**Section 1325.35 Qualified Work Experience in Pedorthics**

a) Applicants must complete a qualified work experience of at least 1000 hours in pedorthics. This is a hands on internship program designed to promote the applicant's ability to provide quality patient care by enhancing his/her performance level of basic pedorthic tasks. The applicant shall meet the following critera:

1) The clinical experience shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed pedorthist or a licensed orthotist or a person certified as a Certified Pedorthist (C.Ped) or Certified Orthotist (CO) whose practice is located outside of the State. The clinical experience shall be in an accredited facility pursuant to Section 10 of the Act.

2) A maximum of 45 hours worked in any 7 day period may be applied toward meeting the 1000 hour requirement. The 1000 hours may be accumulated over a period not to exceed 24 months. The 1000 hour period must have been obtained within 5 years prior to the date of the application.

3) Experience shall be obtained subsequent to education. Experience shall be at all levels of pedorthic care.

b) Applicants who submit evidence of completion of a qualified work experience that is approved by the American Board for Certification of Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc., meet the requirements set forth in this Section so long as the experience is completed under the supervision of an individual who is licensed as a pedorthist under the Act, is certified by ABC, or is otherwise approved by the Board.

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