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8. Preceptorship Program. 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.