INTRODUCTION

UW Medicine requires Board Certification, as evidenced by the ABMS, ACGME or AOA, in the practitioner's specialty and/or subspecialty within 5 years of Residency or Fellowship completion. Further, maintenance of Certification is required if established by his/her Specialty Board.

PROCEDURE

In certain, specific circumstances, exceptions to the above requirement are permitted at the discretion of the Department Chair and/or Service Chief, Medical Director and Hospital Review Committees.

There are distinct situations where waiver of Board Certification may be granted:

Initial Appointments to the medical staff: All applicants to the medical staff must be Board Certified, unless:

A. Practitioner completed Residency or Fellowship training within 5 years.

B. Practitioner graduated from medical school prior to 1985 and never received certification. Written endorsement by the practitioner's Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required.

C. Practitioner is a foreign medical graduate and therefore ineligible for Board Certification. Written endorsement by the practitioner's Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required.

D. Practitioner is ineligible for another reason (describe reason):
E. Certification/Recertification is not required for subspecialty.

F. Practitioner is ‘Dual-Board Certified’ and recertification is not required in the Primary Specialty by the respective Sub-Specialty Board.

Reappointments to the medical staff:

A. Practitioner completed Residency or Fellowship training within 5 years.

B. Practitioner graduated from medical school prior to 1985 and never certified. Written endorsement by the practitioner’s Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required.

C. Practitioner is a foreign medical graduate and therefore ineligible for Board Certification. Written endorsement by the practitioner’s Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required.

D. Practitioner is ineligible for another reason (describe reason):

Written endorsement by the practitioner’s Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required.

E. Certification/Recertification is not required for subspecialty.

F. Practitioner is ‘Dual-Board Certified’ and recertification is not required in the Primary Specialty by the respective Sub-Specialty Board.

G. Practitioner was not Board Certified upon appointment to the medical staff and is thus “grandfathered in”. Written endorsement by the practitioner’s Department Chair or Service Chief attesting to the current competency equivalent to Board Certification is required. (Note: This does not apply to staff who were not Board Certified upon their initial appointment due to being less than 5 years out of residency/fellowship).

H. Certification is expired; practitioner will be sitting for recertification at a specified date within the reappointment period.

   a. Three peer recommendations attesting to competency in clinical privileges being requested.
   b. Written commitment from practitioner to take certification/recertification during next reappointment cycle.
I. A practitioner has not previously attempted certification (and is not exempted above) or failed certification or recertification, but will be sitting for certification/recertification prior to next reappointment must comply with the following conditions:

   a. Three peer recommendations attesting to competency in clinical privileges being requested.
   b. Written documentation of sitting for board exam and completing any self-learning modules during previous waiver period.
   c. Agreement to participate in a Focused Professional Practice Evaluation.
   d. Commitment to take certification/recertification during next reappointment cycle.

Practitioners are also required to maintain as current any Certificate of Added Qualifications.

Notification

The Office of Medical Staff Appointments sends a letters to the practitioner, as a courtesy reminder of upcoming Board expiration two years, one year and six months prior to expiration of boards.

During the practitioner's reappointment to the Medical Staff, the Office of Medical Staff Appointments sends an email reminding the practitioner that Board Certification will lapse in the upcoming year.

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