

## **Eligibility Requirements for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners**

\*This application cannot be used to apply for Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). Refer to <http://forum.doh.state.fl.us/~MQANursing> for information on CNS.

For ARNP licensure requirements, refer to sections 464.008 and 464.009, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 64B9-3.002 & 3.008, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Graduates from either certificate or currently closed programs should submit documentation that the program meets Board guidelines. This includes (a) copy of the philosophy and purpose of the program, (b) course objectives and content (syllabus, catalog, or brochures), and (c) faculty credentials including nurse practitioners on staff.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1. Master's Degree Requirement**

- a. Nurse practitioners who graduated on or after October 1, 1998 must have completed requirements for a master's degree or post-master's certification. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who on or after October 1, 2001 must have completed requirements for a master's degree program. Applicants who graduated prior to the applicable date are exempt from this requirement.

Graduates from either certificate or currently closed programs should submit supporting documentation that demonstrates program compliance with Board guidelines. This includes (a) copy of the philosophy and purpose of the program, (b) course objectives and content (syllabus, catalog, or brochures), and (c) faculty credentials including nurse practitioners on staff.

#### **National Certification Requirement**

- b. Applicants are required to submit proof of national advanced certification from an approved nursing specialty board (please see 2a below for acceptable format).

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A: Professional or national nursing specialty boards recognized by the Board include, but are not limited to:

(a) Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, or their predecessors.

(b) American College of Nurse Midwives.

(c) American Nurses Association (American Nurses Credentialing Center) Nurse Practitioner level examinations only.

(d) National Certification Corporation for OB/GYN, Neonatal Nursing Specialties (nurse practitioner level examination only).

(e) National Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates (Pediatric Nurse Associate/Practitioner level examinations only).

(f) American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (nurse practitioner level examination only).

2. **Applicants currently nationally certified** must submit the following:

a. Verification sent directly from the national certifying body or a copy of current certification (or recertification) card notarized as a “true and correct copy”. Test results are not considered proof of national certification.

b. Evidence of malpractice insurance or exemption. Please see form on page 23 of the application. This form is the only acceptable format for proving malpractice or exemption.

3. **Nurse Anesthetist or Nurse Midwives who are New graduates (within 12 months from the date your application is received)** - the same documentation as above is needed with the exception of proof of certification. You will also need to have your transcripts and the Verification of Successful Completion form (found in supplemental documentation) sent to the Board office.

**IMPORTANT: Nurse Anesthetists and Nurse Midwives are the only two specialties that qualify for the provisional license.** *When the required documentation has been received and reviewed for completeness you may receive a one year provisional license allowing you to practice as a Nurse Anesthetist (NA) or Nurse Midwife (NM)* Your provisional certification will become null and void one year from the date of issuance. If you do not pass the certification examination within provisional period, your license will revert to RN only. Your full ARNP license will be issued upon receipt of proof of national certification.