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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
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TITLE 172 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

CHAPTER 91 LICENSURE OF PERFUSIONISTS

001. SCOPE AND AUTHORITY. These regulations govern the licensure of perfusionists under Nebraska Revised Statute (Neb. Rev. Stat.) §§ 38-2701 to 38-2711 of the Perfusion Practice Act, and the Uniform Credentialing Act.

002. DEFINITIONS. Definitions are set out in the Perfusion Practice Act, the Uniform Credentialing Act, 172 Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) 10, and this chapter.

002.01 ACCREDITED PERFUSION EDUCATION PROGRAM. A program which conforms to the standards established by the Accreditation Committee for Perfusion Education and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or a program with substantially equivalent education standards approved by the Board.

002.02 DIRECT SUPERVISION. Supervision requiring the immediate physical presence of a licensed perfusionist, overseeing the practice of a temporary perfusionist.

002.03 LICENSURE EXAMINATION. The certification examination offered by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) that includes Part I, the Perfusion Basic Science Examination, and Part II, the Clinical Applications in Perfusion Examination, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the Board.

003. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. To obtain a license, an individual must submit a complete application provided by the Department and provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the licensing requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-2705, 172 NAC 10, and this chapter.

003.01 DOCUMENTATION. The applicant must indicate and provide documentation for one of the following methods by which he or she is applying for licensure:

003.01(A) EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION. If applying for licensure based on meeting education and examination requirements, the applicant must:

- (i) Submit an official transcript, sent directly from the issuing institution, verifying completion of an accredited perfusion education program; and

- (ii) Submit an official document, sent directly from the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) or from a substantially equivalent examining entity, showing successful completion of the licensure examination.

003.01(B) CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED CLINICAL PERFUSIONIST. If applying for licensure based on certification as a Certified Clinical Perfusionist, the applicant must:

- (i) Hold current certification as a Certified Clinical Perfusionist issued by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion; and
- (ii) Submit a copy of the applicant's certification as a Certified Clinical Perfusionist by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP).

003.01(C) PERFUSIONIST LICENSURE IN ANOTHER STATE. If applying for licensure based on perfusionist licensure in another state, the applicant must:

- (i) Submit the standards and requirements for licensure, directly from the state regulatory authority from each state in which a license is held, for review by the Board in determining substantial equivalence;
- (ii) Submit verification of licensure, directly from each state where the applicant is or has ever been licensed as a perfusionist; and
- (iii) If the applicant's perfusionist license in any state has been disciplined or restricted in any way, request that official documentation of the disciplinary action be submitted with the verification, including charges and disposition of the charges.

004. RENEWAL, WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND INACTIVE STATUS. The applicant must meet the requirements set out in 172 NAC 10. All perfusionist licenses expire on October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

005. CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS. On or before the credential expiration date, a perfusionist must comply with the continuing competency requirements unless the requirements are waived in accordance with 172 NAC 10. Each credentialed individual or temporary licensee is responsible for maintaining certificates or records of continuing competency activities.

005.01 PERFUSIONIST LICENSE. All licensed perfusionists must meet the following competency requirements:

- (1) Perform a minimum of 80 clinical activities, as defined by American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP), of which no more than 30 clinical activities may be documented intraoperative pump standbys that must be documentable in an audit; and
- (2) Earn 30 continuing education units (CEUs), as approved by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP), of which 10 CEUs must be earned in Category 1. Hours are to be earned within the 24 months immediately preceding the date of expiration, except that a licensee who has earned more than the 30 hours required for license renewal for a 24-month renewal period is allowed to carry over up to 15 hours to the next 24-month renewal period.

005.01(A) CLINICAL ACTIVITIES. Clinical activities include:

- (i) Primary bypass;

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- (ii) Instructor for a primary bypass performed by a student;
- (iii) Veno-venous bypass;
- (iv) Pump assisted coronary or organ perfusion;
- (v) Cardiopulmonary Support (CPS);
- (vi) Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO);
- (vii) Ventricular Assist Device (VAD); and
- (viii) Documented intraoperative pump standby.

005.02 TEMPORARY LICENSE. All temporary licensees must perform a minimum of 25 clinical activities as listed in 172 NAC 91-005.01(A), of which none may be documented intraoperative pump standbys.

006. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. Unprofessional conduct is set out in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-179, and 172 NAC 88 as applicable to the profession of perfusion.

007. REINSTATEMENT. The applicant must meet the requirements set out in 172 NAC 10.

008. FEES. Fees are set out in 172 NAC 2.