

17-81-316. Chiropractic Extern Program.

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may establish a chiropractic extern program to allow chiropractic graduates to practice in a licensed chiropractor's office until the graduate is licensed to practice chiropractic in this state.

(b) Any graduate from a chiropractic school accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education or similar government-approved organization is eligible to be involved in the extern program for a maximum of two (2) years from the date of graduation.

(c) Any licensed chiropractor may serve as a preceptor in the extern program upon satisfying criteria established by the board.

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(1) Applications to participate in the chiropractic extern program as a preceptor or an extern shall be made to the board in writing on forms furnished by the board.

(2) Each preceptor shall submit a registration fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) with the application.

(3) Each extern shall submit a registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) with the application.

(4) Each extern shall pay tuition of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month for each month the extern is participating in the extern program.

(5) Each extern shall be fairly compensated for his or her services by the preceptor.

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(1) Chiropractic externs may assist chiropractors in the performance of those duties that are lawful and ethical, including, but not limited to, physical examinations, patient consultations, X-ray examinations, specific chiropractic adjustment procedures, and physical therapeutic approaches, as appropriate.

(2) Chiropractic externs may not diagnose a condition nor prescribe a healthcare regimen, nor sign insurance forms or any other forms which require a licensed chiropractor's signature.

(3) All duties of a chiropractic extern shall be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

[History: Acts 1993, No. 392, §§ 1-5.]