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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

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CERTIFICATE**6:45-1.1 Procedure**

(a) For the Qualifying Academic Certificate shall submit to the Commissioner of Education official transcripts as evidence of the completion of the preliminary education required for the issuance of the certificate.

(b) Application shall be accompanied by a certified check or money order made out to the Commissioner of Education.

6:45-1.2 Requirements

(a) Requirements for admission to law school:

1. Four years of approved high school education or the equivalent;
2. At least three years of liberal arts academic education leading to a Bachelor's degree, completed in a college or university approved by an accrediting association.

(b) Requirements for admission to school for dentistry:

1. Four years of approved high school education or the equivalent;
2. At least two years of pre dental education completed in a liberal arts college approved by the State School Agency of the State which include the following subjects:
 - i. English—at least six semester hours;
 - ii. Biology—at least six semester hours;
 - iii. Physics—at least six semester hours;
 - iv. Inorganic Chemistry—at least six semester hours;
 - v. Organic Chemistry—at least three semester hours (one term).

(c) *Pharmacy.*

Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent.

(d) *Medicine.*

1. Applicants who graduated from medical school prior to July 4, 1903, shall submit satisfactory evidence of at least five years of continuous and reputable medical practice.

2. Applicants who matriculated in medicine after July 4, 1903, and prior to March 25, 1912, shall present four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent, completed, before beginning the second year of medical study.

3. Applicants who matriculated in medical school between March 25, 1912, and July 1, 1916, shall present evidence of the completion of four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent, completed before entering the medical school.

4. Applicants who matriculated in medical school from July 1, 1916, to July 1, 1917, shall submit college matriculation and completion of one year of college education before entering medical school. This one year must be in the arts and science field and include:

- i. Biology;
- ii. Physics;
- iii. Chemistry;
- iv. Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Italian or Spanish);
- v. English.

5. Applicants who matriculated in medical school subsequent to July 1, 1917, shall submit evidence of at least two years of arts and science college education, including the following subjects:

- i. English composition and literature—six semester hours;
- ii. Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Italian or Spanish)—six to 12 semester hours;
- iii. Chemistry (At least eight semester hours shall be in general inorganic chemistry, including four semester hours in organic chemistry)—12 semester hours;
- iv. Physics—eight semester hours;
- v. Biology—eight semester hours;
- vi. Other nonscience subjects to complete two years of college education.

(e) *Certified Public Accountant.*

1. Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent;

2. Four years of college education with a Bachelor's degree, completed in a college approved by the School State Agency of the state in which the college is located, or an accrediting association, as the case may be. The college education shall include:

- i. Accounting (including courses in municipal and governmental accounting)—30 semester hours;
- ii. Finance—eight semester hours;
- iii. Law—eight semester hours;
- iv. Economics—six semester hours;
- v. Other professional subjects—eight semester hours;
- vi. Liberal arts subjects—60 semester hours.

(f) *Chiropractic.*

1. Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent;

2. Applicants graduating from an approved chiropractic school after December 31, 1957, must have successfully completed prior to commencing their studies in the chiropractic school at least one year's study in a school of arts and sciences accredited by the State Department of Education.

3. Applicants graduating from an approved chiropractic school after December 31, 1958, must have successfully completed prior to commencing their studies in the chiropractic school at least two years' study in a school of arts and sciences accredited by the State Department of Education. The pre-professional college education shall include:

- i. English;
- ii. Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Italian or Spanish);
- iii. Chemistry;
- iv. Physics;
- v. Biology.

(g) *Chiropody.*

1. Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent;

2. Applicants graduating from chiropody schools after January 1, 1955, shall be required to submit evidence of the satisfactory completion of one year of arts and science college education, which shall include:

- i. English;
- ii. Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Italian or Spanish);
- iii. Chemistry;

iv. Physics;

v. Biology.

(h) *Mortuary science.*

The satisfactory completion of a minimum of two years of academic instruction or one-half of the degree program required by the college for graduation, in a college or university approved by the Department of Education of the State of New Jersey. Approval of the college by the State Department of Education of the State in which the college is located, if other than New Jersey, is also required.

If the four-year college requires more than 120 semester credits for graduation, the applicant must complete half of the required credits for the record to be recognized as two full years of academic education. The two-year requirement will be interpreted to mean half of the total credits required by the particular four-year institution. These requirements must be completed before the applicant can be considered qualified to matriculate in an embalming or mortuary science school. A two-year course in a trade school, music school, or similar type school such as nursing school is not acceptable.

The State Board of Mortuary Science adopted the following policy on January 16, 1968, concerning the statute relative to the academic requirements for the issuance of the Mortuary Science qualifying certificate by the State Department of Education:

"To accept a three-year integrated or co-op mortuary science course in an accredited college or university consisting of a minimum of two years of academic instruction approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, and a minimum of one year of instruction in mortuary science courses approved by the State Board of Mortuary Science.

The courses may run concurrently, however, when evaluated by the Department of Education for an academic qualifying certificate. A minimum of 60 semester credits of academic work must be acquired, excluding professional subjects. To acquire credit for attending three years of college, 90 semester credits of academic work must be achieved, excluding professional subjects."

(i) *Nursing.*

Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent.

(j) *Optometry.*

Four years of approved high school education, or the equivalent.