



North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2017-2018

PURPOSE

The Board of Podiatry Examiners for the State of North Carolina (NCBPE) was established by [North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#) as North Carolina's licensing and registry board for the profession of podiatry. The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

The purpose of NCBPE is to serve the best interests of the public and medical profession by evaluating the initial and continuing qualifications of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina. All candidates are expected to have completed a baccalaureate degree. This is normally required for admission to colleges of podiatric medicine. All podiatrists licensed by the NCBPE have attained the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from an accredited college of podiatric medicine. All candidates are expected to have completed or be working towards completion of a postdoctoral residency program. The Board reviews the qualifications of candidates; conducts oral, practical and written examinations; and issues licenses. In addition to issuing licenses, the Board also on occasion suspends, revokes or cancels licenses of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina.

All podiatrists in the state are required to [renew their licenses](#) annually. NCBPE renewal of licensure indicates that the podiatrist has completed a process that requires participation in 25 hours of continuing education related to podiatry from an accredited provider/s.

GENERAL STATUTE REFERENCE

[North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT REFERENCE

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title%2021%20-%20Occupational%20Licensing%20Boards%20and%20Commissions\Chapter%2052%20-%20Podiatry%20Examiners>

Title 21-Occupational Licensing Boards and Commissions, Chapter 52-Podiatry Examiners

HISTORY; BOARD COMPOSITION; STAFFING; HEADQUARTERS

Established February 1, 1919 by North Carolina General Assembly.

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Dr. William J. O'Neill, DPM (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

President

InStride Carolina Foot Care Associates

1711 Davie Ave.

Statesville NC 28677

Dr. Thurmond Eric Siceloff, DPM (Term I ends 6/30/2019)

Vice President

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Cornerstone Health Care, PA
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1814 Westchester Dr., Suite 300
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Tanzy B. Wallace (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

Public Member

127 Brookhill Rd.
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Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:

Tracy Steadman
NC Board of Podiatry Examiners
1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102
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The North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners (NCBPE) contracts annually with a management firm, FirstPoint Management Resources, Inc., in Raleigh and, therefore, does not employ any staff members directly nor lease office space directly. The management firm's office is used as the NCBPE's headquarters and Executive Secretary's address: 1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27607.

CURRENT STATISTICS

As of May 31, 2018, there were 421 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Seven (7) of these were temporary licensees working on a military installation in the state, and three (3) others were temporary licensees in a new clinical residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. A total of 93 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 328 in the state. There were 166 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2018. Of the 166 corporations, 27 have multiple offices, for a total of 217 podiatry offices in NC. Of the 217 offices total, there are 166 corporations of which 27 have multiple practice locations and 90 single practices. Two (2) corporate Administrative Suspensions were issued in 2018 (non-payment of fees), and there were four new corporations opened in the first part of 2017. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

2017-2018 RENEWALS

401 licenses were renewed for the 2017-2018 renewal period.

24 persons were granted new licenses (2/1/18)

3 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

0 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

10 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily (6/30/17)

2 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees (1/1/18)

1 license was terminated due to death.

0 license is pending suspension/revocation

0 license was terminated for any other reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

2017 NEW LICENSEES

On February 1, 2017, 16 podiatrists who passed the 2017 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam held in Greensboro, NC, on January 11, 2017.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board received 13 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2017, and May 31, 2018. Seven (7) were found to have no probable cause. There were zero (0) grievances that were still awaiting final Board decision and six (6) that were still under investigation at the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year.

2017 LICENSURE EXAM

A total of 28 candidates applied for the exam and 25 examinees sat for the two-day oral, written and practical examination. 24 of the 25 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which 23 returned to the Greensboro on January 31, 2018, for a practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. One person from the previous years' exam attended the practice-and-ethics exam and passed. Twenty-four (24) initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours are required for license renewal, including one (1) hour of controlled substances/opioid prescribing. The Board of Podiatry Examiners issued an amendment to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208, which, added the one additional hour pursuant to S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F16(b) and (c).

RENEWAL

Renewal fees are \$200.00 annually. The fee for new licensee certificates is \$100.00. Currently, late fees are \$25.00 per month beginning July 1 of the renewal year. Late fees were assessed to all incomplete applications.

PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS

No statutory amendments are proposed at this time.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AMENDMENTS

No administrative rules are proposed at this time.