

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSURE

Qualifications for Licensure for Polysomnographic Technologists

To qualify for licensure, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be of good moral character.
- Provide documentation of current certification as a registered polysomnographic technologist by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT) or by another national certification agency approved by the Board at the time of application.

Applicants must also provide documentation for **one** of the following four pathways to licensure:

1. Provide documentation of graduation from a polysomnographic educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP);
2. Provide documentation of graduation from a CAAHEP-accredited respiratory care educational program; and completion of a CAAHEP-accredited polysomnography add-on track;
3. Provide documentation of graduation from a CAAHEP-accredited electroneuro–diagnostic educational program; and completion of a CAAHEP-accredited polysomnography add-on track; or
4. Meet each of the following:
 - a. Graduation from a sleep technologist educational program accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM);
 - b. Clinical experience listed on the core clinical competency forms provided on the American Association of Sleep Technologist Core Competency website. <http://www.aastweb.org/CoreCompetencies.aspx>
 - c. A letter of attestation for completion of clinical hours and competencies from a physician who is either board-eligible or board-certified in sleep medicine by the American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM), the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
 - d. Proof of meeting 546* hours of core clinical competencies within the three years preceding the submission of application. *Core competencies must be assessed by a credentialed RPSGT, a sleep technologist with a national certification approved by the Board; or a physician who is either board-eligible or board-certified in sleep medicine by the ABSM, ABMS, or AOA.* Applicants may demonstrate proof of completing the 546 hours of clinical experience in the three years preceding the submission of the application as either:

- i. A student supervised by a sleep technologist credentialed as a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist or a sleep technologist with national certification approved by the Board at an AASM accredited sleep laboratory or sleep laboratory accredited by The Joint Commission;
****Student is defined as an individual who is enrolled in an accredited educational program in order to qualify for a license as a polysomnographic technologist; and performing polysomnography services within the accredited program under the supervision of a licensed physician and without compensation.****

or

- ii. A sleep technologist with a current, active, unrestricted license in another state or is otherwise recognized and has practiced as a sleep technologist in another state who has:
 - Full-time practice experience as a sleep technologist in another state at an AASM accredited sleep laboratory or sleep laboratory accredited by The Joint Commission for a minimum of 6 months in the 3 years preceding the application; and
 - Maintained an average of 10 continuing education units per year for the last 2 years.

Note: There are other requirements for licensure. Please review the polysomnographic technologist application for additional requirements.

Exceptions from Licensure for Respiratory Care Practitioners

Respiratory care practitioners are not required to have a license to practice polysomnography in Maryland if:

- **They were licensed by the Board on or before December 31, 2012 to practice respiratory care; and**
- **Their duties included practicing polysomnography.**