

APRN Out-of-State Program Approval Process

There is no formal approval requirement that needs to be completed with the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) for out-of-state online APRN programs before Kansas students enroll in the program. APRN programs located outside of Kansas are reviewed and approved when a graduate of the program applies for APRN licensure. It is up to the program and the Kansas student enrolled in the program to ensure the following is included in the program:

1. KSBN reviews the curriculum of each program to determine if it requires the following:
 - a. a minimum of 3 semester credit hours of advanced pharmacology
 - b. a minimum of 3 semester credit hours of advanced health assessment
 - c. a minimum of 3 semester credit hours of advanced pathophysiology
 - d. a minimum of 500 clinical hours in the role specialty
 - e. a minimum of 45 credit hours in the program
 - d. accreditation by a national nurse credentialing commission
2. For clinical experiences in Kansas, the mentor/preceptor used for the in-state student should be given an orientation program and enter into an agreement to participate to mentor your students. They should also be licensed as a Kansas APRN in the role that your student is studying. The regulation regarding this is located online at ksbn.org in the Nurse Practice act in K.A.R. 60-17-104.
3. The faculty do not need to be Kansas licensed if they are teaching online programs that Kansas students are taking out-of-state.
4. If the faculty are involved in evaluation and advisement of the NP students or advising them as to their conduct and performance of school requirements, it would be fine, however, they would not be able to advise concerning practicing as an APN in Kansas, unless they are licensed in Kansas. The status of the student while in Kansas clinical settings would be that of RN licensure recognized by Kansas (multi-state or Kansas single state), acting as students of Advanced Practice nursing, under the umbrella of K.A.S. 65-1124. They would be responsible to their mentor/preceptor for supervision and delegation as well as that of the nurse in Kansas caring for the patient.
5. Clinical supervision of APRN students or preceptors would require a Kansas APRN license.
6. There is no Kansas requirement for the school faculty to visit the student during clinical, however if they do, they will need to be in the status of a visitor or a lay person.
7. The APRN student and preceptor would, of course, need the permission and cooperation of the clinical facility they are in for the student and preceptor to conduct the training.

For more information about requirements for APRN programs, please refer to our Kansas Nurse Practice Act located on our website in K.A.R. 60-17-101 through 60-17-108.