

NBCE Opening Part IV Practical Test Site in Port Orange, Fla.

The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) board of directors recently voted to open a Part IV Practical Examination test site at Palmer College of Chiropractic - Florida in Port Orange, Fla., beginning with the November 2012 administration.

Dr. Paul Townsend, NBCE director of practical testing research and development, has identified Dr. Davis Kinney to serve as the chief examiner for the Palmer site in Florida. Dr. Kinney has previously served the NBCE as chief examiner at Life University College of Chiropractic. Recruitment has begun for examiners needed to administer the exam, and that slate will be completed with additional experienced state examining board members. In all, approximately 70 personnel are required for each Part IV test site.

Dr. Teresa Brennan, who has previous experience with the Part IV administrative team in Marietta, will serve as the standardized patient trainer, Deb Connors will be the test administrator, and Freddie Smith will be the assistant test administrator. Recently, Dr. Brennan, Deb Connors and Freddie Smith received training at a workshop for test administrators held in Greeley, Colo., NBCE headquarters. It is anticipated that early designation of the Palmer Florida site will allow ample time to recruit chiropractic examiners, patients, and proctors, and coordinate the logistical requirements for the practical exam.

Many factors are involved in opening a new test site, including the need to minimize the time and expense for students required to travel to different test sites and the capacity of nearby test sites. Recently, Florida students have had to travel to the Life University site, as well as other sites. The new site will support a testing capacity of 150, accommodating students from Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida, as well as students from the National University of Health Sciences chiropractic program in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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