

**6305.0410 REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE INITIAL LICENSURE.**

Subpart 1. **Licensure application.** An applicant for advanced practice registered nurse initial licensure shall obtain from the board the application for licensure and instructions for filing. An application must be submitted for each role as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 22a. An applicant shall respond to questions on the application that relate to the grounds for disciplinary action in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.261. An applicant shall submit true information. Falsification or omission of information provides grounds for disciplinary action. If an application is received without a fee, it shall be returned to the applicant.

Subp. 2. **Further evidence.** The board may require further information of the applicant in order to determine whether the applicant has engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.261.

Subp. 3. **Graduation from an approved advanced practice nursing program.** An applicant who has graduated from an approved advanced practice nursing program is eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Subp. 4. **Resolution of application deficiencies related to education.** If an applicant cannot demonstrate graduation from an approved advanced practice program, the applicant will be considered for licensure if the applicant:

- A. met the advanced practice nursing educational requirements that were in effect on July 1, 2014;
- B. graduated from an advanced practice nursing program in a state or territory in the United States that does not approve advanced practice nursing programs; or
- C. provides evidence through a credentials evaluation that the applicant has graduated from a graduate- or postgraduate-level advanced practice nursing program equivalent to an advanced practice nursing program in a state or territory in the United States.

Subp. 5. **Confirmation of graduation.**

A. The applicant must demonstrate confirmation of graduation that meets Minnesota Statutes, section 148.211, subdivision 1a, paragraph (c), clause (3). The confirmation must:

- (1) be completed and signed by an official of the advanced practice program;
- (2) bear the seal or stamp of the controlling institution;
- (3) reflect each role and each population focus consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 12b, for which the applicant is applying; and
- (4) include verification of completion of three separate graduate-level courses in advanced physiology and pathophysiology, advanced health assessment, and advanced pharmacology, which includes pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents, if the program was completed after January 1, 2016.

B. If the board finds that the confirmation of graduation was completed in error, no action shall be taken on the application until the applicant has met all requirements for graduation. If there is evidence that the applicant was aware that the applicant did not meet the graduation requirement and the applicant did not inform the board, the applicant is subject to a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 148.261.

Subp. 6. **Verification of certification.** The applicant must demonstrate current certification by a national nurse certifying organization that has been approved by the board. If the board finds that the certification was issued in error, no action shall be taken on the application until all requirements are met for licensure. If there is evidence that the applicant was aware that the applicant did not meet the certification requirement and the applicant did not inform the board, the applicant may be subject to a disciplinary proceeding.

Certification must be in one of the six populations. Certification in the adult- or gerontology-only population will not be accepted for purposes of initial licensure after November 1, 2017.

Subp. 7. **Fees.** The applicant must pay a licensure fee to the board and the board must receive the fee before the board evaluates an applicant's qualifications for licensure. Personal checks are not accepted. Remittance must be in the form of United States currency. If, for any reason, a license is not issued, the fee is not refundable.

Subp. 8. **Initial registration.** An individual who is issued a license by the board shall also be registered by the board. The licensure fee shall serve as payment for the initial registration period.

Subp. 9. **Postgraduate practice.** At the time of application, a certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist applicant must submit documentation of initiation or completion of postgraduate practice hours as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.211, subdivision 1c.

Subp. 10. **Clinical practice component.** If more than five years have elapsed since the applicant has practiced in the advanced practice registered nurse role, the applicant shall complete a reorientation plan in the same advanced practice registered nurse role and population focus. The plan must include supervision during the clinical component by a qualified practitioner. The applicant shall submit the plan and the name of the qualified practitioner to the board. The plan must include a minimum of 500 hours of clinical practicum required by the certifying body for recertification and be submitted with the initial application for licensure.

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