#### Kansas Board of Nursing Landon State Office Building, Room 509 APRN Committee Agenda March 25, 2025

NOTE: The audience may attend in person or via Zoom. Link to access meeting to follow agenda.

Time:

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Committee Members:

Melissa Oropeza, DNP, APRN-BC, CGRN, Chair

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Staff: Carol Moreland, MSN, RN – Executive Administrator Jill Simons – Executive Assistant

- I. Quorum (minimum of 5 members present) Yes or No
- II. Call to Order
- III. Review of on-site packet
- IV. Additions/Revisions to the agenda
- V. Announcements
- VI. Approval of minutes December 10, 2024

#### Consent Item Agenda

1. APRN Programs approved for Licensure

#### VII. Unfinished Business

- 1. Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Committee Report –
- 2. Update on CNM-I Regulations
- 3. Implementation of K.A.R. 60-17-101, 60-17-102, 60-17-13, 60-17-104, 60-17-105,
- 60-17-106, 60-17-107, 60-17-108, and 60-17-109
- 4. Updating Organizations for approval of CE for recertification
- 5. Feedback on K.A.R. 60-11-104a

#### VIII. New Business

- 1. Listing of CNM licenses online Chelsea Gleason
- 2. Women's Health Specialist Certification
- 3. Key Consideration & Request for Clarification re: K.A.R. 60-17-101 Tracie Davis, Program Director, Post-Graduate, PMHNP Certificate Program

- 4. Five Year Regulation Legislative Review (to be completed during 2025)
  - a. K.A.R. 60-11-106 Functions of Nurse Anesthetist
  - b. K.A.R. 60-11-116 Reinstatement of license
  - c. K.A.R. 60-13-102 Approval procedure
  - d. K.A.R. 60-13-103 School approval requirements
  - e. K.A.R. 60-13-110 Reinstatement of authorization
  - f. K.A.R. 60-13-112 License renewal
- IX. Agenda for June 2025 Committee meeting
- X. Adjourn

#### Committee Responsibilities:

To review and recommend revisions to statutes and regulations for approval of APRN and RNA programs in collaboration with the Education Committee.

Please note: Additional items which have come to the attention of the Board or Committee will be handled as time permits. Agenda is subject to change based upon items to come before the Board. Handouts or copies of materials brought to the Board or Committee for discussion by Committee Members or visitors must be submitted to staff 30 calendar days prior to start of the meeting. Any items received after the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day may be addressed at the meeting at the discretion of the President of the Board or Chairperson of the Committee.

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# Advanced Practice Programs Approved for Licensure

November 2024 through February 2025

Program	Role/Speciality	Degree	Advanced Pathophysiology Credit Hrs	Advanced Health Assessment Credit Hours	Advanced Pharmacology Credit Hours	Total Clinical Hrs	Accreditation	Meets Requirements
University of								
West Florida	FNP	MSN	3	3	3	600	CCNE	Yes

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#### Article 17.—Advanced Nursing Program

**60-17-101. Definitions**. Each of the following terms, as used in this article of the board's regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

- (a) An "advanced nursing program" may be housed within a part of any of the following organizational units within an academic institution:
- (1) A college;
- (2) a school;
- (3) a division;
- (4) a department; or
- (5) an academic unit.
- (b) "Academic equivalent" means the proportionate credit for formal academic coursework if that coursework is completed on the basis of trimester or quarter credit hours rather than semester credit hours.
- (c) "Affiliating agency" means an agency that cooperates with the advanced nursing program to provide facilities and resources for selected student experiences.
- (d) "Clinical learning experience" means an active process in which the student participates in advanced nursing activities while being guided by a member of the faculty.
- (e) "Contractual agreement" means a written contract signed by the legal representatives of the advanced nursing program and the affiliating agency.
- (f) "Criteria for unscheduled survey or site visit" means indications that the advanced nursing program no longer meets the requirements in the nurse practice act or the board's regulations.
- (g) "Debriefing" means an activity that follows simulation and is led by a facilitator. Participants' reflective thinking is encouraged and feedback is provided regarding the participants' performance while various aspects of the completed simulation are discussed. Participants are encouraged to explore emotions and question, reflect, and provide feedback to one another in APRN 7

order to facilitate the transfer of learning to future situations.

- (h) "Loss of approval" means the status that results when the board withdraws its approval of an advanced nursing program.
- (i) "Online or distance learning" means the acquisition of knowledge and skills through information and instruction provided by means of a variety of technologies.
- (j) "Practice hour" means 60 minutes of clinical learning experience.
- (k) "Preceptor" means an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician supervising a student in the clinical setting and is not employed as nursing faculty. Any practice hours over 750 may be precepted with a licensed interdisciplinary professional with a health science degree at a master's level or above. The preceptor provides oversight of each student's patients and gives feedback to the student and clinical instructor. The nursing program faculty shall not be required to be in the affiliating agency's facilities but shall be immediately available.
- (I) "Program evaluation plan" means an advanced nursing program's written systematic methodology or plan for measuring and analyzing student learning outcomes and program outcomes against defined standards and timelines to determine effectiveness and provide for ongoing program improvement.
- (m) "Satellite program" means an existing, approved advanced nursing program that is offered at a location geographically separate from the parent advanced nursing program. The students may spend a portion or all of their time at the satellite location. The curricula in all locations shall be the same, and each credential shall be conferred by the parent institution.
- (n) "Semester credit hours" means at least 13 clock-hours of formal, didactic classroom instruction that occurs over the course of an academic semester and for which the applicant receives formal academic credit.
- (o) "Simulation" means a teaching strategy utilizing technology to replace or amplify clinical situations with guided experiences that evoke or replicate substantial aspects of the real world in a fully interactive manner.
- (p) "Survey or site visit" means an in-person assessment of all components of an advanced nursing program to validate information submitted by the advanced nursing program or to follow up on the board's determination that there is consistent evidence reflecting deficiencies in meeting the requirements.
- (q) "Student learning outcomes" means the achievement of expected knowledge, skills, and attributes demonstrated by students at course and program levels. Student learning outcomes are measured in classroom and experiential settings and are reported in individual and aggregate formats, including retention and graduation rates, performance on certification

examinations, and employment rates.

- (r) "Transfer student" means an individual who is permitted to apply advanced nursing courses completed at another institution to a different advanced nursing program.
- (s) "Quarter credit hour" means two-thirds of a semester credit hour. Quarter credit hours shall be rounded as follows:
- (1) One quarter credit hour equals .7 semester hours.
- (2) Two quarter credit hours equal 1.3 semester hours.
- (3) Three quarter credit hours equal 2.0 semester hours.
- (4) Four quarter credit hours equal 2.7 semester hours.
- (5) Five quarter credit hours equal 3.3 semester hours. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended May 18, 2012; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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#### 60-17-102. Requirements for initial approval. (a) Administration and organization.

- (1) Each advanced nursing program or the institution of which it is a part shall be a legally constituted body. The controlling body shall be responsible for general policy and shall provide the financial support for the advanced nursing program.
- (2) Authority and responsibility for administering the advanced nursing program shall be vested in the dedicated nurse administrator who has sufficient administrative time and support to achieve and maintain positive program and student outcomes.
- (3) The advanced nursing program shall be accredited, be part of an institution that is accredited, or be in the process of being accredited by an agency that is approved by the United States department of education.
- (b) Application. Each proposed advanced nursing program shall submit an initial application at least 60 days before a scheduled Kansas state board of nursing board meeting. The application shall include all of the following:
- (1) The course of study and credential to be conferred;
- (2) the name and title of the administrator of the advanced nursing program;
- (3) the name of the controlling body;
- (4) the name and title of the administrator of the controlling body;
- (5) the organizational chart;
- (6) all sources of financial support, including a three-year budget;
- (7) a proposed curriculum, indicating the total number of hours of both theoretical and clinical instruction;
- (8) the program objectives or outcomes;
- (9) the number, qualifications, and assignments of faculty members;

- (10) the faculty policies;
- (11) the admission requirements;
- (12) a copy of the current school bulletin or catalog;
- (13) a description of clinical facilities and client census data;
- (14) each contractual agreement, which shall be signed at least three months before the first date on which students may enroll. Each hospital and agency serving as an affiliating agency providing facilities for clinical experience shall be licensed or accredited by the appropriate credentialing groups;
- (15) the program evaluation plan; and
- (16) a proposed date of initial admission of students to the advanced nursing program.
- (c) Each advanced nursing program shall have a site visit to validate information submitted in the program's application before granting approval, with the exception of nurse anesthesia programs, as determined by K.A.R. 60-13-103.
- (1) During each site visit, the nurse administrator shall make available all of the following:
- (A) Administrators, prospective faculty and students, affiliating agencies, representatives, preceptors, and support services personnel to discuss the advanced nursing program;
- (B) faculty meeting minutes;
- (C) faculty and student handbooks;
- (D) policies and procedures;
- (E) curriculum materials;
- (F) a copy of the advanced nursing program's budget; and
- (G) contractual agreements.
- (2) The nurse administrator or designated personnel shall take the site visit team to inspect the nursing educational facilities, including satellite program facilities and library facilities.
- (3) Upon completion of the site visit, the nurse administrator shall be asked to correct any inaccurate statements contained in the site visit report, limiting these comments to errors, unclear statements, or omissions.
- (d) Each institution wanting to establish an advanced nursing program shall have a site visit and be approved by the board before the admission of any students.
- (e) If an advanced nursing program fails to meet the requirements of the board within a designated period of time, the advanced nursing program shall be notified by the board's -11- APRN 11

designee of the board's intent to deny approval. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended April 29, 2016; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-103.** Reapproval requirements. (a) Each advanced nursing program shall be reviewed for reapproval by the board every two years.

- (b) Each advanced nursing program shall have a survey or site visit every five to 10 years.
- (1) A survey or site visit may be conducted if there is evidence indicating any deficiency in meeting requirements.
- (2) A survey or site visit of each nurse anesthesia program shall be conducted as required by K.A.R. 60-13-103.
- (3) If the advanced nursing program is accredited by a national nursing accreditation agency, the survey or site visit may be made in coordination with a national nursing accreditation agency visit. Each advanced nursing program without national nursing accreditation shall have a survey or site visit every five years.
- (c) The nurse administrator of each advanced nursing program shall make available all of the following information during a survey or site visit:
- (1) Data about the advanced nursing program, including the following:
- (A) The number of students;
- (B) the legal body responsible for establishing advanced nursing program policies;
- (C) an organizational chart; and
- (D) a description of the budgetary process;
- (2) a description of the nurse administrator's responsibilities;
- (3) information about the faculty and preceptors, including the following:
- (A) A description of the responsibilities of each position;
- (B) the selection policies;

- (C) the orientation plan;
- (D) faculty organization by-laws; and
- (E) the number of full-time and part-time faculty and nonnursing faculty with academic credentials and assignments;
- (4) the faculty degree plan, if applicable;
- (5) a copy of the current curriculum with the date of last revision;
- (6) a description of education facilities, including classrooms, offices, library, and computers;
- (7) a list of clinical facilities;
- (8) the number of students enrolled; and
- (9) policies for students as listed in K.A.R. 60-17-108.
- (d) During a survey or site visit, the nurse administrator of the advanced nursing program shall make available all of the following:
- (1) Educational institution administrators, faculty, support services personnel, preceptors, and students;
- (2) staff at selected clinical facilities;
- (3) faculty meeting minutes for at least the previous three years;
- (4) faculty and student handbooks;
- (5) student records;
- (6) policies and procedures;
- (7) curriculum materials;
- (8) a copy of the advanced nursing program's budget;
- (9) contractual agreements;
- (10) an audited fiscal report covering the previous two years, including a statement of income and expenditures; and
- (11) the testing process, with test analysis and the written test procedure.
- (e) The nurse administrator of the advanced nursing program or designated personnel shall take the survey or site visit team to the nursing educational facilities, including satellite program facilities, library facilities, and affiliating or clinical facilities.
- (f) Upon completion of the survey or site visit, the nurse administrator shall correct any inaccurate

statements contained in the survey or site visit report, limiting these comments to errors, unclear statements, or omissions.

(g) If an advanced nursing program fails to meet requirements of the board within a designated period of time, the advanced nursing program shall be notified by the board's designee of the board's intent to deny reapproval. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-104. Administrator, faculty and preceptor qualifications**. (a) Each nurse faculty member shall be licensed as a registered professional nurse in Kansas.

- (b) Each preceptor shall be licensed in the state in which the preceptor is currently practicing. Each preceptor can be a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed interdisciplinary professional with a health science degree at a master's level or above. Each preceptor shall complete a preceptor orientation that includes information about the pedagogical aspects of the student-preceptor relationship and course information.
- (c) For advanced nursing programs in the role of nurse anesthesia, each nurse faculty member shall have the following academic preparation and experience:
- (1) The dedicated nurse administrator who is responsible for the development and implementation of the advanced nursing program shall have had successful experience in administration or teaching and shall have a graduate degree in nursing. The program administrator shall have sufficient administrative time and support to achieve and maintain positive program/student outcomes.
- (2) Each nurse faculty member who is assigned the responsibility of a course shall hold a graduate degree in nursing.
- (3) Each nurse faculty member responsible for clinical instruction shall possess a license as an advanced practice registered nurse and a graduate degree in nursing.
- (d) For advanced nursing programs in any role other than nurse anesthesia, each nurse faculty member shall have the following academic preparation and experience:
- (1) The nurse administrator who is responsible for the development and implementation of the advanced nursing program shall have had experience in administration or teaching and shall have a graduate degree in nursing.
- (2) Each nurse faculty member who is assigned the responsibility of a course shall hold a graduate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member shall have a graduate degree in

nursing, except for any person whose graduate degree was conferred before July 1, 2005.

- (3) Each nurse faculty member responsible for coordinating clinical instruction shall possess a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role for which clinical instruction is provided and shall have a graduate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member shall have a graduate degree in nursing, except for any person whose graduate degree was conferred before July 1, 2005.
- (4) Each adjunct faculty member shall be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse or shall be licensed as a physician in the state in which the individual is currently practicing.
- (e) The nonnursing faculty of each advanced nursing program shall have graduate degrees in the area of expertise.
- (f) The nurse administrator of each advanced nursing program shall submit to the board a faculty qualification report for each faculty member who is newly employed by the advanced nursing program. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106 and K.S.A. 65-1164; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133 and K.S.A. 65-1152; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended May 18, 2012; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-105. Curriculum requirements**. (a) The faculty in each advanced nursing program shall fulfill these requirements:

- (1) Identify the competencies of the graduate for each role of advanced nursing practice for which the advanced nursing program provides instruction;
- (2) determine the approach and content for learning experiences;
- (3) direct clinical instruction as an integral part of the advanced nursing program; and
- (4) provide for learning experiences of the depth and scope needed to fulfill the objectives or outcomes of advanced nursing courses.
- (b) The curriculum in each advanced nursing program shall include all of the following:
- (1) Role alignment related to the distinction between practice as a registered professional nurse and the advanced role of an advanced practice registered nurse as specified in K.A.R. 60-11-101;
- (2) theoretical instruction in the role or roles of advanced nursing practice for which the program provides instruction;
- (3) the health care delivery system;
- (4) the ethical and legal implications of advanced nursing practice;
- (5) three semester credit hours or the academic equivalent in advanced pharmacology;
- (6) three semester credit hours or the academic equivalent in advanced pathophysiology and three semester credit hours or the academic equivalent in advanced health assessment for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in a role other than nurse anesthesia and nurse midwifery;
- (7) for any advanced nursing program completed after July 1, 2009, three semester credit hours or the academic equivalent in advanced pathophysiology and three semester credit hours or the academic equivalent in advanced health assessment; and

- (8) clinical instruction in the area of specialization, which shall include the following:
- (A) Performance of or ordering diagnostic procedures;
- (B) evaluation of diagnostic and assessment findings; and
- (C) the prescription of medications and other treatment modalities for client conditions.
- (c)(1) Each advanced nursing program shall consist of at least 45 semester credit hours or the academic equivalent.
- (2) The clinical component shall consist of at least 260 practice hours. After January 1, 2003, the clinical component shall consist of at least 500 practice hours. After July 1, 2009, the clinical component shall consist of at least 500 practice hours in each clinical track, or the advanced nursing program shall provide documentation of the overlap if any clinical track consists of less than 500 practice hours. After March 1, 2025, the clinical component shall consist of at least 750 practice hours in each clinical track. The advanced nursing program shall provide documentation if any clinical track consists of less than 750 practice hours. Practice hours of 750 or less must be precepted with a physician or advanced practice registered nurse. Any practice hours over 750 may be precepted with a licensed interdisciplinary professional with a health science degree at a master's level or above.
- (d) Each nurse administrator shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) Develop and implement a program evaluation plan; and
- (2) submit any major revision to the curriculum of advanced nursing courses for board approval at least 30 days before a meeting of the board. The following shall be considered major revisions to the curriculum:
- (A) Any significant change in the plan of curriculum organization; and
- (B) any change in content.
- (e) Each nurse administrator shall submit all revisions that are not major revisions, as defined in paragraph (d)(2), to the board or the board's designee for approval. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended May 18, 2012; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-106. Clinical resources**. (a) Each advanced nursing program shall have contractual agreements. Each contractual agreement shall be kept on file in the advanced nursing program office.

- (b) Clinical learning experiences and sites shall be selected to provide learning opportunities necessary to achieve the student learning outcomes.
- (c) Faculty shall facilitate and evaluate student learning experiences in the clinical area.
- (d) Preceptors shall be responsible for assessing performance in the clinical setting.
- (e) The advanced nursing program shall provide verification that each agency used for clinical instruction has clinical facilities that are adequate for the number of students served in terms of space, equipment, and other necessary resources, including an adequate number of patients or clients necessary to meet the student learning outcomes.
- (f) The advanced nursing program shall contract with an adequate number of appropriate affiliating agencies so that there will be appropriate clinical learning experiences to meet curriculum objectives or outcomes. The advanced nursing program faculty shall provide the affiliating agency staff with the organizing curriculum framework and either the objectives or outcomes for that clinical learning experience. A sufficient number and variety of patients representing appropriate age groups shall be available to provide clinical learning experiences to meet student learning outcomes. If more than one advanced nursing program uses the same affiliating agency, each advanced nursing program shall document the availability of appropriate clinical learning experiences for all of its students. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-107. Educational facilities**. (a) Classrooms, laboratories, and conference rooms shall be available at the time needed and shall be adequate in size, number, and type, according to the number of students and the educational purposes for which the rooms are to be used.

- (b) The advanced nursing program shall provide all of the following:
- (1) A physical facility that is safe and conducive to learning;
- (2) space for counseling students in private that is available and adequate in size and number;
- (3) secured space for nursing student records; and
- (4) current technological resources and student support services for online or distance learning if online or distance learning is provided.
- (c) Library holdings, instructional media, and materials shall be of sufficient recency, pertinence, level of content, and quantity as indicated by the curriculum to meet the needs of nursing students and faculty and shall be available to online or distance learning students. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-108. Student policies**. (a) Each advanced nursing program shall have clearly defined written student policies for all of the following:

- (1) Admission, including a requirement that each student in the advanced nursing program must have a current license to practice as a registered professional nurse in the United States or any of its territories;
- (2) transfer students;
- (3) readmission;
- (4) counseling and guidance;
- (5) progression criteria;
- (6) student representation in faculty governance;
- (7) graduation;
- (8) oral and written English proficiency as specified in K.A.R. 60-3-106;
- (9) the difference between the student role and the employee role;
- (10) refund policies governing all fees and tuition paid by the student; and
- (11) ethical practices for the performance of activities, including recruitment, admission, and advertising.
- (b) Each advanced nursing program shall have a written policy providing information to all students regarding licensure denial pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120, and amendments thereto. The information shall be provided to each student before admission to the advanced nursing program. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended April 20, 2007; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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**60-17-109. Reports**. (a) Each advanced nursing program shall submit an annual report to the board on or before June 30 of each year, which shall include all of the following data:

- (1) Any changes in advanced nursing program policies, the organizing framework for the curriculum, and advanced nursing program objectives or outcomes and all curriculum changes as specified in K.A.R. 60-17-105;
- (2) faculty responsibilities for required advanced nursing courses;
- (3) the name, license number, academic credentials, employment date, and full-time or part-time status of each member of the advanced nursing program faculty;
- (4) the name, license number, academic credentials, professional experience, and place of practice for each preceptor;
- (5) the nurse administrator's teaching responsibilities;
- (6) the name and address of each affiliating agency;
- (7) student enrollment, retention, and graduation statistics;
- (8) faculty hiring, retention, and separation statistics;
- (9) the total number of library holdings and the number of holdings regarding nursing;
- (10) for the most recent year, the budget spent on library and audiovisual acquisitions for the advanced nursing program;
- (11) a response to the recommendations and requirements identified by the board based on the advanced nursing program's last annual report or the last site visit;
- (12) any proposed changes to the advanced nursing program;
- (13) an audited fiscal report covering the previous two years, including a statement of income and expenditures;

- (14) any complaints involving KSBN educational statutes and regulations;
- (15) a description of the practices used to safeguard the health and well-being of students; and
- (16) a copy of the school's current catalog.
- (b) If the advanced nursing program fails to meet requirements of the board or to submit required reports within a designated period of time, the advanced nursing program shall be notified and given the opportunity for a hearing regarding the board's intent to remove the program from the list of approved advanced nursing programs. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-1106; implementing K.S.A. 65-1133; effective March 31, 2000; amended Feb. 7, 2025.)

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# Article 11.—Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

**60-11-104a. Prescription orders**. (a) Any advanced practice registered nurse may perform the following:

- (1) Prescribe durable medical equipment;
- (2) prescribe, procure, and administer any drug consistent with the licensee's specific role and population focus, except any drug that is intended to cause an abortion; and
- (3) prescribe, procure, or administer any drug that is a controlled substance in accordance with the uniform controlled substances act as specified in K.S.A. 65-4101, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Each prescription order in written form shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) Include the name, address, and telephone number of the practice location of the advanced practice registered nurse;
- (2) be signed by the advanced practice registered nurse with the letters A.P.R.N.; and
- (3) contain the D.E.A. registration number issued to the advanced practice registered nurse when a controlled substance, as defined in K.S.A. 65-4101 and amendments thereto, is prescribed.
- (c) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse or advanced practice registered nurse from conveying a prescription order orally or administering a drug if acting under the lawful direction of a person licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or dentistry or licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse.
- (d) When used in this regulation, terms shall be construed to have the meanings specified in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-1130, as amended by 2022 S Sub for HB 2279, sec. 1; effective, T-60-9-12-88, Sept. 12, 1988; effective Feb. 13, 1989; amended May 7, 1990; amended Jan. 3, 1995; amended March 31, 2000; amended May 18, 2012; amended, T-60-6-30-22, July 1, 2022; amended Oct. 14, 2022.)

#### Request for Placement on the 3/25/25 KSBN APRN Committee Agenda

Submitted by: Tracy Davies, DNP, ANP, GNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

Title: Program Director, Post-Graduate PMHNP Certificate Program

Institution: Washburn University, Topeka, KS

On behalf of the graduate faculty, I respectfully request placement on the March 25, 2025, APRN Committee agenda to discuss clarifications regarding K.A.R. 60-17-101(k) Preceptor and potential allowances for program-specific exceptions that support competency-based education while ensuring adherence to regulatory intent.

#### **Key Considerations & Request for Clarification**

#### 1. Interdisciplinary Preceptor Utilization & Program-Specific Needs

- Different APRN program tracks exist and logical sequencing of the curricula to meet the competency-based education needs of each track and specialty vary (AACN, 2021; CCNE, 2024; National Task Force, 2022).
- The implications for the blanket 750 hour practicum completion requirement for all programs before use of interdisciplinary preceptors are:
  - 1. **Post Graduate Certificate MSN students who are not yet APRNs:** Will now complete 750 total practicum hours and therefore, would be unable to benefit from the use of interdisciplinary preceptors.
  - 2. PMHNP specialty tracks for MSN or DNP prepared APRNs: Impacts the logical progression of skill acquisition, where required foundational psychotherapeutic competencies must be developed early (AANP, 2024; ANCC, n.d.; Dilks et al., 2024).

#### Clarification Requested:

- In keeping with K.A.R. 60-17-105 which requires faculty in each advanced nursing education program to:
  - (1) Identify the competencies of the graduate for each role.
  - (2) Determine the approach and content for learning experiences.
  - (3) Direct clinical instruction as an integral part of the program.
  - (4) Provide for learning experiences of the depth and scope needed to fulfill the objectives or outcomes of advanced nursing courses.
- Does the new interdisciplinary preceptor regulation allow for flexibility in determining when interdisciplinary preceptors are integrated based on the

- need for logical sequencing of specialty curricula and the availability of specific interdisciplinary preceptors?
- Would the Board consider allowances for earlier interdisciplinary preceptor use when justified by program-specific learning outcomes?

#### 2. Faculty Preceptor Role & Interpretation of Regulations

- The regulation lacks clarity on whether employed faculty can ever serve as preceptors or only when functioning in a clinical role.
- Given the varying availability of preceptors, restrictions on faculty precepting may further limit student access to expert mentorship.

#### Clarification Requested:

- Can faculty with varying employment status (e.g. adjunct vs full time, same school vs different school, etc.) and active clinical roles precept students while ensuring compliance with supervision and conflict-of-interest safeguards?
- Would the Board consider exceptions that allow faculty precepting in specific circumstances, particularly in programs where preceptor shortages significantly impact student progression?

#### Conclusion

We appreciate the Board's dedication to maintaining high-quality APRN education. Clarifying the interpretation of K.A.R. 60-17-101(k) and considering allowances for program-specific exceptions would help ensure continued compliance while supporting competency-based education and preceptor availability.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss these requests at the March 25, 2025, APRN Committee meeting and appreciate your time and consideration.

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# Five Year Regulation Legislative Review

#### Agency 60

# State Board of Nursing

#### Article 11.—Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

**60-11-106.** Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse; nurse anesthetist. The functions that may be performed by any advanced practice registered nurse functioning in the advanced role of registered nurse anesthetist shall be those functions defined in K.S.A. 65-1158, and amendments thereto. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-1113, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 39, and K.S.A. 65-1130, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 44; effective May 1, 1984; amended, T-85-16, June 5, 1984; amended May 1, 1985; amended March 31, 2000; amended May 18, 2012.)

#### Agency 60

# State Board of Nursing

# Article 11.—Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

**60-11-116. Reinstatement of inactive or lapsed license**. (a) Each nurse anesthetist whose Kansas APRN license is inactive or has lapsed and who wants to obtain a reinstatement of APRN licensure shall meet the same requirements as those in K.A.R. 60-13-110.

- (b) Any nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse-midwife whose Kansas APRN license is inactive or has lapsed may, within five years of its expiration date, reinstate the license by submitting proof that the individual has met either of the following requirements:
- (1) Obtained 30 hours of continuing nursing education related to the advanced practice registered nurse role within the preceding two-year period; or
- (2) been licensed in another jurisdiction and, while licensed in that jurisdiction, has accumulated 1,000 hours of advanced practice registered nurse practice within the preceding five-year period.
- (c) Any nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse-midwife whose Kansas APRN license is inactive or has lapsed for more than five years beyond its expiration date may reinstate the license by submitting evidence of having attained either of the following:
- (1) A total of 1,000 hours of advanced practice registered nurse practice in another jurisdiction within the preceding five-year period and 30 hours of continuing nursing education related to the advanced practice registered nurse role; or
- (2) completion of a refresher course approved by the board. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 65-1117 and K.S.A. 65-1129; implementing K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 65-1117 and K.S.A. 65-1132; effective Sept. 2, 1991; amended March 22, 2002; amended May 18, 2012; amended Aug. 21, 2020.)

#### Agency 60

### **State Board of Nursing**

#### Article 13.—Fees; Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**60-13-102. Approval procedure**. (a) Each institution planning to offer a program in registered nurse anesthesia shall:

- (1) notify the board of nursing and supply such information as the board of nursing may request;
- (2) employ a qualified nurse anesthetist administrator. The name and qualifications of the administrator of the program shall be submitted to the board of nursing; and
- (3) employ a second faculty member.
- (b) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (a), each program for registered nurse anesthetists established after July 1, 1988 within the state of Kansas, shall be at the masters level. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, the school shall award the student a masters degree.
- (c)(1) Written notification of the board's decision to approve or disapprove the program shall be sent to the institution. The program shall be approved by the board of nursing prior to the admission of students.
- (2) Discontinuing a school of nurse anesthesia. Each school terminating its program shall submit a plan to the board for approval. The plan shall provide for students currently enrolled to complete their program and for the disposition of school records.
- (3) Out of state programs. Out of state programs preparing registered nurse anesthetists may be approved after board of nursing review. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 64-1160(b), L. 1987, Ch. 234, Sec. 3; implementing K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 65-1152(b); effective, T-88-48, Dec. 16, 1987; effective May 1, 1988.)

#### Agency 60

# State Board of Nursing

# Article 13.—Fees; Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**60-13-103.** School approval requirements. (a) In order for a school of nurse anesthesia to be approved by the board of nursing, consideration shall be given as to whether the school meets the requirements in standards I, II, III, IV, and V and the appendix in the "standards for accreditation of nurse anesthesia educational programs," as revised by the council on accreditation of nurse anesthesia educational programs in January 2006 and effective March 1, 2006. These portions are hereby adopted by reference.

- (b) An up-to-date list of approved programs shall be prepared and kept by the board.
- (c) A program shall not be approved without the formal action of the board.
- (d) (1) A program review shall be conducted by the board at least once every five years, or in conjunction with the council on accreditation review cycles.
- (2) The school shall submit to the board of nursing for review a copy of a self-study report documenting compliance with the established standards.
- (3) Additional information may be requested by the board of nursing to assess the school's compliance with standards.
- (4) An on-site visit to the school of nurse anesthesia may be conducted by the board of nursing if there is reason to believe that the program is in violation of the established standards or if the program is placed on public probation by the council on accreditation. (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-1164; implementing K.S.A. 65-1152; effective, T-88-48, Dec. 16, 1987; effective May 1, 1988; amended March 22, 2002; amended March 6, 2009.)

#### Agency 60

### **State Board of Nursing**

#### Article 13.—Fees; Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**60-13-110.** Reinstatement of inactive or lapsed authorization. (a) Any nurse anesthetist whose Kansas authorization is inactive or has lapsed may, within five years of its expiration date, reinstate the authorization by submitting proof that the individual has met either of the following requirements:

- (1) Obtained 30 hours of continuing nursing education related to nurse anesthesia within the preceding two-year period; or
- (2) been authorized in another jurisdiction and, while authorized in that jurisdiction, has accumulated 1,000 hours of nurse anesthesia practice within the preceding five-year period.
- (b) Any nurse anesthetist whose Kansas authorization is inactive or has lapsed for more than five years beyond its expiration date may reinstate the authorization by submitting evidence of having attained either of the following:
- (1) A total of 1,000 hours of nurse anesthesia practice in another jurisdiction within the preceding five-year period and 30 hours of continuing nursing education related to nurse anesthesia within the preceding two-year period; or
- (2) satisfactory completion of a refresher course approved by the board. (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-1164; implementing K.S.A. 65-1155; effective Sept. 2, 1991; amended May 9, 1994; amended March 22, 2002; amended Aug. 21, 2020.)

#### Agency 60

### State Board of Nursing

### Article 13.—Fees; Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**60-13-112. License renewal**. (a) Each license to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist (RNA) in Kansas shall be subject to the same biennial expiration dates as those specified in K.A.R 60-3-108 for the registered professional nurse license in Kansas.

- (b) Each individual renewing a license shall have completed the required 30 contact hours of approved continuing nursing education (CNE) related to nurse anesthesia during the most recent prior licensure period. Proof of completion of 30 contact hours of approved CNE in the nurse anesthesia role may be requested by the board. Contact hours accumulated in excess of the 30-hour requirement shall not be carried over to the next renewal period.
- (c) The number of contact hours assigned to any offering that includes a recognized standard curriculum shall be determined by the board.
- (d) Any individual attending any offering not previously approved by the board may submit an application for an individual offering approval (IOA). Credit may be given for offerings that the licensee demonstrates as having a relationship to the practice of nurse anesthesia. Each separate offering shall be approved before the individual submits the license renewal application.
- (e) Approval shall not be granted for identical offerings completed within the same license renewal period.
- (f) Any individual renewing a license may accumulate 15 contact hours of the required CNE from instructor credit. Each presenter shall receive instructor credit only once for the preparation and presentation of each course. The provider shall issue a certificate listing the number of contact hours earned and clearly identifying the hours as instructor credit.
- (g) Fractions of contact hours may be accepted for offerings over 30 minutes.
- (h) All CNE accumulated for RNA license renewal shall also be applicable to the renewal of the registered professional nurse license. (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-1164; implementing K.S.A. 65-1159; effective Sept. 2, 1991; amended Feb. 16, 1996; amended Oct. 12, 2001; amended July 29, 2005; amended May 18, 2012.)