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POLICY ON
PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Board of Chiropractic (BOC) has determined that to encourage, support and provide guidance for the growing interest among individuals aspiring to obtain early, hands-on exposure to experience in the chiropractic profession, to create the procedural framework for its Preceptorship Program. This program will allow participants to work in a chiropractic office under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner, giving them an opportunity to obtain practical experience in addition to their classroom education. The Board's standards for this program are set forth below.

The Preceptorship Program is comprised of two participant levels, based upon the participant's level of education.

Level I. This phase is designed to introduce participants to the office operations of a chiropractic practice. A participant in this level should have completed the first two years of his/her chiropractic educational program. Level I participants may only observe the chiropractic care and treatment of patients. Level I participants may not: 1) participate in any hands-on care; 2) provide any treatment to a patient; or 3) provide any treatment advice to a patient. The mentoring chiropractor must ensure that this restriction is strictly observed.

Level II. This phase will allow participants an opportunity to have limited interactive clinical experience with patients. Level II participants must have completed the third year of their chiropractic educational program. Unlike Level I participants, Level II participants will be permitted to have physical contact with patients to include performing all preparatory chiropractic procedures. **Level II participants, however, may not perform adjustments and procedures involving the use of needles.**

Level II learning objectives include:

Clinic Orientation	Philosophy	History Taking
Physical Examinations	Diagnosis	Case Management
Report of Findings	Patient Education	Case Follow-Up & Review
Communication/ Record-Keeping	Doctor-Patient Relationship	Professional Issues
Front Office Procedures	Practice Management	Ethics and Integrity
Wellness	Payment Options	Neuromusculoskeletal Exam
Psychological Assessment	Diagnostic Studies	

Level II participants may not directly render diagnostic results or interpretations. The licensed mentoring chiropractor must be onsite at all times while a Preceptorship Program participant is in the chiropractic office.

REQUIREMENTS

Each person seeking entry into the Preceptorship Program must submit an application to the Board of Chiropractic. There are no fees associated with participation in this program. The criteria for participation is as follows:

1. Preceptorship applications must be submitted for Board approval at least sixty (60) days prior to start date;
2. The application must be accompanied by a sponsoring letter from the District of Columbia licensed chiropractic doctor who will be supervising the participant in this program;
3. The licensed chiropractor must agree to be responsible for the actions of the participant while under his or her supervision; and
4. The licensed chiropractor must be in good standing with the Board.

The Board looks forward to the development of this program. All chiropractors are encouraged to participate as supervising chiropractors in this program to contribute to the growth and success of the chiropractic community in the District of Columbia.



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Date