

Chapter Chir 9

CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP

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Chir 9.01 Definitions.

In this chapter:

(1) “Chiropractic student” means a student of an approved college of chiropractic who is eligible for graduation from the college of chiropractic but for completion of a preceptorship period.

(2) “Chiropractor preceptor” means a chiropractor licensed and practicing in Wisconsin pursuant to ch. 446, Stats., who accepts a chiropractic student into the chiropractor’s practice for the purpose of providing the chiropractic student with clinical experience in the practice of chiropractic.

(3) “Graduate chiropractor” means a person who has received a doctor of chiropractic degree from a college of chiropractic approved by the board, but who has not taken any licensing examination the results of which have been declared by a licensing authority.

(4) “Preceptorship practice” means the chiropractic practice of a single chiropractor or group of chiropractors in a particular business or clinic, into which a licensed, practicing chiropractor has accepted a chiropractic student for the limited purpose of providing the chiropractic student with a clinical experience in the practice of chiropractic.

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Chir 9.02 Unlicensed practice by chiropractic students and graduate chiropractors. As provided under s. 446.02 (9) (a), Stats., a chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor participating in a preceptorship program approved under s. Chir 9.03 under the direct, on-premises supervision of a chiropractor preceptor approved under s. Chir 9.05 is not required to hold a license under ch. 446, Stats.

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Chir 9.03 Approved chiropractic college and postgraduate preceptorship programs. The board shall approve a chiropractic college preceptorship program or postgraduate preceptorship program that meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The program is operated by a chiropractic college accredited by one of the following:

(a) The Council on Chiropractic Education or a successor organization.

(b) The Councils on Chiropractic Education International or a successor organization.

(2) The program is an established component of the curriculum of the chiropractic college.

(3) An authorized representative of the program certifies to the board, on forms supplied by the department, all of the following:

(a) If the program is a chiropractic college preceptorship program, prior to participating in the program students shall have met all requirements for graduation from the chiropractic college except for completion of the preceptorship period.

(am) If the program is a postgraduate preceptorship program, graduate chiropractors shall have graduated from a college of chiropractic approved by the board.

(b) No chiropractor preceptor shall supervise more than one chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor at any one time.

(c) Chiropractors who participate as chiropractor preceptors shall be faculty of the chiropractic college.

Note: Forms may be obtained from the department of safety and professional services’ website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>.

(6) An authorized representative of the program provides a list to the board at least 45 days prior to every trimester or academic quarter of the chiropractors in this state who will be acting as preceptors in the program.

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Chir 9.05 Approved chiropractor preceptors. The board shall approve a chiropractor to be a chiropractor preceptor if the chiropractor certifies to the board, on forms supplied by the department, all of the following:

(1) The chiropractor has been continuously licensed in Wisconsin for the previous 5 years, and there are no pending disciplinary actions or malpractice claims against the chiropractor in any jurisdiction. If discipline has ever been imposed in any jurisdiction on any professional license held by the chiropractor, the chiropractor shall provide details of the discipline for the board’s review.

(2) The chiropractor is a member of the faculty of the chiropractic college from which the chiropractor will accept a chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor into a preceptorship practice.

(3) The chiropractor is responsible for the practice of the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor the chiropractor accepts into a preceptorship practice.

(4) The chiropractor will identify the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor to the patients of the preceptorship practice in such a way that no patient will tend to be misled as to the status of the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor, and that each patient or parent or guardian of each patient will be required to provide informed consent to treatment of that patient by the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor.

(5) The chiropractor will supervise no more than one chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor at any one time.

(6) The chiropractor will exercise direct, on-premises supervision of the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor at all times during which the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor is engaged in any facet of patient care in the chiropractor’s clinic.

(7) The chiropractor and the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor have agreed on the goals of the preceptor program to be completed by the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor.

Note: Forms may be obtained from the department of safety and professional services' website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>.

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Chir 9.06 Termination of preceptorship. (1) A preceptorship shall terminate upon the occurrence of the earliest applicable of the following events:

(a) A chiropractic student participating in a preceptorship program graduates from the college of chiropractic operating the program.

(b) A graduate chiropractor participating in a postgraduate preceptorship program is declared to have passed or failed a chiropractic licensing examination by any licensing authority or the national board.

(c) Six months have passed since the graduate chiropractor graduated from a college of chiropractic.

(d) A chiropractor preceptor is formally charged with a criminal offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of chiropractic.

(e) A chiropractor preceptor is formally alleged to have violated the statutes or administrative rules pertaining to the practice of chiropractic.

(f) A chiropractor preceptor is formally complained against in a civil action for malpractice.

(2) If a preceptorship is terminated under sub. (1) (d), (e), or (f), the board may approve a replacement chiropractor preceptor proposed by the chiropractic student or graduate chiropractor. To be approved by the board, the proposed replacement chiropractor preceptor shall satisfy the requirements under s. Chir 9.05. The proposed chiropractor preceptor is not required to have been named by the chiropractic college operating the preceptorship program on the most recent list provided to the board under s. Chir 9.03 (6).

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