

MAINE REVISED STATUTES
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 31: NURSES AND NURSING
Subchapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§2102. Definitions

2-A. Advanced practice registered nursing. "Advanced practice registered nursing" means the delivery of expanded professional health care by an advanced practice registered nurse that is:

A. [2003, c. 204, Pt. H, §1 (RP).]

B. Within the advanced practice registered nurse's scope of practice as specified by the board by rulemaking, taking into consideration any national standards that exist; and [1995, c. 379, §11 (AFF); 1995, c. 379, §4 (NEW).]

C. In accordance with the standards of practice for advanced practice registered nurses as specified by the board by rulemaking, taking into consideration any national standards that may exist. Advanced practice registered nursing includes consultation with or referral to medical and other health care providers when required by client health care needs. [1995, c. 379, §11 (AFF); 1995, c. 379, §4 (NEW).]

A certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe and dispense drugs or devices, or both, in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

A certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse must practice, for at least 24 months, under the supervision of a licensed physician or a supervising nurse practitioner or must be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The certified nurse practitioner shall submit written evidence to the board upon completion of the required clinical experience.

The board shall adopt rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter relating to advanced practice registered nursing.

[2007, c. 316, §1 (AMD) .]

**02- DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
380 BOARD OF NURSING
Chapter 8 REGULATIONS RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSING**

Sec. 2. General Regulations Relating to Certified Nurse Practitioners and Recent Graduates of Nurse Practitioner Programs

2. Temporary approval for graduates of nurse practitioner programs

A. A nurse practitioner must practice for a minimum of 24 months under the supervision of a licensed physician, or a supervising nurse practitioner, or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician.

B. The applicant shall identify a supervisory relationship with a licensed physician or nurse practitioner practicing in the same practice category who will provide oversight for the nurse practitioner. –

C. The applicant identifying a supervising relationship shall:

(1) Obtain an application from the Board to register a supervising relationship as part of the initial authority to practice process, prior to changing or adding a supervising relationship.

(2) Submit an application including the appropriate fee.

D. The nurse practitioner must submit to the Board written evidence of completion of the required clinical experience.

E. Evidence shall be submitted that the applicant has applied for and is eligible to take, or has taken, the first available certification examination in the specialty area of practice for which application is made.

F. The applicant may not practice as a nurse practitioner if unsuccessful in 2 attempts to pass the certification examination within 2 years.

Sec. 4. General Regulations Relating to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

2. Temporary approval to practice pending certification

A. Temporary approval to practice pending certification may be granted to a recent graduate of an approved nurse anesthesia program who meets the requirements in Section 4(1)(A) and (C) and has applied to sit for the first available Council Certification Examination.

B. Such practice shall be under the supervision of an anesthesiologist or a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

C. Evidence shall be submitted that the applicant has applied for and is eligible to take the initial Council Certification Examination following graduation.

D. The applicant will identify her/himself as a graduate nurse anesthetist.

E. The applicant must pass the Council Certification Examination within 12 months of graduation. An applicant who fails the initial Council Certification Examination must practice as set forth in Section 4(2)(B) and (D).