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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the educational requirements for specialist assistants and physician assistants

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision 1 of section 6541 of the education law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 1992, are amended to read as follows:

(c) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A SPECIALIST ASSISTANT, has successfully completed a four-year course of study in a secondary school approved by the board of regents or has passed an equivalency test;

(d) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, HAS RECEIVED AN EDUCATION INCLUDING A BACHELOR'S OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS;

(E) has satisfactorily completed an approved program for the training of physician assistants or specialist assistants. The approved program for the training of physician assistants shall include not less than forty weeks of supervised clinical training and thirty-two credit hours of classroom work. APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN APPROVED PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED THIS PARAGRAPH. The commissioner is empowered to determine whether an applicant possesses equivalent education and training, such as experience as a nurse or military corpsman, which may be accepted in lieu of all or part of an approved program; and

[(e)] (F) in the case of an applicant for registration as a physician assistant, has obtained a passing score on an examination acceptable to the department.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to new applications for registration as a physician assistant occurring on and after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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