

to both allopathic (M.D.) and osteopathic (D.O) physicians twice annually. The board also determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement of examination scores, 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 license discipline. The Board is authorized to operate the Impaired Physician Review Committee, a voluntary program for monitoring recovery/rehabilitation of impaired physicians. 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 the evaluation of certain complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions possibly constituting cause for licensee discipline. The board issues license renewals, certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions, and determines requirements for continuing medical education.

The board reviews and investigates 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.

The board is responsible for evaluating applications and issuing certificates of registration to qualified acupuncturists. Persons who hold a valid Iowa license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry may engage in the practice of acupuncture without registration issued by the board.

**Nursing, Board of** - *Lorinda Inman, R.N., Executive director; 1223 E. Court Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515/281-3255*

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The board has the responsibility 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 law 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** - *Lloyd Jessen, R.Ph., J.D., executive secretary/director; 1209 E. Court Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5944*

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The Iowa Commission of Pharmacy originated on April 23, 1880, at the direction of the Executive Department. The commission then established 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, 124, 124A, 124B, 126, and 205, *Code of Iowa*, 1999. The board has the responsibility for administering competency examinations, and issues licenses to qualified applicants.

Through the executive secretary/director, 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.

The board has the authority to promulgate administrative rules and promotes and enforces minimum professional standards of practice.

The board is responsible for administering the regulatory provisions of the *Code* relating to the following:

A. The legal aspects of professional practice and the licensing of drug manufacturers,