

REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD APPLICANTS

Applicants for the NC Medical Board shall meet each of the following criteria, pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. §90-2 and 90-3:

1. Must have an active, nonlimited license to practice medicine in North Carolina, or in the case of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, hold an active license or approval to perform medical acts, tasks and functions in North Carolina.
2. Have an active clinical or teaching position. For purposes of this subsection, the term “active” means patient care, or instruction of students in an accredited medical school of residency, or clinical research program, for 20 hours or more per week.
3. Have actively practiced in this State for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.
4. Intend to remain in active practice in this State for the duration of the term sought on the Board.
5. Submit at least three letters of recommendation, either from individuals or professional or other societies or organizations.
6. Have no public disciplinary history with the NCMB or any other licensing board in this or another state, province or country over the past ten years before applying for appointment to the Board.
7. Have no history of felony convictions of any kind.
8. Have no misdemeanor convictions related to the practice of medicine, including DWI.
9. Indicate, in a manner prescribed by the Review Panel, that the applicant: (i) understands that the primary purpose of the NCMB is to protect the public; (ii) is willing to take appropriate disciplinary action against his or her peers for misconduct or violations of the standards of care or practice of medicine; and (iii) is aware of the time commitment needed to be a constructive member of the NCMB.
10. Applicants do not need to be members of any professional association or society.
11. The Review Panel shall attempt to make its recommendations to the Governor reflect the composition of the State with regard to gender, ethnic, racial, and age composition.

Other Considerations (note: these are not required by statute, but the Review Panel has indicated it may consider these, among other characteristics, in making nominations to the Governor):

1. ABMS board certifications.
2. Research and publications.
3. Professional or other awards.
4. Appointments.
5. Professional affiliations.
6. Volunteer service.
7. Whether the applicant has had any data bank reports relating to competence, conduct, or character.
8. Whether applicant or his/her employer, practice group or affiliated entity is under investigation for any violation of the law.
9. Whether the applicant has ever had any adverse peer review actions taken against him/her concerning conduct, competence or character that have resulted in the reduction, termination, suspension, or any other limitation of hospital or other healthcare facility privileges.
10. Whether the applicant is physically able to fulfill the duties required by service on the NCMB.

You may be contacted for a personal interview with the Review Panel. This would be held in the Raleigh area, and your attendance in person would be required.

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