

60-11-103. Educational requirements for advanced practice registered nurses.

- (a) 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:
 - (1) Complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program located or offered in Kansas that has been approved by the board and prepares the nurse to function in the advanced role for which application is made;
 - (2) complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program that is not located or offered in Kansas but is determined by the board to meet the standards for program approval established by K.A.R. 60-17-101 through 60-17-108;
 - (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:
 - (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) 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:
 - (1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (a) before July 1, 1994;
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) have been met before July 1, 1994, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) and hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing; or
 - (3) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) have been met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) and hold a master's or higher degree in a clinical area of nursing.
- (c) Each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of anesthesia shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (a) before July 1, 2002; or
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) have been met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) and hold a master's degree or a higher degree in nurse anesthesia or a related field.
- (d) Each applicant for a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of midwifery shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (a) before July 1, 2000;
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) have been met before July 1, 2000, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) and hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing; or
 - (3) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) have been met before January 1, 2010, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) and hold a master's degree or a higher degree in nursing, midwifery, or a related field.
- (e) 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) 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.

- (g) Each applicant who completes an advanced practice registered nurse program after January 1, 2001 in a role other than anesthesia or midwifery shall have completed three college hours in advanced pathophysiology or its equivalent and three college hours in advanced health assessment or its equivalent.
- (h) 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) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) through (h), 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.

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