



## MINNESOTA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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### LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE (OPEN SESSION)

Friday February 21, 2014

11:30 p.m.

**Chairperson:**

Nancy Kearns, DH

**Committee members:**

Joan Sheppard, DDS

Allen Rasmussen, BS, MS

**Committee members absent:**

Candace Mensing, DDS

**Public Attendees:**

Todd Thierer, DDS; U of M

**Board Staff in Attendance:**

Marshall Shragg, MPH; Executive Director

Joyce Nelson, LDA,CDA; Director of Licensing.

**Discussion of Multiple Specialty License:**

Ms. Kearns mentioned that the Board had approved statutory language be developed to allow dual specialty licensure.

The Board staff was asking for direction on how to administrate this process.

The Committee agreed to have an applicant who qualifies for the Specialty license to still go through the current Credentialing process and present cases of all practicing specialties.

However, if the Board has already granted Specialty license and then at some point in the future they complete advanced training to allow them to practice another specialty, they would not need to re-apply through the Credentialing process.

Staff will work internally on how they would identify any additional specialty training, whether or not it means issuing a "new" license or certificate.

**Bench Exam:**

The Committee had discussed with Dr. Thierer the development of the U of M's bench exam and when it might be available to any applicants that the Committee refers for this exam.

41 Dr. Thierer stated that at the U of M's March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting he will define with staff specific dates  
42 that they will be available to proctor this exam. He imagined that it would occur on a weekend  
43 and that staff could calculate the scores by early that following week. He also stated he would  
44 bring to the Committee an approximate cost to the applicants. He concluded that he believed the  
45 testing date would occur sometime this mid-summer.

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47 The Committee stated they had four applicants that they tabled for this exam. They felt that  
48 rather than the University reserve specific future date, that the Committee would wait and inform  
49 the school when they had potentially several testing candidates.

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51 **Remediation of Failed Courses, US versus IED:**

52 Ms. Kearn just wanted to state for the Committee that it recently came to her attention that dental  
53 schools allow their students to fail a course and then remediate and retake that course. She also  
54 stated that the transcript would not necessarily reflect the initial fail. She thought that this might  
55 mean that our board was holding internationally educated dentists to a different standard, since  
56 we ask for I.C.A. to reflect any failed courses.

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58 Mr. Rasmussen stated this is common practice in most academic settings and that some schools  
59 will indicate a course was retaken by placing an asterisk next to the course on the transcript.

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61 Dr. Thierer stated that the University of Minnesota Dental School also allows this.

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64 Ms. Kearn closed the meeting at 12: 00 p.m. and then re-opened at 12:35 p.m. She closed it for a  
65 final time at 12:55 p.m.

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67 Reviewed by:

68 Nancy Kearn DH  
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70 Chair of Licensure and Credentials Committee

6-26-14  
Date

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