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Licensed Midwives

What is a midwife?

A "licensed midwife" is an individual who has been issued a license to practice midwifery by the Medical Board of California. The practice of midwifery authorizes the licensee, under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon (OB/GYN in active practice), to attend cases of normal childbirth, in a home, birthing clinic, or hospital environment.

Pathways to Licensure

- Education
  - Must complete a three-year postsecondary education program in an accredited school approved by the Board.

or

- Challenge Mechanism
  - Business and Professions Code section 2513(a)-(c) allows a midwifery student and prospective applicant the opportunity to obtain credit by examination for previous midwifery education and clinical experience.

Examination

- North American Registry of Midwives' (NARM)
  - Adopted by the Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing in May 1996
  - Satisfies written examination requirements
  - Administered twice yearly

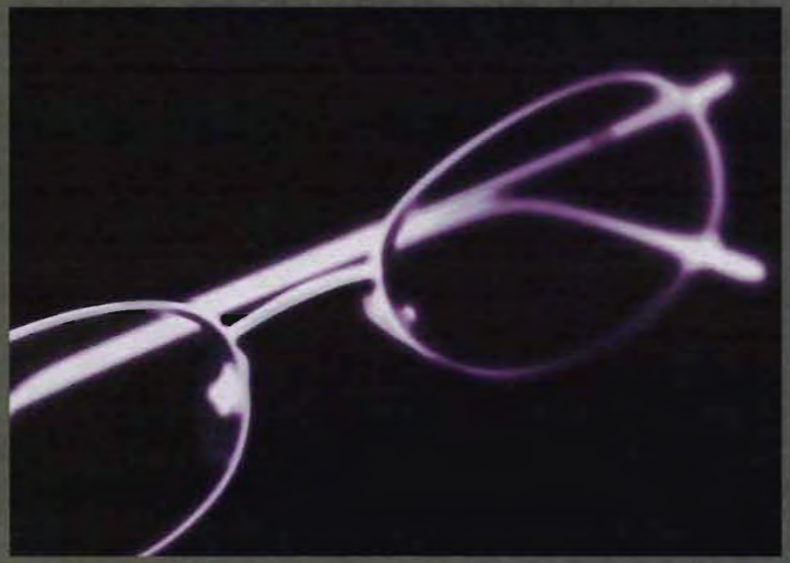
Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $300.00
- Fee to renew: $200.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 40 licenses
  - Current licenses: 252

Registered Dispensing Optician Program (RDO)



The RDO Program is Comprised of Four Sections:

- Registered Dispensing Optician (business location)
- Spectacle Lens Dispenser
- Contact Lens Dispenser
- Non-Resident Contact Lens Dispenser

Registered Dispensing Optician

- Required for individuals, corporations, and firms engaged in the business of filling prescriptions of physicians and surgeons licensed by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California; or optometrists licensed by the Board of Optometry for prescription lenses.

Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $75.00
- Fee to renew: $75.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 69 registrations
  - Current registrations: 1,161

Spectacle Lens Dispenser

- A registered spectacle lens dispenser is authorized to fit and adjust spectacle lenses at any place of business holding a Registered Dispensing Optician certificate provided that the certificate of the registered spectacle lens dispenser is displayed in a conspicuous place at the place of business where he or she is fitting and adjusting.

Examinations

- American Board of Opticianry
  - Adopted by the Medical Board of California
  - Satisfies written examination requirements
  - Administered twice yearly

Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $75.00
- Fee to renew: $75.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 196 registrations
  - Current registrations: 2,182

Contact Lens Dispenser

- A registered contact lens dispenser is authorized to fit and adjust contact lenses at any place of business holding a Registered Dispensing Optician certificate provided that the certificate of the registered contact lens dispenser is displayed in a conspicuous place at the place of business where he or she is fitting and adjusting.

Examinations

- National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE)
  - Adopted by the Medical Board of California
  - Satisfies written examination requirements
  - Administered twice yearly

Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $75.00
- Fee to renew: $75.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 73 registrations
  - Current registrations: 902

Non-Resident Contact Lens Dispenser

- This registration is required for individuals, partnerships, and corporations located outside California that ship, mail, or deliver in any manner, contact lenses at retail to a patient at a California address.

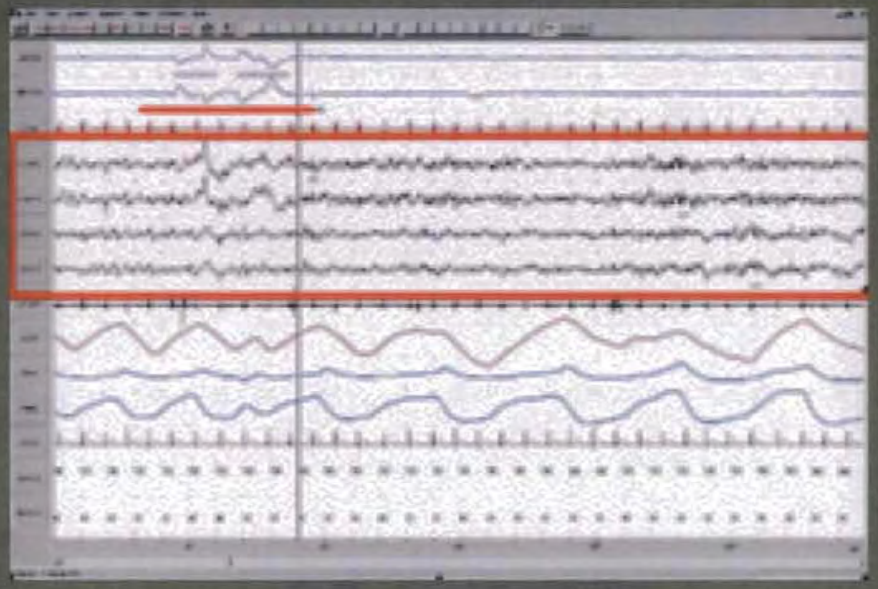
Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $100.00
- Fee to renew: $100.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 0 registrations
  - Current registrations: 11

Registered Polysomnographic Program



What is Polysomnography?

The treatment, management, diagnostic testing, control, education, and care of patients with sleep and wake disorders. Polysomnography shall include, but not be limited to, the process of analysis, monitoring, and recording of physiologic data during sleep and wakefulness to assist in the treatment of disorders, syndromes, and dysfunctions that are sleep-related, manifest during sleep, or disrupt normal sleep activities.

Registration Types

- Polysomnographic Trainee
- Polysomnographic Technician
- Polysomnographic Technologist

Registered Polysomnographic Trainee

- Required for individuals under the direct supervision of a supervising physician and surgeon, polysomnographic technologist or other licensed health care professional who provides basic supportive services as part of their educational program, including but not limited to gathering and verifying patient information, testing preparation and monitoring, documenting routine observations, data acquisition and scoring, and assisting with appropriate interventions for patient safety in California.

Registration Requirements

- Have either a high school diploma or GED and completed at least six months of supervised direct polysomnographic patient care experience;

or

- be enrolled in an approved polysomnographic education program;

and

- Possess at the time of application a current certificate in Basic Life Support issued by the American Heart Association.

Registered Polysomnographic Technician

- Required for individuals who may perform the services equivalent to that of a Polysomnographic Technician under general supervision and may implement appropriate interventions necessary for patient safety in California.

Registration Requirements

In addition to the initial requirements for a polysomnographic trainee:

- Be enrolled in an approved polysomnographic education program

and

- Have at least six months experience at a level of Polysomnographic Trainee

Registered Polysomnographic Technologist

- Required for individuals, who are under the supervision of a physician and surgeon, who are responsible for the treatment, management, diagnostic testing, control, education, and care of patients with sleep and wake disorders in California.

Registration Requirements

- He or She shall have a valid current credential as a polysomnographic technologist issued by a national accrediting agency approved by the Board.
- Shall have graduated from a polysomnographic educational program that has been approved by the Board.
- Shall have passed a national certifying examination that has been approved by the Board.
- If the application is received on or before October 22, 2012, in lieu of the above, submission of documentation, under penalty of perjury, from the supervising physician indicating the individual has engaged in the practice of polysomnography safely for five years, as verified by a supervising physician.

Program Information

- Application available online
- Application Fee: $100.00
- Registration Fee: $100.00
- Renewal Fee: $150.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Program Became Effective: February 2012
  - Issued: 0 registrations
  - Pending Applications: 40

Research Psychoanalysts
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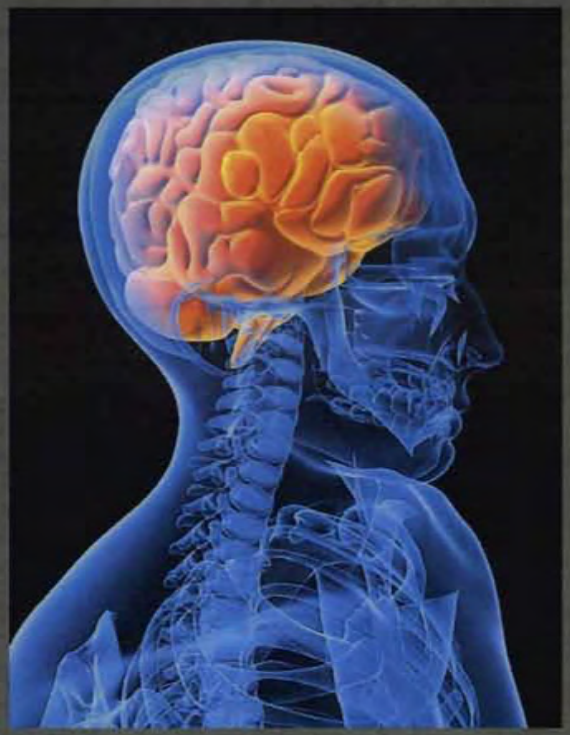

What is a Research Psychoanalyst?

- A registered Research Psychoanalyst is an individual who has graduated from an approved psychoanalytic institution and is registered with the Medical Board of California. Research Psychoanalysts may engage in psychoanalysis as an adjunct to teaching, training or research. Additionally, students who are currently enrolled in an approved psychoanalytic institution and are registered with the Medical Board as a Student Research Psychoanalyst, may engage in psychoanalysis under supervision.

Education Requirements

- Doctorate degree or its equivalent and graduation from a psychoanalytic institution approved by the Board
- Currently 19 approved psychoanalytic institutions are approved by Board

Program Information

- Application available online
- Fee to apply: $100.00
- Fee to renew: $50.00
- Renewal period = 2 years

Program Statistics

- Fiscal Year 2010-2011
  - Issued: 8 registrations
  - Current registrations: 92

Medical Assistants

What is a Medical Assistant?

- Medical assistants are <u>unlicensed</u> individuals who perform non-invasive routine technical support services under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist in a medical office or clinic setting.

Certification

- Medical assistants may obtain "certified" status through private agencies approved by the Medical Board of California.
- Currently 3 approved Certifying Agencies

Scope of Practice

WITHIN SCOPE	NOT WITHIN SCOPE
Take blood pressure, height, weight, temperature, and note information on chart	Start or disconnect IV's
Perform nasal smears	Administer injections into IV's
Perform "finger sticks"	Chart pupillary responses
Perform hearing tests	Insert urine catheters
Administer Flu shots	Perform telephone triage
Remove Casts	Inject collagen
Remove sutures or staples from superficial incisions	Use lasers to remove hair, wrinkles, scars, moles, or other blemishes

Training

- Prior to performing technical supportive services, a medical assistant shall receive training, as necessary, in the judgment of the supervising physician, podiatrist or instructor to assure the medical assistant's competence in performing that service at the appropriate standard of care.
- Training shall be administered in either of the following settings:
  - Under a licensed physician or podiatrist, or under a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, a physician assistant or a qualified medical assistant
  - In a secondary, post secondary, or adult education program in a public school authorized by the Department of Education, in a community college program provided for in the Education Code, or a post secondary institution accredited or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs

Supervision

- In every instance, prior to administration of medicine by a medical assistant, a licensed physician or podiatrist, or another appropriate licensed person shall verify the correct medication and dosage. The supervising physician or podiatrist must authorize any technical supportive services performed by the medical assistant and that supervising physician or podiatrist must be physically present in the treatment facility when procedures are performed, except as provided in section 2069(a) of the Business and Professions code.