756 ~~(2) For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016,~~ Has  
757 submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The  
758 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose  
759 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

760 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a baccalaureate or  
761 ~~higher~~ degree from a college or university professional athletic  
762 training degree program accredited by the Commission on  
763 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor  
764 organization recognized and approved by the United States  
765 Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition of  
766 Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or  
767 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the  
768 national examination to be certified by the Board of  
769 Certification; or-

770 (b) ~~(4)~~ Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has  
771 completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,  
772 and ~~if graduated before 2004,~~ has a current certification from  
773 the Board of Certification.

774 (4) ~~(5)~~ Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary  
775 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator  
776 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined  
777 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

778 (5) ~~(6)~~ Has completed any other requirements as determined  
779 by the department and approved by the board.

780 Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida  
781 Statutes, is amended to read:



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782 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

783 (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the  
784 licensee must be currently certified by the Board of  
785 Certification or its successor agency and maintain that  
786 certification in good standing without lapse.

787 Section 18. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended  
788 to read:

789 468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.—

790 (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction  
791 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter  
792 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice  
793 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction  
794 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed  
795 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and  
796 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide  
797 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

798 (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her  
799 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.  
800 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,  
801 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or  
802 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or  
803 experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited  
804 by law from providing.

805 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida  
806 Statutes, is amended to read:

807 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or  
808 restrict:

809 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct  
810 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this



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811 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of  
812 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately  
813 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene  
814 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must  
815 comply with board rule in accordance with the standards set  
816 forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training  
817 Education or its successor.

818 Section 20. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section  
819 468.803, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

820 468.803 License, registration, and examination  
821 requirements.-

822 (1) The department shall issue a license to practice  
823 orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, or a registration for a  
824 resident to practice orthotics or prosthetics, to qualified  
825 applicants. Licenses to practice shall be granted independently  
826 in orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics shall be granted  
827 independently, but a person may be licensed in more than one  
828 such discipline, and a prosthetist-orthotist license may be  
829 granted to persons meeting the requirements for licensure both  
830 as a prosthetist and as an orthotist license. Registrations to  
831 practice shall be granted independently in orthotics or  
832 prosthetics shall be granted independently, and a person may be  
833 registered in both disciplines fields at the same time or  
834 jointly in orthotics and prosthetics as a dual registration.

835 (3) A person seeking to attain the ~~required~~ orthotics or  
836 prosthetics experience required for licensure in this state must  
837 be approved by the board and registered as a resident by the  
838 department. Although a registration may be held in both  
839 disciplines practice fields, for independent registrations the



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840 board may ~~shall~~ not approve a second registration for ~~until~~ at  
841 least 1 year after the issuance of the first registration.  
842 Notwithstanding subsection (2), a person ~~an applicant~~ who has  
843 been approved by the board and registered by the department in  
844 one discipline ~~practice field~~ may apply for registration in the  
845 second discipline ~~practice field~~ without an additional state or  
846 national criminal history check during the period in which the  
847 first registration is valid. Each independent registration or  
848 dual registration is valid for 2 years after ~~from~~ the date of  
849 issuance unless otherwise revoked by the department upon  
850 recommendation of the board. The board shall set a registration  
851 fee not to exceed \$500 to be paid by the applicant. A  
852 registration may be renewed once by the department upon  
853 recommendation of the board for a period no longer than 1 year,  
854 as such renewal is defined by the board by rule. The  
855 ~~registration~~ renewal fee may ~~shall~~ not exceed one-half the  
856 current registration fee. To be considered by the board for  
857 approval of registration as a resident, the applicant must have  
858 one of the following:

859 (a) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
860 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited  
861 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
862 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. ~~or, at~~

863 (b) A minimum ~~of~~ of a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
864 accredited college or university and a certificate in orthotics  
865 or prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on  
866 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its  
867 equivalent, as determined by the board. ~~or~~

868 (c) A minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally



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869 accredited college or university and a dual certificate in both  
870 orthotics and prosthetics from programs recognized by the  
871 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,  
872 or its equivalent, as determined by the board.

873 ~~(b) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate~~  
874 ~~degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited~~  
875 ~~college or university recognized by the Commission on~~  
876 ~~Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a~~  
877 ~~minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited~~  
878 ~~college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a~~  
879 ~~program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied~~  
880 ~~Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by~~  
881 ~~the board.~~

882 (4) The department may develop and administer a state  
883 examination for an orthotist or a prosthetist license, or the  
884 board may approve the existing examination of a national  
885 standards organization. The examination must be predicated on a  
886 minimum of a baccalaureate-level education and formalized  
887 specialized training in the appropriate field. Each examination  
888 must demonstrate a minimum level of competence in basic  
889 scientific knowledge, written problem solving, and practical  
890 clinical patient management. The board shall require an  
891 examination fee not to exceed the actual cost to the board in  
892 developing, administering, and approving the examination, which  
893 fee must be paid by the applicant. To be considered by the board  
894 for examination, the applicant must have:

895 (a) For an examination in orthotics:

896 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
897 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited



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898 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
899 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a  
900 minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
901 college or university and a certificate in orthotics from a  
902 program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
903 Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by  
904 the board; and

905 2. An approved orthotics internship of 1 year of qualified  
906 experience, as determined by the board, or an orthotic residency  
907 or dual residency program recognized by the board.

908 (b) For an examination in prosthetics:

909 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
910 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited  
911 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
912 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a  
913 minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
914 college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a  
915 program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
916 Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by  
917 the board; and

918 2. An approved prosthetics internship of 1 year of  
919 qualified experience, as determined by the board, or a  
920 prosthetic residency or dual residency program recognized by the  
921 board.

922 Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 480.033, Florida  
923 Statutes, is amended to read:

924 480.033 Definitions.—As used in this act:

925 (5) "Apprentice" means a person approved by the board to  
926 study colonic irrigation ~~massage~~ under the instruction of a





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927 licensed massage therapist practicing colonic irrigation.

928 Section 22. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 480.041,  
929 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is added to  
930 that section, to read:

931 480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure;  
932 endorsement.—

933 (1) Any person is qualified for licensure as a massage  
934 therapist under this act who:

935 (a) Is at least 18 years of age or has received a high  
936 school diploma or high school equivalency diploma;

937 (b) Has completed a course of study at a board-approved  
938 massage school ~~or has completed an apprenticeship program~~ that  
939 meets standards adopted by the board; and

940 (c) Has received a passing grade on a national ~~an~~  
941 examination designated ~~administered~~ by the board ~~department~~.

942 (2) Every person desiring to be examined for licensure as a  
943 massage therapist shall apply to the department in writing upon  
944 forms prepared and furnished by the department. Such applicants  
945 ~~are shall be~~ subject to the provisions of s. 480.046(1).

946 ~~Applicants may take an examination administered by the~~  
947 ~~department only upon meeting the requirements of this section as~~  
948 ~~determined by the board.~~

949 (8) A person issued a license as a massage apprentice  
950 before July 1, 2019, may continue that apprenticeship and  
951 perform massage therapy as permitted under that license until it  
952 expires. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, which must occur  
953 before July 1, 2022, a massage apprentice may apply to the board  
954 for full licensure and be granted a license if all other  
955 applicable licensure requirements are met.



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956 Section 23. Section 480.042, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

957 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 480.046, Florida  
958 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
959 section, to read:

960 480.046 Grounds for disciplinary action by the board.—

961 (3) The board may ~~shall have the power to~~ revoke or suspend  
962 the license of a massage establishment licensed under this act,  
963 or ~~to~~ deny subsequent licensure of such an establishment, if the  
964 establishment is owned by an individual or entity that owned  
965 another establishment whose license was revoked, upon a showing  
966 of proof that, ~~in either of the following cases:~~

967 (a) The current ~~Upon proof that~~ a license has been obtained  
968 by fraud or misrepresentation.

969 (b) ~~Upon proof that~~ The holder of the a license is guilty  
970 of fraud or deceit or of gross negligence, incompetency, or  
971 misconduct in the operation of the currently licensed  
972 establishment ~~so licensed~~.

973 (c) The owner of the massage establishment or any  
974 individual or individuals providing massage therapy services  
975 within the establishment, in the aggregate or individually, have  
976 had three convictions of, or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere  
977 to, or dismissals of a criminal action after a successful  
978 completion of a pretrial intervention, diversion, or substance  
979 abuse program for any misdemeanor or felony, regardless of  
980 adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction related to  
981 prostitution and related acts as defined in s. 796.07, which  
982 occurred at or within the currently licensed establishment.

983 (5) An establishment that has been the subject of  
984 disciplinary action under this section may not apply for



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985 relicensure unless there is a change in ownership.

986 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 490.003, Florida  
987 Statutes, is amended to read:

988 490.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

989 ~~(3)(a) Prior to July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological~~  
990 ~~education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an~~  
991 ~~Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from:~~

992 ~~1. An educational institution which, at the time the~~  
993 ~~applicant was enrolled and graduated, had institutional~~  
994 ~~accreditation from an agency recognized and approved by the~~  
995 ~~United States Department of Education or was recognized as a~~  
996 ~~member in good standing with the Association of Universities and~~  
997 ~~Colleges of Canada; and~~

998 ~~2. A psychology program within that educational institution~~  
999 ~~which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had~~  
1000 ~~programmatic accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized~~  
1001 ~~and approved by the United States Department of Education or was~~  
1002 ~~comparable to such programs.~~

1003 ~~(b) Effective July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological~~  
1004 ~~education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an~~  
1005 ~~Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from:~~

1006 ~~1. a psychology program within an educational institution~~  
1007 ~~that which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and~~  
1008 ~~graduated, had institutional accreditation from an agency~~  
1009 ~~recognized and approved by the United States Department of~~  
1010 ~~Education or was recognized as a member in good standing with~~  
1011 ~~the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. The~~  
1012 ~~psychology program must have had; and~~

1013 ~~2. A psychology program within that educational institution~~



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1014 ~~which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had~~  
1015 ~~programmatic accreditation from the American Psychological~~  
1016 ~~Association an agency recognized and approved by the United~~  
1017 ~~States Department of Education.~~

1018 Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
1019 (b) of subsection (2) of section 490.005, Florida Statutes, are  
1020 amended to read:

1021 490.005 Licensure by examination.—

1022 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a psychologist  
1023 shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination.  
1024 The department shall license each applicant who the board  
1025 certifies has:

1026 (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the board that the  
1027 applicant has:

1028 1. Received doctoral-level psychological education, ~~as~~  
1029 ~~defined in s. 490.003(3); or~~

1030 2. Received the equivalent of a doctoral-level  
1031 psychological education, as defined in s. 490.003(3), from a  
1032 program at a school or university located outside the United  
1033 States of America ~~and Canada~~, which was officially recognized by  
1034 the government of the country in which it is located as an  
1035 institution or program to train students to practice  
1036 professional psychology. The applicant has the burden of  
1037 establishing that this requirement has the requirements of this  
1038 provision have been met shall be upon the applicant;

1039 ~~3. Received and submitted to the board, prior to July 1,~~  
1040 ~~1999, certification of an augmented doctoral-level psychological~~  
1041 ~~education from the program director of a doctoral-level~~  
1042 ~~psychology program accredited by a programmatic agency~~



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1043 ~~recognized and approved by the United States Department of~~  
1044 ~~Education; or~~

1045 ~~4. Received and submitted to the board, prior to August 31,~~  
1046 ~~2001, certification of a doctoral-level program that at the time~~  
1047 ~~the applicant was enrolled and graduated maintained a standard~~  
1048 ~~of education and training comparable to the standard of training~~  
1049 ~~of programs accredited by a programmatic agency recognized and~~  
1050 ~~approved by the United States Department of Education. Such~~  
1051 ~~certification of comparability shall be provided by the program~~  
1052 ~~director of a doctoral-level psychology program accredited by a~~  
1053 ~~programmatic agency recognized and approved by the United States~~  
1054 ~~Department of Education.~~

1055 (2) Any person desiring to be licensed as a school  
1056 psychologist shall apply to the department to take the licensure  
1057 examination. The department shall license each applicant who the  
1058 department certifies has:

1059 (b) Submitted satisfactory proof to the department that the  
1060 applicant:

1061 1. Has received a doctorate, specialist, or equivalent  
1062 degree from a program primarily psychological in nature and has  
1063 completed 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate  
1064 study, in areas related to school psychology as defined by rule  
1065 of the department, from a college or university which at the  
1066 time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was accredited by  
1067 an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the Council for  
1068 Higher Education Accreditation or its successor organization  
1069 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or from~~  
1070 ~~an institution that which is publicly recognized as a member in~~  
1071 ~~good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges~~



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1073           2. Has had a minimum of 3 years of experience in school  
1074 psychology, 2 years of which must be supervised by an individual  
1075 who is a licensed school psychologist or who has otherwise  
1076 qualified as a school psychologist supervisor, by education and  
1077 experience, as set forth by rule of the department. A doctoral  
1078 internship may be applied toward the supervision requirement.

1079           3. Has passed an examination provided by the department.

1080           Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 490.006, Florida  
1081 Statutes, is amended to read:

1082           490.006 Licensure by endorsement.-

1083           (1) The department shall license a person as a psychologist  
1084 or school psychologist who, upon applying to the department and  
1085 remitting the appropriate fee, demonstrates to the department  
1086 or, in the case of psychologists, to the board that the  
1087 applicant:

1088           ~~(a) Holds a valid license or certificate in another state~~  
1089 ~~to practice psychology or school psychology, as applicable,~~  
1090 ~~provided that, when the applicant secured such license or~~  
1091 ~~certificate, the requirements were substantially equivalent to~~  
1092 ~~or more stringent than those set forth in this chapter at that~~  
1093 ~~time; and, if no Florida law existed at that time, then the~~  
1094 ~~requirements in the other state must have been substantially~~  
1095 ~~equivalent to or more stringent than those set forth in this~~  
1096 ~~chapter at the present time;~~

1097           (a)~~(b)~~ Is a diplomate in good standing with the American  
1098 Board of Professional Psychology, Inc.; or

1099           (b)~~(e)~~ Possesses a doctoral degree in psychology ~~as~~  
1100 ~~described in s. 490.003~~ and has at least 10 ~~20~~ years of



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1101 experience as a licensed psychologist in any jurisdiction or  
1102 territory of the United States within the 25 years preceding the  
1103 date of application.

1104 Section 28. Subsection (6) of section 491.0045, Florida  
1105 Statutes, as amended by chapter 2016-80 and chapter 2016-241,  
1106 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

1107 491.0045 Intern registration; requirements.—

1108 (6) A registration issued on or before March 31, 2017,  
1109 expires March 31, 2022, and may not be renewed or reissued. Any  
1110 registration issued after March 31, 2017, expires 60 months  
1111 after the date it is issued. The board may make a one-time  
1112 exception from the requirements of this subsection in emergency  
1113 or hardship cases, as defined by board rule, if ~~A subsequent~~  
1114 ~~intern registration may not be issued unless~~ the candidate has  
1115 passed the theory and practice examination described in s.  
1116 491.005(1)(d), (3)(d), and (4)(d).

1117 Section 29. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 491.005,  
1118 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1119 491.005 Licensure by examination.—

1120 (3) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY.—Upon verification of  
1121 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by  
1122 board rule, plus the actual cost of ~~to the department for the~~  
1123 purchase of the examination from the Association of Marital and  
1124 Family Therapy Regulatory Board, or similar national  
1125 organization, the department shall issue a license as a marriage  
1126 and family therapist to an applicant who the board certifies:

1127 (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate  
1128 fee.

1129 (b)1. Has a minimum of a master's degree with major



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1130 emphasis in marriage and family therapy, or a closely related  
1131 field from a program accredited by the Commission on  
1132 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or from  
1133 a Florida university program accredited by the Council for  
1134 Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs,  
1135 and graduate courses approved by the Board of Clinical Social  
1136 Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
1137 ~~has completed all of the following requirements:~~

1138       a. ~~Thirty-six semester hours or 48 quarter hours of~~  
1139 ~~graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester~~  
1140 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level course credits in~~  
1141 ~~each of the following nine areas: dynamics of marriage and~~  
1142 ~~family systems; marriage therapy and counseling theory and~~  
1143 ~~techniques; family therapy and counseling theory and techniques;~~  
1144 ~~individual human development theories throughout the life cycle;~~  
1145 ~~personality theory or general counseling theory and techniques;~~  
1146 ~~psychopathology; human sexuality theory and counseling~~  
1147 ~~techniques; psychosocial theory; and substance abuse theory and~~  
1148 ~~counseling techniques. Courses in research, evaluation,~~  
1149 ~~appraisal, assessment, or testing theories and procedures;~~  
1150 ~~thesis or dissertation work; or practicums, internships, or~~  
1151 ~~fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement.~~

1152       b. ~~A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester~~  
1153 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours in legal, ethical, and professional~~  
1154 ~~standards issues in the practice of marriage and family therapy~~  
1155 ~~or a course determined by the board to be equivalent.~~

1156       c. ~~A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester~~  
1157 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours in diagnosis, appraisal, assessment,~~  
1158 ~~and testing for individual or interpersonal disorder or~~





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1159 ~~dysfunction; and a minimum of one 3-semester-hour or 4-quarter-~~  
1160 ~~hour graduate-level course in behavioral research which focuses~~  
1161 ~~on the interpretation and application of research data as it~~  
1162 ~~applies to clinical practice. Credit for thesis or dissertation~~  
1163 ~~work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied~~  
1164 ~~toward this requirement.~~

1165 ~~d. A minimum of one supervised clinical practicum,~~  
1166 ~~internship, or field experience in a marriage and family~~  
1167 ~~counseling setting, during which the student provided 180 direct~~  
1168 ~~client contact hours of marriage and family therapy services~~  
1169 ~~under the supervision of an individual who met the requirements~~  
1170 ~~for supervision under paragraph (c). This requirement may be met~~  
1171 ~~by a supervised practice experience which took place outside the~~  
1172 ~~academic arena, but which is certified as equivalent to a~~  
1173 ~~graduate-level practicum or internship program which required a~~  
1174 ~~minimum of 180 direct client contact hours of marriage and~~  
1175 ~~family therapy services currently offered within an academic~~  
1176 ~~program of a college or university accredited by an accrediting~~  
1177 ~~agency approved by the United States Department of Education, or~~  
1178 ~~an institution which is publicly recognized as a member in good~~  
1179 ~~standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of~~  
1180 ~~Canada or a training institution accredited by the Commission on~~  
1181 ~~Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education~~  
1182 ~~recognized by the United States Department of Education.~~  
1183 ~~Certification shall be required from an official of such~~  
1184 ~~college, university, or training institution.~~

1185 ~~2. If the course title that ~~which~~ appears on the~~  
1186 ~~applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of~~  
1187 ~~the coursework, the applicant shall ~~be required to provide~~~~



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1188 additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a  
1189 syllabus or catalog description published for the course.

1190  
1191 The required master's degree must have been received in an  
1192 institution of higher education which, at the time the applicant  
1193 graduated, ~~was~~ fully accredited by a regional accrediting body  
1194 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary  
1195 Accreditation ~~or~~ publicly recognized as a member in good  
1196 standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of  
1197 Canada, ~~or~~ or an institution of higher education located outside  
1198 the United States and Canada, ~~which,~~ at the time the applicant  
1199 was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained  
1200 a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards  
1201 of training of those institutions in the United States which are  
1202 accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the  
1203 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Such  
1204 foreign education and training must have been received in an  
1205 institution or program of higher education officially recognized  
1206 by the government of the country in which it is located as an  
1207 institution or program to train students to practice as  
1208 professional marriage and family therapists or psychotherapists.  
1209 The applicant has the burden of establishing that the  
1210 requirements of this provision have been met ~~shall be upon the~~  
1211 ~~applicant,~~ and the board shall require documentation, such as, ~~but~~  
1212 ~~not limited to,~~ an evaluation by a foreign equivalency  
1213 determination service, as evidence that the applicant's graduate  
1214 degree program and education were equivalent to an accredited  
1215 program in this country. An applicant with a master's degree  
1216 from a program that ~~which~~ did not emphasize marriage and family



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1217 therapy may complete the coursework requirement in a training  
1218 institution fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation  
1219 for Marriage and Family Therapy Education recognized by the  
1220 United States Department of Education.

1221 (c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience during  
1222 which 50 percent of the applicant's clients were receiving  
1223 marriage and family therapy services, which must be at the post-  
1224 master's level under the supervision of a licensed marriage and  
1225 family therapist with at least 5 years of experience, or the  
1226 equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the  
1227 board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to  
1228 satisfy the clinical experience requirements must register  
1229 pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If a  
1230 graduate has a master's degree with a major emphasis in marriage  
1231 and family therapy or a closely related field which ~~that~~ did not  
1232 include all of the coursework required by subparagraph (b)1.  
1233 ~~under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a.-c.,~~ credit for the post-master's  
1234 level clinical experience may ~~shall~~ not commence until the  
1235 applicant has completed a minimum of 10 of the courses required  
1236 by subparagraph (b)1. ~~under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a.-c.,~~ as  
1237 determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9  
1238 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in  
1239 the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or  
1240 techniques. Within the 2 ~~3~~ years of required experience, the  
1241 applicant shall provide direct individual, group, or family  
1242 therapy and counseling, ~~to include the following categories of~~  
1243 cases including those involving: unmarried dyads, married  
1244 couples, separating and divorcing couples, and family groups  
1245 that include ~~including~~ children. A doctoral internship may be



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1246 applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed  
1247 mental health professional must be on the premises when clinical  
1248 services are provided by a registered intern in a private  
1249 practice setting.

1250 (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided  
1251 by the department ~~for this purpose.~~

1252 (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule  
1253 ~~of the board~~, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
1254 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy,  
1255 and mental health counseling.

1256 ~~(f)~~

1257

1258 For the purposes of dual licensure, the department shall license  
1259 as a marriage and family therapist any person who meets the  
1260 requirements of s. 491.0057. Fees for dual licensure may ~~shall~~  
1261 not exceed those stated in this subsection.

1262 (4) MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING.—Upon verification of  
1263 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by  
1264 board rule, plus the actual per applicant cost of ~~to the~~  
1265 ~~department for~~ purchase of the examination from the National  
1266 Board for Certified Counselors or its successor Professional  
1267 ~~Examination Service for the National Academy of Certified~~  
1268 ~~Clinical Mental Health Counselors or a similar national~~  
1269 organization, the department shall issue a license as a mental  
1270 health counselor to an applicant who the board certifies:

1271 (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate  
1272 fee.

1273 (b)1. Has a minimum of an earned master's degree from a  
1274 mental health counseling program accredited by the Council for



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1275 the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
1276 that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours  
1277 of clinical and didactic instruction, including a course in  
1278 human sexuality and a course in substance abuse. If the master's  
1279 degree is earned from a program related to the practice of  
1280 mental health counseling that is not accredited by the Council  
1281 for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational  
1282 Programs, then the coursework and practicum, internship, or  
1283 fieldwork must consist of at least 60 semester hours or 80  
1284 quarter hours and meet all of the following requirements:

1285 a. Thirty-three semester hours or 44 quarter hours of  
1286 graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester  
1287 hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in each of  
1288 the following 11 content areas: counseling theories and  
1289 practice; human growth and development; diagnosis and treatment  
1290 of psychopathology; human sexuality; group theories and  
1291 practice; individual evaluation and assessment; career and  
1292 lifestyle assessment; research and program evaluation; social  
1293 and cultural foundations; substance abuse; and legal, ethical,  
1294 and professional standards issues in the practice of mental  
1295 health counseling in community settings; and substance abuse.  
1296 Courses in research, thesis or dissertation work, practicums,  
1297 internships, or fieldwork may not be applied toward this  
1298 requirement.

1299 b. A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of  
1300 graduate-level coursework addressing diagnostic processes,  
1301 including differential diagnosis and the use of the current  
1302 diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the American  
1303 Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of



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1304 Mental Disorders. The graduate program must have emphasized the  
1305 common core curricular experience in legal, ethical, and  
1306 professional standards issues in the practice of mental health  
1307 counseling, which includes goals, objectives, and practices of  
1308 professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal  
1309 considerations, standards of preparation, certifications and  
1310 licensing, and the role identity and professional obligations of  
1311 mental health counselors. Courses in research, thesis or  
1312 dissertation work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not  
1313 be applied toward this requirement.

1314 c. The equivalent, as determined by the board, of at least  
1315 700 ~~1,000~~ hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical  
1316 practicum, internship, or field experience that includes at  
1317 least 280 hours of direct client services, as required in the  
1318 accrediting standards of the Council for Accreditation of  
1319 Counseling and Related Educational Programs for mental health  
1320 counseling programs. This experience may not be used to satisfy  
1321 the post-master's clinical experience requirement.

1322 2. Has provided additional documentation if a the course  
1323 title that which appears on the applicant's transcript does not  
1324 clearly identify the content of the coursework. ~~The applicant~~  
1325 ~~shall be required to provide additional documentation must~~  
1326 include, including, but is not limited to, a syllabus or catalog  
1327 description published for the course.

1328  
1329 Education and training in mental health counseling must have  
1330 been received in an institution of higher education that, which  
1331 at the time the applicant graduated, was fully accredited by a  
1332 regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher



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1333 Education Accreditation or its successor organization or  
1334 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation;~~  
1335 publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the  
1336 Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, ~~or~~ or an  
1337 institution of higher education located outside the United  
1338 States and Canada, ~~which,~~ which, at the time the applicant was enrolled  
1339 and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard  
1340 of training substantially equivalent to the standards of  
1341 training of those institutions in the United States which are  
1342 accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the  
1343 Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor  
1344 organization ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary~~  
1345 ~~Accreditation~~. Such foreign education and training must have  
1346 been received in an institution or program of higher education  
1347 officially recognized by the government of the country in which  
1348 it is located as an institution or program to train students to  
1349 practice as mental health counselors. The applicant has the  
1350 burden of establishing that the requirements of this provision  
1351 have been met ~~shall be upon the applicant,~~ and the board shall  
1352 require documentation, such as, ~~but not limited to,~~ an  
1353 evaluation by a foreign equivalency determination service, as  
1354 evidence that the applicant's graduate degree program and  
1355 education were equivalent to an accredited program in this  
1356 country. Beginning July 1, 2024, an applicant must have a  
1357 master's degree from a program that is accredited by the Council  
1358 for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
1359 which consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours  
1360 to apply for licensure under this paragraph.

1361 (c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience in



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1362 mental health counseling, which must be at the post-master's  
1363 level under the supervision of a licensed mental health  
1364 counselor or the equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as  
1365 determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice  
1366 in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must  
1367 register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If  
1368 a graduate has a master's degree with a major related to the  
1369 practice of mental health counseling which ~~that~~ did not include  
1370 all the coursework required under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a. and  
1371 b. ~~(b)1.a. b.~~, credit for the post-master's level clinical  
1372 experience may ~~shall~~ not commence until the applicant has  
1373 completed a minimum of seven of the courses required under sub-  
1374 subparagraphs (b)1.a. and b. ~~(b)1.a. b.~~, as determined by the  
1375 board, one of which must be a course in psychopathology or  
1376 abnormal psychology. A doctoral internship may be applied toward  
1377 the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health  
1378 professional must be on the premises when clinical services are  
1379 provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting.

1380 (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided  
1381 by the department for this purpose.

1382 (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule  
1383 ~~of the board~~, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
1384 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy,  
1385 and mental health counseling.

1386 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
1387 491.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1388 491.006 Licensure or certification by endorsement.—

1389 (1) The department shall license or grant a certificate to  
1390 a person in a profession regulated by this chapter who, upon





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1391 applying to the department and remitting the appropriate fee,  
1392 demonstrates to the board that he or she:

1393 (b)1. Holds an active valid license to practice and has  
1394 actively practiced the licensed profession ~~for which licensure~~  
1395 ~~is applied~~ in another state for 3 of the last 5 years  
1396 immediately preceding licensure;~~-~~

1397 ~~2. Meets the education requirements of this chapter for the~~  
1398 ~~profession for which licensure is applied.~~

1399 ~~2.3.~~ Has passed a substantially equivalent licensing  
1400 examination in another state or has passed the licensure  
1401 examination in this state in the profession for which the  
1402 applicant seeks licensure; and~~-~~

1403 ~~3.4.~~ Holds a license in good standing, is not under  
1404 investigation for an act that would constitute a violation of  
1405 this chapter, and has not been found to have committed any act  
1406 that would constitute a violation of this chapter.

1407  
1408 The fees paid by any applicant for certification as a master  
1409 social worker under this section are nonrefundable.

1410 Section 31. Subsection (3) of section 491.007, Florida  
1411 Statutes, is amended to read:

1412 491.007 Renewal of license, registration, or certificate.-

1413 ~~(3) The board or department shall prescribe by rule a~~  
1414 ~~method for the biennial renewal of an intern registration at a~~  
1415 ~~fee set by rule, not to exceed \$100.~~

1416 Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 491.009, Florida  
1417 Statutes, is amended to read:

1418 491.009 Discipline.-

1419 (2) The board ~~department~~, or, in the case of certified



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1420 master social workers ~~psychologists~~, the department board, may  
1421 enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the  
1422 penalties authorized in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for  
1423 licensure or licensee who is found guilty of violating any  
1424 provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found  
1425 guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1).

1426 Section 33. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1427 491.0046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1428 491.0046 Provisional license; requirements.—

1429 (2) The department shall issue a provisional clinical  
1430 social worker license, provisional marriage and family therapist  
1431 license, or provisional mental health counselor license to each  
1432 applicant who the board certifies has:

1433 (c) ~~Has~~ Met the following minimum coursework requirements:

1434 1. For clinical social work, a minimum of 15 semester hours  
1435 or 22 quarter hours of the coursework required by s.  
1436 491.005(1)(b)2.b.

1437 2. For marriage and family therapy, 10 of the courses  
1438 required by s. 491.005(3)(b)1. ~~s. 491.005(3)(b)1.a.-c.~~, as  
1439 determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9  
1440 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in  
1441 the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or  
1442 techniques.

1443 3. For mental health counseling, a minimum of seven of the  
1444 courses required under s. 491.005(4)(b)1.a.-c.

1445 Section 34. Subsection (11) of section 945.42, Florida  
1446 Statutes, is amended to read:

1447 945.42 Definitions; ss. 945.40-945.49.—As used in ss.  
1448 945.40-945.49, the following terms shall have the meanings



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1449 ascribed to them, unless the context shall clearly indicate  
1450 otherwise:

1451 (11) "Psychological professional" means a behavioral  
1452 practitioner who has an approved doctoral degree in psychology  
1453 as defined in s. 490.003(3) ~~s. 490.003(3)(b)~~ and is employed by  
1454 the department or who is licensed as a psychologist pursuant to  
1455 chapter 490.

1456 Section 35. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.