

65-1152. Qualifications for authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist; approval of schools of nurse anesthesia, criteria.

- (a) In order to obtain authorization from the board of nursing to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist an individual shall meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Be licensed to practice professional nursing under the Kansas nurse practice act;
 - (2) has successfully completed a course of study in nurse anesthesia in a school of nurse anesthesia approved by the board;
 - (3) has successfully completed an examination approved by the board or has been certified by a national organization whose certifying standards are approved by the board as equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established under this act for obtaining authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist; and
 - (4) be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined in rules and regulations of the board if the individual has not been in active anesthesia practice for five years preceding the application.
- (b) Approval of schools of nurse anesthesia shall be based on approval standards specified in K.S.A. 65-1133 and amendments thereto.
- (c) Schools of nurse anesthesia approved by the board under this section shall offer, a masters level degree program in nurse anesthesia.
- (d) For the purposes of determining whether an individual meets the requirements of item (2) of subsection (a), the board by rules and regulations shall establish criteria for determining whether a particular school of nurse anesthesia maintains standards which are at least equal to schools of nurse anesthesia which are approved by the board.

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