

of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, osteopathy, and advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board conducts two licensure examinations each year. The examination administered is the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), and is given to both allopathic (M.D.) and osteopathic (D.O.) physicians. The board also determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity from other states, and issues resident physician licenses, as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of licensee discipline. The board may, if necessary, petition the District Court for enforcement of its authority. The board registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report on evaluation of certain complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions possibly constituting cause for licensee discipline. The board issues license renewals and determines requirements for continuing medical education. It also issues certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions.

The board also reviews and investigates all professional liability claims filed against its licensees, including medical malpractice suits, to determine if the acts from which the claims were filed involved the violation of statutes, rules, or standards of practice.

### **Nursing, Board of**

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EDNA D. EATON, R.N., chair, Sidney; term expires 1990

MARJORIE M. MATZEN, R.N., secretary, Council Bluffs; term expires 1992

KENNITH CULP, R.N., Iowa City; term expires 1991

CHERIE OETKER, L.P.N., Marshalltown; term expires 1990

ERLENE VEVERKA, Prairie City; term expires 1992

JOHN WATSON, Iowa City; term expires 1990

The board has the responsibilities to administer and enforce the laws relating to the practice of nursing, licensure of nurses, nursing education, and continuing education as a prerequisite to license renewal. The board enforces the laws and rules applicable to the practice of nursing including the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action. The board issues licenses to registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

### **Pharmacy Examiners, Board of**

*Norman C. Johnson, executive secretary; 1209 E. Court Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5944*

ROLLIN C. BRIDGE, chair, Lamoni; term expires 1992

MELBA SCAGLIONE, vice-chair, Des Moines; term expires 1992

DONNA J. FLOWER, Oelwein; term expires 1990

MARIAN L. ROBERTS, pharmacist, Laurens; term expires 1991

JOHN F. RODE, pharmacist, Mt. Pleasant, term expires 1991

ALAN M. SHEPLEY, pharmacist, Mt. Vernon; term expires 1990

GALE W. STAPP, pharmacist, Oskaloosa; term expires 1990

The Iowa Commission of Pharmacy originated on April 23, 1880, at the direction of the Executive Department. The commission then perfected an organization known as the State Board of Pharmacy on May 5, 1880. The board was composed of three members. At this time, through the Pharmacy Act under Chapter 75, the newly formed board developed a set of standards for individuals to be qualified as pharmacists by examination. Thus, the Board of Pharmacy came into being for the protection of public health, welfare, and safety.

The present board consists of seven members—five professional members and two representatives of the general public. They are all appointed by the governor for three-year terms and function under the statutory authority of Chapters 147, 155A, 203, 203A, 204, and 205, *Code of Iowa*, 1985. The board has the responsibility for administering competency examinations, and issues licenses to qualified applicants.

Through the executive secretary, the board maintains all records relating to continuing education and licensure by examination or reciprocity; processes all applications for licensure; collects fees; and issues all new and renewal licenses to those persons engaged in the practice of pharmacy.