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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC****DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]** (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)**CHAPTER 5. Medicine [2000 - 2521]** (*Chapter 5 repealed and added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1313, Sec. 2.*)**ARTICLE 24. Licensed Midwives [2505 - 2521]** (*Article 24 repealed and added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1280, Sec. 3.*)

**2513.** (a) An approved midwifery education program shall offer the opportunity for students to obtain credit by examination for previous midwifery education and clinical experience. The applicant shall demonstrate, by practical examination, the clinical competencies described in Section 2514 or established by regulation pursuant to Section 2514.5. The midwifery education program's credit by examination policy shall be approved by the board, and shall be available to applicants upon request. The proficiency and practical examinations shall be approved by the board. Beginning January 1, 2015, new licensees shall not substitute clinical experience for formal didactic education.

(b) Completion of clinical experiences shall be verified by a licensed midwife or certified nurse-midwife, and a physician and surgeon, all of whom shall be current in the knowledge and practice of obstetrics and midwifery. Physicians and surgeons, licensed midwives, and certified nurse-midwives who participate in the verification and evaluation of an applicant's clinical experiences shall show evidence of current practice. The method used to verify clinical experiences shall be approved by the board.

(c) Upon successful completion of the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), the applicant shall also complete the licensing examination described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 2512.5.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 665, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2014.)