

The practice of psychology in Maryland is regulated by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Established in 1957, the Board evaluates the qualifications of psychologists in the State and issues licenses to those who fulfill the requirements (Chapter 748, Acts of 1957). Licenses must be renewed biennially. The Board administers examinations to qualified applicants for licensing twice each year.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Senate advice and consent. Members serve four-year terms. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 18-101 through 18-502).

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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The State Board of Social Work Examiners was formed in 1975 (Chapter 453, Acts of 1975). The Board issues licenses to social work associates, graduate social workers, certified social workers, and certified social workers-clinical. Under certain conditions the Board may take disciplinary measures to reprimand, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of a licensee.

The Board's seven members are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Two are consumers appointed on recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 19-201 through 19-502).

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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The State Board of Nursing originated as the State Board of Examiners of Nurses in 1904 (Chapter 172, Acts of 1904). It received its present name in 1987 (Chapter 109, Acts of 1987).

To assure safe, competent nursing care for the public, the Board regulates the practice of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, and nurse psychotherapists. The Board administers licensure examinations and issues licenses to those who successfully have completed requirements and examinations. The Board evaluates, monitors and approves nursing education programs; enforces the standards and defines

the scope of nursing practice; approves refresher programs; and assesses and evaluates trends in nursing. Through its investigative unit, the Board also investigates any complaint alleging violation of the Nurse Practice Act by a nurse, conducts hearings, and takes disciplinary action as required. Such action may include emergency suspension, revocation of license, denial of licensure, probation, or fine.

The Board cooperates with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in the preparation of the examination used for licensure. The Board also works together with health care facilities, educational institutions, professional organizations, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the State Board of Education, the Office on Aging, county health departments, local school systems, and Department agencies.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Governor appoints the Board's eleven members for four-year terms. Two members are consumers appointed with Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-802).

ANESTHETIST PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Victor Rivera-Diaz, R.N., C.R.N.A., *Chair*

The Anesthetist Peer Review Committee started as the Anesthetist Advisory Committee in 1981 and received its present name in 1994. The Committee advises the State Board of Nursing concerning the practice of anesthesia by nurses. The Committee also oversees the use of health insurance and medical assistance benefits by certified nurse anesthetists. Appointed by the State Board of Nursing, the Committee's five members serve three-year terms (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 8-503).

NURSE ANESTHETIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John J. Connelly, R.N., C.R.N.A., *Chair*

Formed in 1991, the Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee advises the State Board of Nursing on certified registered nurse anesthetist practice. The Committee's three members are appointed to three-year terms by the State Board of Nursing.

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Eileen Ehudin-Pagano, R.N., C.R.N.M., *Chair*

Appointed by the State Board of Nursing, the Certified Nurse-Midwives Advisory Council was formed in 1983. The Council advises the Board on matters relating to the practice of nurse-midwifery. The Council consists of at least three certified nurse-midwives who serve three-year terms (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 8-503).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON NURSE-MIDWIFERY

Janice Emerling, R.N., C.N.M., *Chair*

Established in 1983, the Joint Committee on Nurse-Midwifery reviews and makes recommenda-