

1 AN ACT relating to physician assistants.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 311.844 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) To be licensed by the board as a physician assistant, an applicant shall:
- 5 (a) Submit a completed application form with the required fee;
- 6 (b) Be of good character and reputation;
- 7 (c) Be a graduate of an approved program; and
- 8 (d) Have passed an examination approved by the board within three (3) attempts.
- 9 (2) A physician assistant who is authorized to practice in another state and who is in
- 10 good standing may apply for licensure by endorsement from the state of his or her
- 11 credentialing if that state has standards substantially equivalent to those of this
- 12 Commonwealth.
- 13 (3) A physician assistant's license shall be valid for two (2) years and shall be renewed
- 14 by the board upon fulfillment of the following requirements:
- 15 (a) The holder shall be of good character and reputation;
- 16 (b) The holder shall provide evidence of completion, during the previous two (2)
- 17 years, of a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of continuing education
- 18 approved by the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic
- 19 Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American
- 20 Academy of Physician Assistants, or by another entity approved by the board.
- 21 The one hundred (100) hours of continuing education required by this
- 22 paragraph shall include:
- 23 1. During the first two (2) years of licensure or prior to the first licensure
- 24 renewal:
- 25 a. One (1) continuing education course on the human
- 26 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency
- 27 syndrome; and

- 1 b. One and one-half (1.5) hours of continuing education in the
2 prevention and recognition of pediatric abusive head trauma, as
3 defined in KRS 620.020; and
- 4 2. If the license holder is authorized, pursuant to KRS 311.858(5), to
5 prescribe and administer Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances, a
6 minimum of seven and one-half (7.5)~~five (5)~~ hours of approved
7 continuing education relating to controlled substance diversion, pain
8 management, addiction disorders, use of the electronic system for
9 monitoring controlled substances established in KRS 218A.202, or any
10 combination of two (2) or more of these subjects; and
- 11 ~~[(c) The holder, if authorized, pursuant to KRS 311.858(5), to prescribe and~~
12 ~~administer Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances, shall provide evidence~~
13 ~~of completion, during the previous two (2) years, of a minimum of five (5)~~
14 ~~hours, in addition to the continuing education requirements established in~~
15 ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection, of continuing education relating to controlled~~
16 ~~substance diversion, pain management, addiction disorders, use of the~~
17 ~~electronic system for monitoring controlled substances established in KRS~~
18 ~~218A.202, or any combination of two (2) or more of these subjects; and~~
- 19 ~~(d)](c) The holder shall provide proof of current certification with the National~~
- 20 Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.