R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-5a-101. Title.
This rule is known as the "Podiatric Physician Licensing Act Rule".

R156-5a-102. Definitions.
In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 5a, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 5a or this rule:
(1) "CPME" means the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
(2) "Recognized school" as used in Subsection 58-5a-306(2) means a school that is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

R156-5a-103. Authority - Purpose.
This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 5a.

R156-5a-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.
The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-5a-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.
In accordance with Subsections 58-5a-302(5)(b)(ii) and (iii), an applicant shall complete and sign the affidavit of current Utah post-graduate resident training contained in the Division's podiatric physician license application, to satisfy the Division and board that the applicant:
(1) has been accepted in and is successfully participating in a CPME-approved progressive resident training program within Utah; and
(2) has agreed to the required automatic revocation and surrender of the applicant's license if the applicant fails to continue in good standing in that program.

R156-5a-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.
In accordance with Subsections 58-1-203(1) and 58-5a-302(6), the examinations required to be passed for licensure are Part I, Part II written, Part II CSPE, and Part III of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE), developed by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners examination (NBPME).

R156-5a-302c. Qualifications for Licensure - Training Requirements.
(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-5a-103(3)(b)(iii), acceptable documentation that the podiatric physician has completed training and experience in standard or advanced midfoot, rearfoot, and ankle procedures, shall consist of verification from the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery that the applicant is currently board qualified.
(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-5a-103(3)(c)(iii), acceptable documentation that the podiatric physician has completed
training and experience in standard or advanced midfoot, rearfoot, and ankle procedures, shall consist of verification of a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery from a program approved, at the time of completion, by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

R156-5a-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1)(a), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 5a is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

R156-5a-304. Continuing Education.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-5a-304, a continuing professional education requirement is established for all individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a.

(2) During each two-year period commencing on September 30 of each even-numbered year, a licensee shall be required to complete not less than 40 hours of qualified professional education directly related to the licensee's professional clinical practice.

(3) The required number of hours of professional education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two-year period shall be decreased in a pro-rata amount equal to any part of that two year period preceding the license date.

(4) Qualified professional education under this section shall:

(a) have an identifiable clear statement of purpose and defined objective for the program directly related to the practice of a podiatric physician;

(b) be relevant to the licensee's professional practice;

(c) be presented in a competent, well-organized, and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program;

(d) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training, and experience;

(e) have a competent method of registration of individuals who completed the program with records of registration and completion available for review; and

(f) be sponsored or approved by a combination of the following:

(i) one of the organizations listed in Subsection 58-5a-304(3);

(ii) the American Podiatric Medical Association; or

(iii) the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(5) Credit for professional education shall be recognized in accordance with the following:

(a) unlimited hours shall be recognized for professional education completed in blocks of time of not less than one hour in formally established classroom courses, seminars, or conferences;

(b) a maximum of 40 hours per two-year period may be recognized for teaching in a college or university or teaching qualified professional education courses in the field of podiatry;

(c) a maximum of ten hours per two-year period may be recognized for clinical readings directly related to practice as a podiatric physician;

(d) a maximum of six hours per two-year period may come from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing; and

(e) per Section 58-13-3 concerning charity health care, a
maximum of 15% of the required hours per two-year period may come from providing volunteer services within the scope of license at a qualified location, with one hour of credit earned for every four hours of volunteer service.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed qualified professional education for a period of four years after close of the two-year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to demonstrate the professional education meets the requirements of this section.

(7) If a licensee properly documents that the licensee is engaged in full-time activities or is subjected to circumstances which prevent that licensee from meeting the continuing professional education requirements established under this section, the licensee may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to three years.

**R156-5a-305. Radiology Course for Unlicensed Podiatric Assistants.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-54-306(3), radiology courses for an unlicensed person performing services under the supervision of a podiatric physician shall include radiology theory consisting of the following:

1. orientation of radiation technology;
2. terminology;
3. radiographic podiatric anatomy and pathology ( cursory);
4. radiation physics (basic);
5. radiation protection to patient and operator;
6. radiation biology including interaction of ionizing radiation on cells, tissues and matter;
7. factors influencing biological response to cells and tissues to ionizing radiation and cumulative effects of x-radiation;
8. external radiographic techniques;
9. processing techniques including proper disposal of chemicals; and
10. infection control in podiatric radiology.

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