

645—261.3(152B) Additional requirements for respiratory care practitioner licensure. The following are additional specific criteria for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner:

261.3(1) The applicant shall have successfully completed a respiratory care education program accredited by, or under a letter of review from, CoARC or CAAHEP.

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, website www.ierf.org or email 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 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.

261.3(3) The examination required by the board shall be the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination or the Certified Respiratory Therapist Examination administered by the NBRC. The applicant shall have achieved a score on the examination which meets or exceeds the minimum passing score established by the NBRC.

261.3(4) The applicant shall apply directly to the NBRC to attempt the examination.

261.3(5) Results of the examination must be received by the board of respiratory care and polysomnography by one of the following methods:

a. Scores are sent directly from the examination service to the board;

b. A copy of a certificate showing proof of the successful achievement of the certified respiratory therapist (CRT) or registered respiratory therapist (RRT) credential awarded by the NBRC is submitted to the board; or

c. A copy of the score report or an electronic web-based confirmation by the NBRC showing proof of successful completion is submitted to the board.

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