PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Repeal section 1399.531 of Article 1 of Division 13.8 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 1399.531. Curriculum Requirements for an Approved Program for Primary Care Physician Assistants.

(a) The curriculum of a program for instruction of primary care physician assistants shall include adequate theoretical instruction in or shall require as prerequisites to entry into the program the following basic education core:

(1) Chemistry

(2) Mathematics, which includes coursework in algebra

(3) English

(4) Anatomy and Physiology

(5) Microbiology

(6) Sociology or cultural anthropology

(7) Psychology

All instruction in the basic education core shall be at the junior college level or its equivalent with the exception of chemistry which may be at the junior college or high school level.

(b) The curriculum of an educational program shall also include or require as prerequisites adequate theoretical and clinical instruction which includes direct patient contact where appropriate, in the following clinical science core:

(1) Community Health and Preventive Medicine

(2) Mental Health

(3) History taking and physical diagnosis

(4) Management of common diseases (acute, chronic, and emergent) including first aid

(5) Concepts in clinical medicine and surgery, such as:

growth and development

nutrition

aging

infection

allergy and sensitivity

tissue healing and repair

oncology

(6) Common laboratory and screening techniques

(7) Common medical and surgical procedures

(8) Therapeutics, including pharmacology

(9) Medical ethics and law

(10) Medical socioeconomics

(11) Counseling techniques and interpersonal dynamics

Note: Authority cited: Section 3510, Business and Professions Code. Reference cited: Sections 3509 and 3513, Business and Professions Code.