



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-24-02 Doula certification.

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(A) To obtain a certificate to practice as a doula, an applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in division (A) of section 4723.89 of the Revised Code shall:

(1) Submit a completed "Doula Application."

(2) Be at least eighteen years of age at the time of submitting the doula application.

(3) Submit an application fee of thirty-five dollars as authorized by section 4723.89 of the Revised Code.

(4) Be certified by a doula certification organization that is recognized on an international, national, state, or local level, for training and certifying doulas, or, if not certified, have education and experience considered by the board to be appropriate, as specified in these rules.

(a) If applying based on certification by a doula certification organization recognized on an international, national, state, or local level, for training and certifying doulas, the certification must be current and must either be:

(i) Provided directly to the board by the doula certifying organization; or

(ii) If provided by the applicant, the applicant must provide contact information sufficient for the board to verify the certification, including but not limited to the certification organization's name, mailing address, telephone number, email address if one is available, website if one is available, and any other information necessary for the board to verify the certification.

(iii) In addition, the applicant must attest that they have completed four hours of training directly related to racial bias, health disparities, and cultural competency either through their doula certification organization or otherwise.



(b) If applying based on education and experience:

(i) The applicant must have completed ten hours of education that meets the requirements of Rule 4723-24-04 for doula continuing education.

(ii) At least four of those hours must be training directly related to racial bias, health disparities, and cultural competency. The remaining six hours should relate to the doula's practice.

(iii) The applicant's education may be demonstrated by attestation to having completed education meeting these requirements. At the discretion of the board, the applicant may be required to show proof of completion of the education. Failure to provide proof of completion shall result in ineligibility to be issued a certificate by the board until proof of completion is provided to the board.

(iv) In addition, the applicant must have been actively engaged in practice as a doula for three years immediately prior to the date the application is submitted to the board. The applicant may have verification of having been actively engaged in practice as a doula for three years submitted directly to the board by an employer or an employer designee. Alternatively, the applicant may attest to having provided doula services to five clients over the three years immediately prior to the date of the application. At the board's discretion, an applicant may be required to provide date spans and a general description of the doula services provided for each of the five clients.

(5) In accordance with division (A) of section 4723.091 of the Revised Code, submit a request to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for a criminal records check. The results of the criminal records check shall:

(a) Be received by the board before a certificate can be issued; and

(b) Indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pled guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.092 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a doula to applicants who satisfy the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule, after receipt of written documentation meeting all



requirements of this rule.

(C) If an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification within one year from the time the board receives the application, the application shall be considered void and the fee shall be forfeited. The application shall state the circumstances under which this forfeiture may occur.

(D) A doula certificate shall be considered current until the next scheduled renewal period for certified doula. When a certificate is issued on or after January first of an even numbered year, that certificate shall be considered current through March thirty-first of the next even numbered year.