

ARTICLE I. APPLICATION POLICY

- 1.1 As a general policy, this Hospital permits application to the Medical Staff from licensed medical and osteopathic physicians, podiatrists, and dentists. *Please refer to Article VII of this Manual with respect to Allied Health Professionals.*
- 1.2 It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital that any physician, podiatrist, or dentist meeting the basic criteria for the granting of an application may apply for Medical Staff membership and clinical privileges, providing the availability of the requested privileges. None of the documents in the Application may be altered.
- 1.3 In keeping with Section 1.2, it is the policy of this Hospital to provide applications for appointment to the Medical Staff to individuals who:
 - 1.3.1 Have completed, or are in the last six (6) months of, an approved ACGME or AOA residency/fellowship program, an APMA approved podiatry program, or approved ADA/GPR program;
 - 1.3.2 Are residents of an approved ACGME or AOA residency program who will moonlight at Hospital;
 - 1.3.3 Physicians, oral surgeons, and podiatrists must have actively practiced in a Joint Commission or state (DSHS) accredited facility at least two (2) of the past five (5) years and have no unverifiable gaps in practice greater than twelve (12) consecutive months. Three (3) months of recent experience in a full-time clinical residency shall be considered equivalent. Dentists are not required to have hospital experience but must have actively practiced continuously with no unverifiable gaps in practice greater than twelve (12) consecutive months. Three (3) months of recent experience in a full-time clinical training program shall be considered equivalent;
 - 1.3.4 Provide the name of a staff member willing to provide coverage;
 - 1.3.5 Provide evidence of a current Texas physician's license (dental license or podiatric license) without stipulation. *Please refer to Article II, Section 5 of the Medical Staff Bylaws with respect to the Military Staff;*
 - 1.3.6 Maintain professional liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$200,000 per occurrence and \$600,000 aggregate as established by the Board of Trustees. *Please refer to Article II, Section 5 of the Medical Staff Bylaws with respect to the Military Staff;*
 - 1.3.7 Provide a current copy of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) registrations. *Please refer to Article II, Section 5 of the Medical Staff Bylaws with respect to the Military Staff;*
 - 1.3.8 Provide a current, valid identification photograph.
- 1.4 Upon receipt of a completed application form, the Medical Staff Office shall verify its contents and shall, if the requirements of Section 2.3 herein are met, process the application as set forth in Article III. In the event the requirements are not met, the applicant shall be notified and the application shall not be processed.