

CHAPTER 64B9-4 ADMINISTRATION POLICIES PERTAINING TO CERTIFICATION OF ADVANCED REGISTERED

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

64B9-4.001 Definitions.

(1) Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (“ARNP”) – a Registered Nurse licensed under Section 464.008 or 464.009,

F.S. and duly certified by the Board pursuant to Section 464.012, F.S.

(2) Alter – adjusting of dosages pursuant to an established protocol.

(3) Appropriate Specialty Board – a professional or national organization recognized by the Board which certifies or

issues credentials to an advanced practice nurse in a specialty area.

(4) Basic Nursing Education – a nursing program preparing a person for initial licensure to practice professional nursing.

(5) Board – unless otherwise clearly indicated, is used in this chapter to mean Florida Board of Nursing.

(6) Category – one of the three statutorily defined types of ARNP certification, which are nurse practitioner, certified

nurse midwife, and certified registered nurse anesthetist.

(7) Clinical Experience – practice under the supervision of a qualified preceptor in the actual care of a consumer of

health services.

(8) Condition – states of being or circumstance that may require remediation. A condition may be construed to include,

but is not limited to, a chronic disease, a temporary state of health such as pregnancy, or a symptom complex.

(9) Initiate – to implement that which has been prescribed by a practitioner licensed under Chapters 458, 459, or 466,

F.S., where adherence to established protocol is required.

(10) Monitor – periodic assessment of a patient’s condition through follow-up procedures commonly held to be

acceptable by the profession. Monitoring may include collection of data and interpretation of lab tests and the

formulation of a nursing diagnosis based on a patient's history, physical findings and lab results.

(11) One Academic Year – shall be construed to mean a program of at least 45 quarter-hour units, 30 semester-hour

units, or 32 trimester-hour units or the equivalent thereof. One hour of didactic or 2 hours of clinical instruction shall

equal one unit.

(12) Preceptorship/supervised clinical experience – clinical experience and practice under the supervision of a qualified

preceptor for a specified length of time in the actual care and management of a consumer of health care services.

(13) Qualified Preceptor – a certified practicing advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a duly licensed medical doctor

or doctor of osteopathy, or doctor of dental medicine who is responsible for the supervision, teaching and evaluation in

the clinical setting of a student enrolled in a nurse practitioner educational program. If the clinical setting is in Florida, the

qualified preceptor must be licensed in this state under Chapter 458, 459, 464, or 466, F.S., and the student must be a

Registered Nurse licensed under Chapter 464, F.S.

(14) General Supervision – supervision whereby a practitioner currently licensed under Chapters 458, 459, or 466, F.S.,

authorizes procedures being carried out but need not be present when such procedures are performed. The ARNP must

be able to contact the practitioner when needed for consultation and advice either in person or by communication

devices.

(15) Therapy – a treatment regimen or remedy.

Specific Authority 464.006, 464.012 FS. Law Implemented 464.003(6), 464.012 FS. History—New 8-31-80, Amended 3-

16-81, 6-18-85, Formerly 21O-11.20, 21O-11.020, 61F7-4.001, Amended 5-29-96, Formerly 59S-4.001, Amended 4-5-

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52 64B9-4.002 Requirements for Certification.

(1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 464.012, F.S., any person who wishes to be certified as an Advanced

Registered Nurse Practitioner shall submit an application to the Department, on forms prescribed by it, as incorporated

in subsection 64B9-4.004(1), F.A.C., demonstrating that the applicant holds a current unencumbered license to practice

professional nursing in Florida.

(2) Applicant shall submit proof of national advanced practice certification from an approved nursing specialty board.

After July 1, 2006, applications for certification as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner pursuant to Section

464.012(3), F.S., shall submit proof of national advanced practice certification from an approved nursing specialty board.

(3) Professional or national nursing specialty boards recognized by the Board include, but are not limited to:

(a) Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, or their

predecessors.

(b) American College of Nurse Midwives.

(c) American Nurses Association (American Nurses Credentialing Center) Nurse Practitioner level examinations only.

(d) National Certification Corporation for OB/GYN, Neonatal Nursing Specialties (nurse practitioner level examination

only).

(e) National Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates (Pediatric Nurse Associate/Practitioner level

examinations only).

(4) Those nursing specialty boards seeking recognition by the Board shall meet the following standard:

(a) Attests to the competency of nurses in a clinical specialty area;

(b) Requires a written examination prior to certification;

(c) Requires (and required at the time of original certification) completion of a formal program prior to eligibility of

examination;

(d) Maintains a program accreditation or review mechanism that adheres to criteria which are substantially equivalent to

requirements in Florida;

(e) Identifies standards or scope of practice statements as appropriate for the specialty.

(5) Pursuant to Section 456.048, F.S., all ARNP's shall carry malpractice insurance or demonstrate proof of financial

responsibility. Any applicant for certification shall submit proof of compliance with Section 456.048, F.S. or exemption to

the Board office within sixty days of certification or be in violation of this rule. All certificateholders shall submit such

proof as a condition of biennial renewal or reactivation. Acceptable coverage shall include:

(a) Professional liability coverage of at least \$100,000 per claim with a minimum annual aggregate of at least \$300,000

from an authorized insurer under Section 624.09, F.S., a surplus lines insurer under Section 626.914(2), F.S., a joint

underwriting association under Section 627.351(4), F.S., a self-insurance plan under Section 627.357, F.S., or a risk

retention group under Section 627.942, F.S.; or

(b) An unexpired irrevocable letter of credit as defined by Chapter 675, F.S., which is in the amount of at least \$100,000

per claim with a minimum aggregate availability of at least \$300,000 and which is payable to the ARNP as beneficiary.

Any person claiming exemption from the financial responsibility law pursuant to Section 455.2456(2), F.S., must timely

document such exemption at initial certification, biennial renewal, and reactivation.

(c) Any person claiming exemption from the financial responsibility law pursuant to Section 456.048(2), F.S., must timely

document such exemption at initial certification, biennial renewal, and reactivation.

Specific Authority 456.048, 464.006, 464.012 FS. Law Implemented 456.048, 456.072(1)(f), (2), 464.012, 464.018(1)(b),

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Formerly 210-11.023, Amended 3-7-94, 7-4-94, Formerly 61F7-4.002, Amended 5-1-95, 5-29-96, Formerly 59S-4.002,

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