

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Board of Nursing

Article 11.—Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

60-11-103. Licensure and educational requirements for advanced practice registered nurses.

(a) Licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse. Each applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse shall meet the following requirements:

(1) File with the board a completed application on a form adopted by the board and pay the application fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-11-119;

(2) be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check;

(3) submit proof of APRN certification in the applicant's specific role and population focus granted by a national certifying organization that is recognized by the board and whose certification standards are approved by the board as equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established by the board for initial licensure applications submitted on and after July 1, 2023;

(4) submit proof of malpractice insurance coverage if the applicant renders professional clinical services as an APRN, unless the advanced practice registered nurse meets one of the exceptions listed in K.S.A. 65-1130 as amended by 2022 S Sub for HB 2279, sec. 1, and amendments thereto; and

(5) within 180 days after the board's receipt of the application, submit proof that all qualifications for licensure, as specified in K.S.A. 65-1130 and K.S.A. 65-1131 and amendments thereto, have been met. If the applicant does not meet this requirement, the application shall be deemed abandoned and closed.

(b) Licensure in the roles of clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, and nurse practitioner. To be issued a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in any of the roles of advanced practice, as identified in K.A.R. 60-11-102, each applicant shall meet at least one of the following requirements:

(1) Complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program located or offered in Kansas that has been approved by the board and prepares the nurse to function in the advanced role for which application is made;

(2) complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program that is not located or offered in Kansas but is determined by the board to meet the standards for program approval established by K.A.R. 60-17-101 through 60-17-108;

(3) have completed a formal, post-basic nursing education program that is no longer in existence but is determined by the board to meet standards at least as stringent as those required for program approval by the board at the time of graduation;

(4) hold a current license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role for which application is made and demonstrate to the board's satisfaction that both of the following requirements are met:

(A) The license was issued by a nursing licensing authority of another jurisdiction; and

(B)(i) The licensee completed a program meeting standards equal to or greater than those established by K.A.R. 60-17-101 through 60-17-108; or

(ii) the applicant has met the requirements for licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 48-3406, and amendments thereto; or

(5) complete a formal educational program of post-basic study and clinical experience that can be demonstrated by the applicant to have sufficiently prepared the applicant for practice in the role of advanced practice for which application is made. The applicant shall show that the curriculum of the program is consistent with public health and safety policy and that the program prepared individuals to perform acts generally recognized by the nursing profession as capable of being performed by persons with post-basic education in nursing.

(c) Licensure in the roles of clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner. Each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in a role other than anesthesia or midwifery shall meet one of the following requirements:

(1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (b) before July 1, 1994;

(2) if none of the requirements in subsection (b) were met before July 1, 1994, meet one of the requirements of subsection (b) and hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing; or

(3) if none of the requirements in subsection (b) were met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (b) and hold a master's or higher degree in a clinical area of nursing.

(d) Licensure in the role of nurse anesthetist. Each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of anesthesia shall meet one of the following requirements:

(1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (b) before July 1, 2002; or

(2) if none of the requirements in subsection (b) were met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (b) and hold a master's degree or a higher degree in nurse anesthesia or a related field.

(e) Licensure in the role of nurse-midwife. Each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of midwifery shall meet one of the following requirements:

(1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (b) before July 1, 2000;

(2) if none of the requirements in subsection (b) were met before July 1, 2000, meet one of the requirements of subsection (b) and hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing; or

(3) if none of the requirements in subsection (b) were met before January 1, 2010, meet one of the requirements of subsection (b) and hold a master's degree or a higher degree in nursing, midwifery, or a related field.

(f) National nursing organization certification for licensure. National nursing organizations with certification standards that meet the standard specified in paragraph (a)(3) shall be identified by the board, and a current list of national nursing organizations with certification standards approved by the board shall be maintained by the board. Any licensee may request that a certification program be considered by the board for approval and, if approved, included by the board on its list of national nursing organizations with approved certification standards.

(g) Advanced pharmacology education requirement. Each applicant who completes an advanced practice registered nurse program after January 1, 1997 shall have completed three college hours in advanced pharmacology or the equivalent.

(h) Advanced pathophysiology and advanced health assessment education requirement. Each applicant who completes an advanced practice registered nurse program after January 1, 2001 in a role other than anesthesia or midwifery shall have completed three college hours in advanced pathophysiology or its equivalent and three college hours in advanced health assessment or its equivalent.

(i) Advanced pathophysiology and advanced health assessment education requirement after July 1, 2009. Each applicant who completes an advanced practice registered nurse program after July 1, 2009 shall have completed three college hours in advanced pathophysiology or its equivalent and three college hours in advanced health assessment or its equivalent.

(j) Refresher course requirement. In spite of the provisions of subsections (b) through (i), each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse who has not gained 1,000 hours of advanced nursing practice during the five years preceding the date of application shall be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined by the board.

(k) Verification of current Kansas license. Verification of a current Kansas license shall be provided to other state boards upon the applicant's request and payment of the fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-4-101.

(l) Licensure for endorsement pursuant to K.S.A. 48-3406, and amendments thereto.

(1) The applicant shall demonstrate scope of practice as defined in K.S.A. 65-1130 and amendments thereto, K.A.R. 60-11-104, K.A.R. 60-11-104a, K.A.R. 60-11-105, and K.A.R. 60-11-106.

(2) "Active practice" shall mean that in a calendar year, the applicant worked for at least 1,000 hours in the scope of practice for which licensure is sought.

(m) Temporary emergency licensure. Each applicant for a temporary emergency license shall submit an application on a form adopted by the board to practice advanced nursing during a state of emergency declared by the legislature and submit proof that either of the following qualifications for licensure has been met:

(1) For licensure as a registered professional nurse, the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed as a registered professional nurse by a state licensing board within five years of the application date.

(2) For licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse, the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse by a state licensing board within five years of the application date, passed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for humans, has a current CPR certificate, and has the skills required to practice advanced practice nursing during the state of emergency declared by the legislature.

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