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7. **Animal Chiropractic.** Any chiropractor licensed in this state and certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association may perform chiropractic upon animals according to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-307(a)(9).

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8. Preceptorship. The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may establish a chiropractic student preceptorship program with an approved chiropractic college to allow students in the final clinical phase of training to practice under the direct, on-site supervision of a chiropractor licensed in this state.

- (a) A student from a chiropractic college accredited by The Council on Chiropractic Education is eligible to be involved in a chiropractic student preceptorship program.
- (b) The board shall approve a chiropractic student preceptorship program if:
 - (1) The chiropractic student preceptorship program meets standards for consumer protection as established by The Council on Chiropractic Education, as the standards existed on January 1, 2019;
 - (2) The chiropractic student preceptorship program is an established component of the curriculum offered by a board-approved chiropractic college;
 - (3) A chiropractic student who participates in the chiropractic student preceptorship program has met all requirements for graduation from the chiropractic college except for the completion of the chiropractic student preceptorship program;
 - (4) The chiropractic college retains ultimate responsibility for student learning and evaluations during the chiropractic student preceptorship program;
 - (5) A chiropractor serving as a preceptor in the chiropractic student preceptorship program shall supervise no more than one (1) chiropractic student for the duration of a given preceptorship period; and
 - (6)
 - (A) The chiropractic college shall assign the chiropractic student to another chiropractor and notify the board of the preceptorship cancellation if a preceptor agreement is canceled for any reason.
 - (B) The notification to the board shall include the reason for the cancellation of the preceptorship.
- (c) A chiropractic student preceptorship program is not considered approved by the board until the chiropractic college receives a written letter of approval from the board.
- (d) A chiropractor who serves as a preceptor in the chiropractic student preceptorship program shall:
 - (1) Have graduated from an institution that is accredited by a chiropractic accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or an equivalent international accrediting agency;
 - (2) Apply to participate in the chiropractic student preceptorship program in writing on forms furnished by the board;
 - (3)
 - (A) Carry malpractice insurance with a minimum liability limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to three million dollars (\$3,000,000), and
 - (B) In a federal facility, federal laws regarding malpractice and tort claims shall apply;
 - (4) Have a full, unrestricted license for the practice of chiropractic in this state with a minimum of five (5) years of active practice of chiropractic in this or another state;
 - (5) Not have any disciplinary actions filed with the board or with the licensure board of another state within the last five (5) years;

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- (6) Not be on the exclusion list published by the United States Office of the Inspector General regarding exclusion from participation in federal healthcare programs such as Medicare;
- (7) Has been approved for an adjunct faculty appointment to the chiropractic college approved by the board.
- (e) (1) A chiropractic student in the chiropractic student preceptorship program may:
 - (A) Assist a chiropractor in the performance of duties that are lawful and ethical, including without limitation:
 - (i) Physical examinations;
 - (ii) Patient consultations;
 - (iii) X-ray examinations;
 - (iv) Chiropractic manipulative therapy;
 - (v) Physical therapeutics; and
 - (vi) Other physician-level services as determined by the preceptor:
 - (B) (i) Participate in the formation of a differential diagnosis and plan of care while under the supervision of the chiropractor;
 - (ii) However, a chiropractic student shall not sign insurance forms or any forms that require the signature of a chiropractor.
- (2) (A) All activities and duties performed by a chiropractic student shall be under the direct, on-site supervision of a chiropractor.
- (B) The chiropractor shall be liable for the care of the patients.
- (3) A chiropractic student shall wear facility-approved badges that identify the chiropractic student as a student and shall not use the title "doctor".
- (4) A stipend may be offered by a facility to a chiropractic student for his or her services under the chiropractic student preceptorship program.

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6. Licensure for Military Veterans

- A. As used in this subsection, “returning military veteran” means a former member of the United States Armed Forces who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.
- B. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who holds a substantially equivalent license in another U.S. jurisdiction and is:
 - 1. An active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
 - 2. A returning military veteran applying for licensure within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or
 - 3. The spouse of a person under B (1) or (2) above.
- C. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all the below:
 - 1. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
 - 2. Evidence that the individual holds a substantially equivalent license in another state; and
 - 3. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section B.

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7. Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check Waiver Request

- A. If an individual has been convicted of an offense listed in A.C.A. § 17-2-102(a), except those permanently disqualifying offenses found in subsection (e), the Board may waive disqualification of a potential applicant or revocation of a license based on the conviction if a request for a waiver is made by:
 - 1. An affected applicant for a license; or
 - 2. An individual holding a license subject to revocation.
- B. The Board may grant a waiver upon consideration of the following, without limitation:
 - 1. The age at which the offense was committed;
 - 2. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
 - 3. The length of time since the offense was committed;
 - 4. Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
 - 5. Employment references since the offense was committed;
 - 6. Character references since the offense was committed;
 - 7. Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
 - 8. Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.
- C. A request for a waiver, if made by an applicant, must be in writing and accompany the completed application and fees.
- D. The Board will respond with a decision in writing and will state the reasons for the decision.
- E. An appeal of a determination under this section will be subject to the Administrative Procedures Act §25-15-201 *et seq.*

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8. Reciprocity

A. Required Qualifications. An applicant applying for reciprocal licensure shall meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant shall hold a substantially similar license in another United States' jurisdiction.

a. A license from another state is substantially similar to an Arkansas chiropractic license if the other state's licensure qualifications require:

i. Completion of not less than a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college education to include a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the field of science; possess a valid 'Doctor of Chiropractic' degree from a chiropractic institution whose requirements include a course of instruction of not less than four (4) years of nine (9) academic months each or not less than four thousand four hundred (4,400) fifty-minute resident class hours and include one hundred twenty (120) classroom hours of physiological therapeutics

b. The applicant shall hold his or her occupational licensure in good standing;

c. The applicant shall not have had a license revoked for:

i. An act of bad faith; or
ii. A violation of law, rule, or ethics;

d. The applicant shall not hold a suspended or probationary license in a United States' jurisdiction;

2. The applicant shall be sufficiently competent in the practice of chiropractic; and

3. Practice Management, Ethics and Jurisprudence; Physical/Clinical Diagnosis; Chiropractic Examination Procedures; Chiropractic Adjusting & Manipulation; X-Ray Interpretation; Chiropractic Philosophy

B. Required documentation. An applicant shall submit a fully-executed application, the required fee, and the documentation described below.

1. As evidence that the applicant's license from another jurisdiction is substantially similar to Arkansas's, the applicant shall submit the following information:

a. Evidence of current and active licensure in that state. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board; and

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- b. Evidence that the other state's licensure requirements match those listed in A.1.a.i. The Board may verify this information online or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.
2. To demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirement in A.1.b. through d., the applicant shall provide the Board with:
 - a. The names of all states in which the applicant is currently licensed or has been previously licensed;
 - b. Letters of good standing or other information from each state in which the applicant is currently or has ever been licensed showing that the applicant has not had his license revoked for the reasons listed in A.1.c. and does not hold a license on suspended or probationary status as described in A.1.d. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.
3. As evidence that the applicant is sufficiently competent in the field of chiropractic, an applicant shall:
 - a. Pass parts I, II, III, IV and the physiological therapeutics section of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, as well as, the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners jurisprudence exam
 - b. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a licensed chiropractor who has been licensed five (5) or more years

Temporary and Provisional License

- A. Board shall issue a temporary and provisional license immediately upon receipt of the application, the required fee, and the documentation required under B.1.a. and b.
- B. The temporary and provisional license shall be effective for at least 90 days or until the Board makes a decision on the application, unless the Board determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements in Reciprocity sections A.1., A.2., and A.3., in which case the temporary and provisional license shall be immediately revoked.
- C. An applicant may provide the rest of the documentation required above in order to receive a license, or the applicant may only provide the information necessary for the issuance of a temporary and provisional license.