



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4731-36-01 Military provisions related to education and experience requirements for licensure.

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(A) Definitions

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Armed forces" means any of the following:

- (a) The armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard;
- (b) A reserve component of the armed forces listed in paragraph (A)(1)(a) of this rule;
- (c) The national guard, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state;
- (d) The commissioned corps of the United States public health service;
- (e) The merchant marine service during wartime;
- (f) Such other service as may be designated by Congress; or
- (g) The Ohio organized militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period of more than thirty days.

(2) "Board" means the state medical board of Ohio.

(3) "Service member" means any person who is serving in the armed forces.

(4) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged



under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.

(B) Education and service for eligibility for licensure.

(1) In accordance with section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the following military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a physician assistant and for a prescriber number:

(a) An individual serving in a military primary specialty listed in paragraph (B)(1)(b) of this rule must be a graduate of a physician assistant education program approved by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant.

(b) Service in one of the following military primary specialties for at least two consecutive years while on active duty, with evidence of service under honorable conditions, including any experience attained while practicing as a physician assistant at a health care facility or clinic operated by the United States department of veterans affairs, may be substituted for a master's degree for eligibility for a license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to section 4730.11 of the Revised Code and for a prescriber number pursuant to section 4730.15 of the Revised Code;

(i) Army: MOS 65D;

(ii) Navy: NOBC 0113;

(iii) Air force: AFSC 42G;

(iv) The national guard of Ohio or any state;

(v) Marine: Physician assistant services are provided by navy personnel;

(vi) Coast guard;



(vii) Public health service.

(2) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or that exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a massage therapist.

(3) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that:

(a) A diploma from a military medical school or military osteopathic medical school that at the time the diploma was issued was a medical school accredited by the liaison committee on medical education or an osteopathic medical school accredited by the American osteopathic association are substantially equivalent to the medical educational requirement for licensure to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(b) Military graduate medical education that is accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education is substantially equivalent to the graduate medical educational requirement for licensure to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery; and

(c) There are no military primary specialties or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or that exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(4) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that:

(a) A degree from a military college of podiatric medicine and surgery that at the time the degree was granted was a college of podiatric medicine and surgery accredited by the council on podiatric medical education is substantially equivalent to the medical educational requirement for licensure to practice podiatric medicine and surgery;

(b) Military postgraduate training in a podiatric internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program accredited by the council on podiatric medicine is substantially equivalent to the graduate medical educational requirement for licensure to practice podiatric medicine and surgery; and



- (c) There are no military primary specialties or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or that exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure to practice podiatric medicine and surgery.
- (5) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board recognizes dietetics educational programs offered by branches of the United States military that have been issued accreditation status conferred by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics or their successor organization that permits dietetics programs offered by the United States military to continue to enroll or graduate students.
- (6) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board recognizes respiratory care educational programs offered by branches of the United States military that have been issued provisional accreditation, initial accreditation, continuing accreditation or other accreditation status conferred by the commission on accreditation for respiratory care (CoARC) or their successor organization that permits respiratory care programs offered by the United States military to continue to enroll and/or graduate students
- (7) For purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as an acupuncturist.
- (8) For the purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a radiologist assistant.
- (9) For the purposes of section 5903.03 of the Revised Code, the board has determined that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, or lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure as a genetic counselor.