

645—261.3(152B) Educational qualifications.

261.3(1) The applicant shall have successfully completed a respiratory care education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or by a program that is under Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) while actively pursuing CAAHEP accreditation.

261.3(2) Foreign-trained respiratory care practitioners shall:

a. Provide an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by one of the following: International Educational Research Foundations, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231-3665, telephone (310)258-9451, Web site www.ierf.org or E-mail at info@ierf.org; or International Credentialing Associates, Inc., 7245 Bryan Dairy Road, Bryan Dairy Business Park II, Largo, FL 33777, telephone (727)549-8555. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to that stated in these rules. A candidate shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

b. Provide a notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded to the applicant from a respiratory care program in the country in which the applicant was educated.

c. Receive a final determination from the board regarding the application for licensure.