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(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 criteria requirements:

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(3) have completed a formal, post-basic nursing education program that could be 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 that meets the following criteria requirements:

(A) Was issued by a nursing licensing authority of another jurisdiction; and

(B) required completion of a program meeting standards equal to or greater than those established by K.A.R. 60-17-101 through 60-17-108; 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 it prepared individuals to perform acts generally recognized by the nursing profession as capable of being performed by persons with post-basic education in nursing.

~~(b)~~(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:

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

~~(e)~~(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:

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

~~(e)~~(f) National nursing organization certification for licensure. A license may be granted if an individual has been certified by a national nursing organization whose certification standards have been approved by the board as

equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established by the board for obtaining a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse. National nursing organizations with certification standards that meet this standard 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.

~~(f)~~(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.

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~~(h)~~(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.

~~(i)~~(j) Refresher course requirement. ~~Notwithstanding~~ In spite of the provisions of subsections ~~(a)~~ (b) through ~~(h)~~ (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 under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto.

(1) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall file with the board a completed application on a form approved by the board, pay the application fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-11-119, and submit proof that the requirements

in paragraphs (a) (1) and (2) have been met.

(2) If the applicant does not qualify for licensure under paragraph (1)(1), the applicant shall submit the following to the board:

(A) A completed application with a signed affidavit, on a form approved by the board;

(B) the application fee prescribed by K.A.R. 60-11-119; and

(C) proof that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(i) Holds a current valid license in another state, district, or territory of the United States that the board determines authorizes a similar scope of practice of advanced nursing in K.S.A. 65-1130, and amendments thereto;

(ii) has worked for at least one year as an advanced practice registered nurse;

(iii) meets the qualifications in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406 (c)(2)(C) and (D), as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto;

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(v) has been in the active practice of nursing for which licensure is sought during the two years preceding the application date. Active practice shall mean that in the calendar year before the application, the applicant worked for at least 1,000 hours in the in the scope of practice for which licensure is sought. If the applicant was not engaged in the active practice of nursing for the two years preceding the application, the applicant shall complete any additional testing, training, monitoring, or continuing education that the board deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the public as provided in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto.

(3) If the requirements of paragraph (1)(2) are met, the applicant shall receive a probationary license for six months. At the expiration of the probationary license, the applicant shall receive a nonprobationary license. Any license may be revoked if the applicant provided false information in the application for licensure.

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