

**148C.1 Definitions.**

1. “*Approved program*” means a program for the education of physician assistants which has been accredited by the American medical association’s committee on allied health education and accreditation or its successor, by the commission on accreditation of allied health educational programs or its successor, or by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant or its successor.

2. “*Board*” means the board of physician assistants created under [chapter 147](#).

3. “*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

4. “*Licensed physician assistant*” means a person who is licensed by the board to practice as a physician assistant under the supervision of one or more physicians. “*Supervision*” does not require the personal presence of the supervising physician at the place where medical services are rendered except insofar as the personal presence is expressly required by [this chapter](#) or required by rules of the board adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#).

5. “*Physician*” means a person who is currently licensed in Iowa to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. Notwithstanding [this subsection](#), a physician supervising a physician assistant practicing in a federal facility or under federal authority shall not be required to obtain licensure beyond licensure requirements mandated by the federal government for supervising physicians.

6. “*Physician assistant*” means a person who has successfully completed an approved program and passed an examination approved by the board or is otherwise found by the board to be qualified to perform medical services under the supervision of a physician.

7. “*Trainee*” means a person who is currently enrolled in an approved program.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, §148B.1; C81, §148C.1]

88 Acts, ch 1225, §15; 2003 Acts, ch 93, §6 – 8, 14; 2004 Acts, ch 1101, §23; 2007 Acts, ch 10, §105; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §141

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