

4755-63-15

**Unique and exceptional qualifications.**

(A) "Unique and exceptional qualifications" as used in division (A) of section 4779.08 of the Revised Code means education, training, or experience that qualify a person to perform orthotic or prosthetic care outside of the traditional pathway outlined in sections 4779.10, 4779.11, 4779.12, 4779.17, or 4779.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Joint Board will determine whether a person is uniquely and exceptionally qualified on a case-by-base basis based on the information supplied by the applicant and other information deemed relevant by the Board. The joint board shall consult with a member of the Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Committee in determining whether an applicant meets the unique and exceptional qualifications.

(C) Applicants may apply for licensure by unique and exceptional qualifications via one of the following paths:

(1) Experiential

(a) Applicants with at least fifteen years of extensive orthotic or prosthetic experience, including direct patient care, in the discipline for which they have applied. Applicants must demonstrate proof of 50 continuing education hours within the five years prior to submission of application. The board will accept as continuing education units all courses approved by the board for orthotist/prosthetist certification (BOC), and the American board for certification in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics (ABC). The board will also accept continuing education units as specified by section 4779.24 of the Revised Code; or

(b) Applicants with at least fifteen years of extensive orthotic and prosthetic experience, including direct patient care, when applying to be a licensed prosthetist-orthotist. Applicants must demonstrate proof of 70 continuing education hours within the five years prior to submission of application. The board will accept as continuing education units all courses approved by the board for orthotist/prosthetist certification (BOC), and the American board for certification in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics (ABC). The board will also accept continuing education units as specified by section 4779.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) Applicants who meet the academic requirements described in division (A)(3) of section 4779.10 of the Revised Code, division (A)(3) of section 4779.11 of the Revised Code, division (A)(3) of section 4779.12 of the Revised Code, or division (A)(3) of section 4779.17 of the Revised Code, but have not completed a professional clinical residency meeting national commission on orthotic and

prosthetic education requirements. These applicants shall submit proof of at least two years of applicable orthotic or prosthetic experience within the five years before application that was obtained under supervision of a licensed or certified orthotist or prosthetist in the discipline for which they have applied. An applicant may be granted a temporary license for up to two years to work under the supervision in Ohio in order to meet the requirements of this division.

(D) In addition to the requirements described in division (C) of this rule, an applicant must submit:

(1) Two letters of recommendation to the board demonstrating qualifications for licensure; and

(2) Proof of current and unrestricted active certification from either BOC or ABC.

(E) Any applicant applying for licensure under division (C)(2) of this rule must comply with rule 4755-63-14 of the Administrative Code.

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