

65-2906. Duties of board; qualifications of applicants; form of application; approval of schools.

(a) The board, with the advice and assistance of the council, shall pass upon the qualifications of all applicants for licensure or certification and duly license or certify those applicants who meet the qualifications established by this act.

(b) An applicant applying for licensure as a physical therapist or for a certificate as a physical therapist assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is of legal age;

(2) the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in physical therapy approved by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant or, if the applicant attended a program not approved by the board, the applicant shall present an evaluation by an entity approved by the board showing that applicant's educational program met the criteria a school must satisfy to be approved by the board;

(3) the applicant has passed an examination required by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant to test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to physical therapy theory and practice; and

(4) the applicant has paid to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto.

(c) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school shall satisfy in order to be approved by the board for purposes of subsection (b). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school meets the requirements of the board for approval and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools shall remain solely with the board.

History: L. 1963, ch. 318, § 6; L. 1972, ch. 237, § 1; L. 1973, ch. 253, § 5; L. 1974, ch. 256, § 1; L. 1983, ch. 215, § 5; L. 1983, ch. 213, § 10; L. 1988, ch. 243, § 10; L. 1994, ch. 134, § 1; L. 2003, ch. 128, § 5; Apr. 1, 2004.