

Rule 6E-2.0042 is substantially rewritten to read:

6E-2.0042 Medical Clinical Clerkship Programs.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria for licensure by the Commission of qualified, accredited foreign medical schools to provide clinical clerkship training in Florida teaching hospitals. Clinical clerkships are a required part of the foreign medical school's education programs, which are not wholly located in Florida. This rule also establishes criteria for students of foreign medical schools who apply for individual approval for an occasional elective clerkship in Florida. This rule is intended to protect the health and welfare of citizens of Florida by limiting participation in such clinical clerkships to students of qualified, accredited foreign medical institutions who demonstrate the capacity to profit from such clinical instruction; to benefit the medical students by establishing standards which will promote the acquisition of a medical education equivalent to a U.S. medical school education; to protect the students from deceptive, fraudulent or substandard education; and to protect the integrity of medical degrees held by Florida citizens. Terms used in this rule are defined in Rule 6E-1.003, F.A.C.

(2) An applicant for initial licensure of a foreign medical school including its clinical clerkship programs shall submit all the forms and documents, accurately, fully and

satisfactorily completed as required for each step of licensure in accordance with Rule 6E-2.004, F.A.C. Additionally, for the applicant foreign medical school to be found qualified for licensure it must comply with the following:

(a) Document to the Commission that it has been determined by the United States Department of Education that the medical accreditation standards used by its chartering nation to evaluate and approve the applicant school were comparable to the standards used to evaluate programs leading to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree in the United States.

(b) Document that the applicant medical school has on staff a board-certified clinical chairperson for reach core clerkship subject area.

(c) Document that the principal academic officer of the clinical clerkship program has been designated by the chief academic officer of the parent medical school and possesses academic and experiential qualifications appropriate to the assignment.

(d) Ensure that the application contains sufficiently detailed information showing that the educational clinical clerkship program, contains faculty planning, teaching, budgeting and allocation of other educational resources, faculty appointments and student assignments are coordinated and

integrated with the overall program of the parent medical school.

(e) Document that the faculty of the clinical clerkship program and of the parent medical school have joint responsibility for developing the curriculum for each clerkship. Copies shall be filed with the Commission of officially adopted policies of the parent medical school, outlining procedures for such faculty involvement and the means of ensuring that such procedures are implemented. The parent medical school shall also describe how it will ensure that the curriculum developed for each clerkship will actually be adhered to at each teaching hospital.

(f) Provide the Foreign Medical School parent hospital affiliation agreement that includes the following elements:

1. A statement of the purposes and objectives of the clerkship program;

2. A statement on the desired outcomes or what the foreign medical school expects its students to learn in each clerkship. This may be specified in the foreign medical school's manual or clerkship course syllabi;

3. The clerkships that will be conducted at the teaching hospital and the length of each clerkship;

4. The maximum number of students who will be engaged in clerkship training per year;

5. The titles and academic rank of the individuals appointed by the foreign medical school who will be responsible for supervising and monitoring the educational program;

6. A statement describing the administration and supervision of the clerkship program by the foreign medical school;

7. The responsibility of the teaching hospital in the administration of the clerkship program;

8. The process by which the students will be selected to perform clerkships at the teaching hospital;

9. The support services that will be available for students, including housing, health care, guidance, insurance, and adequate clinical clerkship library facilities;

10. A statement specifying the responsibility for health care, medical insurance and the treatment and follow-up when students are exposed to infectious or environmental hazards or other occupational injuries;

11. The financial arrangement between the foreign medical school and the teaching hospital.

(g) The application for licensure shall document that all students participating in core clerkship programs meet the following standards;

1. Completed at least three (3) years of undergraduate education at a college or university.

2. Completed a basic science program totaling at least four (4) semesters in length. This program shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, rigorous instruction in the major disciplines of the biological sciences (i.e., anatomy, biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, pathology, and microbiology), the behavioral sciences, and an introduction to clinical diagnosis. Adequate laboratory facilities for this instruction must be provided.

3. Obtained a passing score on Step I of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within 12 weeks of commencing their third year of medical education.

(h) Demonstrate that the hospital provides access to adequate clinical clerkship library facilities and resources available to the students to support the medical clerkship.

(i) Affirm that the medical school will conduct clinical clerkships only in a teaching hospital as defined in this rule.

(j) Institutions shall document policies addressing student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards including: education of the students about methods of prevention; the procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including definition of financial responsibility; and the effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on student learning activities.

(3) An application for initial licensure of a foreign

medical school shall be reviewed by an expert medical school review committee appointed by the chair of the Commission. The committee members shall include individuals who have expertise and degrees in medical education, institutional governance and evaluation experience in clinical clerkships for medical students. The review committee shall prepare a report that addresses whether or not the applicant for licensure of the foreign medical school has met the standards contained in these rules.

The committee report shall be advisory to the Commission, and shall supplement the regular staff review.

(4) The Commission shall require an independent review or audit or any applicant medical school's submission from the school's original records when necessary to verify any or all information provided. Such review or audit shall be at the expense of the applicant school.

(5) Each licensed foreign medical school shall submit an annual report to the Commission, updating any information provided in its last submission. This report shall include a list of the names of students who have studied in Florida, the Florida clinical programs in which they studied, the dates of attendance, and the subject or subjects studied. Any substantive change, as defined in subsection 6E-1.003(47), F.A.C. shall result in medical school receiving a Provisional License

pursuant to the provisions of Section 1005.31(5), Florida Statutes and subsection 6E- 2.002(1), F.A.C.

(6) Licensed foreign medical schools may provide additional clinical clerkships other than the approved programs for their students at Florida teaching hospitals if the school documents the following conditions to the Commission:

(a) The teaching hospital provides residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

(b) The licensed foreign medical school submits to the Commission a written affiliation agreement between the foreign medical school and the teaching hospital that meets the criteria or paragraph 6E-2.0042(2)(f), F.A.C.

(c) The teaching hospital will provide the same facilities, learning opportunities, and supervision as would be provided to U.S. medical schools' students taking clinical training programs in the hospital.

(d) The licensed foreign medical school's appointed faculty will be responsible for providing the same quality in the educational program to the licensed foreign medical school's students as is provided to the students of an United States medical school.

(7) Application for individual approval of an occasional clerkship elective for a student of an unlicensed foreign

medical school can obtain approval for an occasional elective clerkship as defined in subsection 6E-1.003(36), F.A.C., provided the student demonstrates compliance with paragraphs (2)(c), (f), (g), and (h) of this rule. In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (2)(g), the student shall submit a transcript directly from his or her medical school indicating completion of all core rotations, and documentation that the student has obtained a passing score on Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination. The teaching hospital and the medical school shall sign a written affiliation agreement that meets the criteria of paragraph 6E-2.0042(2)(f), F.A.C.

(8) If an application for an individual occasional clerkship occurs in between regularly scheduled Commission meetings, the materials submitted are complete and in compliance with Commission standards, interim executive approval shall be granted by the Executive Director and reported to the Commission at its next meeting for further action.

(9) Denial, probation, or revocation of licensure of a medical clinical clerkship program or individual approval of an occasional clerkship elective shall follow the procedure provisions of Rule 6E-2.0061, F.A.C.

(10) Penalties. See Section 1005.38, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6E-2.0061, F.A.C., for penalties and due process

procedures. In the event any violation of this rule poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of Florida patients, emergency action shall be taken by the Commission to suspend the privileges permitted under the medical school's license until due process has been followed.

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