



Specialty Exams

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Specialty Exams for State Boards

The primary purpose of the NBCE is to ensure professional competency through excellence in testing.

As an organization dedicated to the chiropractic profession, the NBCE is here to support the licensure requirements of each state.

- Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC)
- State-Specific Jurisprudence Exams
- Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS)

Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC)

Malpractice

Certify that chiropractors with a malpractice claim or board actions are safe to practice.

Licensure Lapse

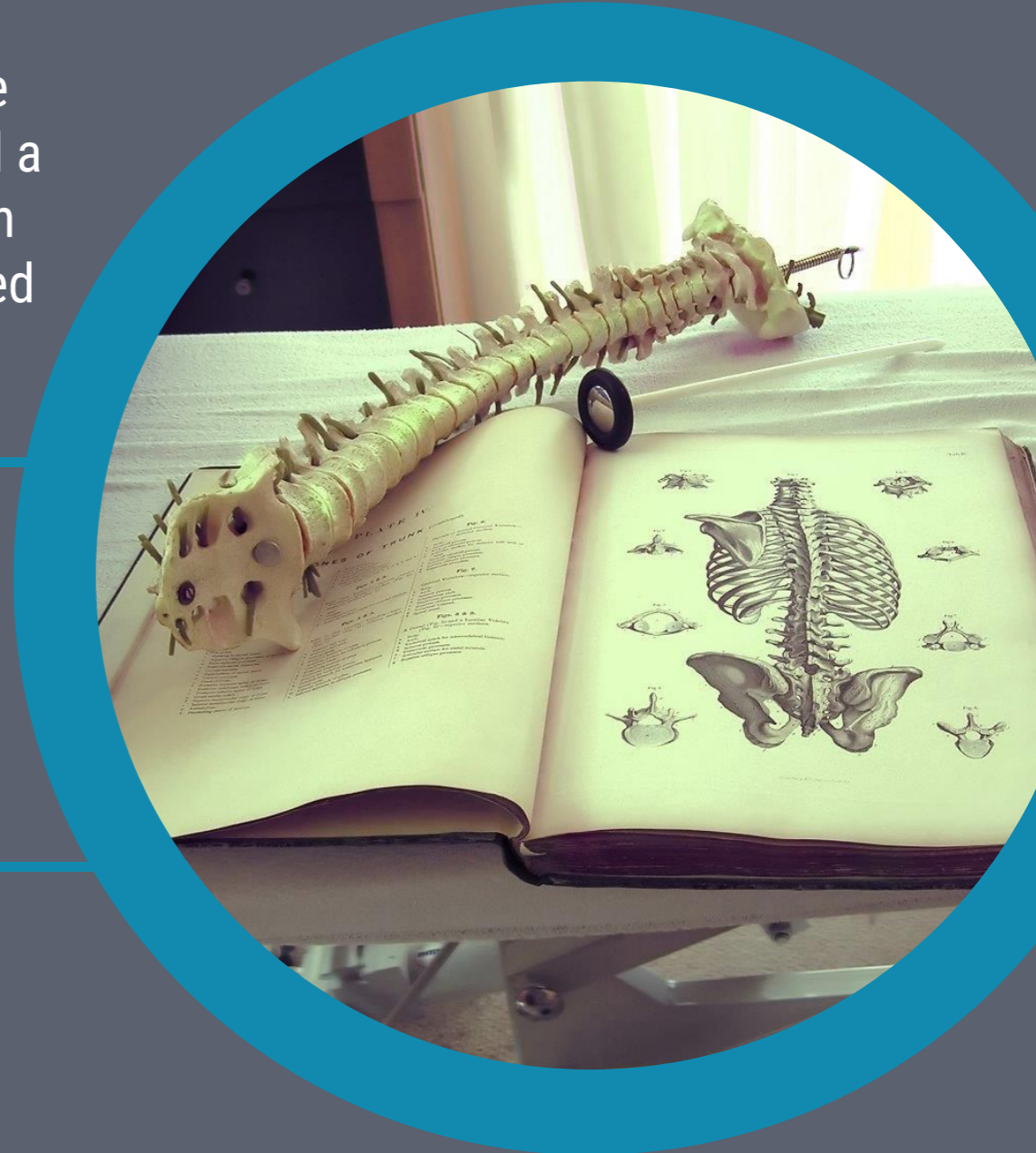
Ensure that chiropractors with lapsed licenses are clinically competent for re-licensure.

Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC)

The examination is available only at the request of state licensing agencies. An applicant must hold or have held a license to practice chiropractic and must provide written authorization from their state board before being allowed to take the exam.

The examination is offered six times per year, at no cost to the state board, and allows state boards to test clinical competency.

The examination consists of nine areas of clinical expertise.



Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC)

To learn more about the SPEC exam, visit:

MyNBCE.org

(Under *Exams/Specialty Exams/SPEC* tab)

Exam Price: \$1,500



Jurisprudence Exams

The examination measures an individual doctor's knowledge of state statutes and regulations. In the interest of public safety, the examination is preventative, ensuring licensee awareness of the laws governing chiropractic practice.

The examination is developed with input from the state board to ensure it measures the information necessary for the safe and ethical practice of chiropractic.



Benefits of the Jurisprudence Exams Administered by the NBCE



Jurisprudence exams are state specific and tailored to each state's statutes and rules. The state board determines their level of involvement in the examination development process.

- Jurisprudence exams are developed at no cost to state boards.
- State boards have final approval of examination content.
- State boards have access to the NBCE, a professional testing organization.
- Knowledge of state laws can help reduce licensee violations.

State Exam Development

Step 1

Review the state's statutes to determine if the NBCE can proceed with exam development and administration.

Step 2

The state board identifies the rules and regulations to be used as references for test questions.

Step 3

The state board approves a test plan.

Step 4

The state board appoints a test committee to approve all questions used in the examination.

Step 5

Once completed, an open book, non-proctored state exam can be administered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by the NBCE. A proctored exam requires scheduling through a Prometric professional testing center.



Sample Jurisprudence Test Plan

1. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (15%)

- 1a. License requirements/renewal/denial/status/fees – Practice Act 161.7
- 1b. Malpractice Insurance – Practice Act 161.9, 161.11
- 1c. Continuing education – State Rules & Regs 140:15-5-4, 140:15-8-2
- 1d. Tax compliance – State Rules & Regs 140:15-7-3

2. OFFICE MANAGEMENT (20%)

- 2a. Delegated/Oversight authority
 - Chiropractic assistants/ radiologic technicians/ interns/preceptorships – Practice Act 161.17
- 2b. Patient records – State Rules & Regs 140:15-7-5
- 2c. Advertising/ marketing – State Rules & Regs 140: -7-5
- 2d. Billing practices/fees – State Rules & Regs 140: -7-5

3. PATIENT CARE (30%)

- 3a. Scope of practice
 - Acupuncture, physiotherapy, injectables, animal, homeopathy, naturopathy - Practice Act 161.2-161.3
- 3b. Documentation – State Rules & Regs 140:15-7-5

4. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (35%)

- 4a. Board of Examiners- Facts/terms/definitions/duties - Practice Act 161.4-5
- 4b. Board processes/ complaints/ actions – Practice Act 161.12
 - Suspension of license – Practice Act 161.13
- 4c. Advisory committees - Practice Act 161.6
- 4d. Rulemaking/ declaratory rulings – State Rules & Regs 140:1-7-1
- 4e. Unprofessional conduct
 - Sexual misconduct – State Rules & Regs 140:15-7-5
 - Ethics – Practice Act 161.18

Testimonials Regarding the NBCE Jurisprudence Exams

Exam Availability

"The jurisprudence exam by the NBCE is basically on demand, versus having us schedule four times a year. This is the most beneficial for the applicants, as they no longer have to wait for one of the four exams given in the year, which gets them licensed much quicker. Less cost in travel for the applicants."

Time Saved

"This will definitely save a lot of time. Applicants always want updates and will sometimes email the OBCE daily to make sure their exam has been received or ask for their results."

Staff Resources

"It's awesome that its now through the NBCE 😊. The grading of the exam was not so much time consuming as the arrival of it in the mail and making sure it was up to date with our rules and statutes."

Flexibility in Test Sites

"Going through the NBCE will be so much easier for examinees. Now all the exams are in one place for them to apply. They don't have to wait as long for the results."

Previous Responsibilities

"Staff time would include proctoring, travel to the proctor site, locating a proctor site that could accommodate 50 plus people, performing the retake process, collecting fees, grading and regrading, and sending out the pass/fail notices either by email or regular mail."





EBAS (Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services) partners with the regulatory community, offering a profession-specific, computerized essay exam that assesses a licensee's understanding of ethics and boundaries in a professional setting.

Assessing licensed professionals in the areas of:

Boundaries / Unprofessional Conduct / Professional Standards / Substance Abuse / Fraud

Currently Testing:

- Chiropractic
- Medical
- Social Work/Counselor
- Dental
- Nurses

If a profession does not have a specific exam, we can tailor an exam by identifying scenarios pertinent to a profession in our healthcare or non-healthcare exams.

Exam: \$300 per essay

The exam may be tailored to the professional's infraction.

EBAS Essay Exam

Examinees are presented with realistic, hypothetical scenarios and asked to submit an appropriate response. From the scenarios presented, the examinee is required to:

- Identify ethical issues
- Discuss consequences
- Discuss solutions
- Explain how the unethical actions compromise the community's safety and welfare

Administration

The EBAS exam is an online essay exam administered at Prometric testing centers. Prometric offers easy appointment scheduling and predictable exam delivery. EBAS exams are offered six days a week at Prometric testing centers.





Experienced Graders

EBAS graders come from diverse backgrounds and have one thing in common, they all have regulatory experience. Essays are scored by a pool of graders, none of whom are from the examinee's state.

Scoring

Essays are scored by multiple graders, all with regulatory experience. Each essay has a maximum score of 16 points, 12 points is a passing score.

Score Report

A score report will be sent to the examinee and the regulatory board designated on the examinee's application approximately two weeks after the exam is taken.

Professional Testing Organization

The NBCE is a professional testing organization with decades of experience designing and administering reliable exams. The Psychometrics and Research department reviews the validity of test items and ensures the exams are legally defensible.

State boards benefit from the process of testing being overseen by the NBCE:

- The SPEC exam is updated every five years.
- Jurisprudence exams are updated every five years, or when there is a change to the state's statutes.





Thank You

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