

60-11-103. Qualifications of advanced registered nurse practitioners.

- (a) To be certified as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in any of the categories 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. 60-11-108;
 - (3) have completed a formal, post-basic nursing education program that may 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 certificate of authority to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category for which application is made and that meets the following criteria:
 - (A) Was issued by another board of nursing; and
 - (B) required completion of a program meeting standards equal to or greater than those established by K.A.R. 60-11-108; 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 category 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 certification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in a category other than anesthesia or midwifery shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Have met one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation before July 1, 1994;
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation have been met before July 1, 1994, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing; or
 - (3) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation are met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a master's or higher degree in a clinical area of nursing.
- (c) Each applicant for certification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category of anesthesia shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation before July 1, 2002; or
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation are met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a master's degree.
- (d) Each applicant for certification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category of midwifery shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation before July 1, 2000; or
 - (2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation are met before July 1, 2000, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing.
- (e) Certification 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 certification to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner. 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 organization approved certification standards.
- (f) Each applicant who completes an advanced registered nurse practitioner program after January 1, 1997 shall have completed three college hours in advanced pharmacology or the equivalent.
- (g) Each applicant who completes an advanced registered nurse practitioner program after January 1,

2001 in a category 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) Refresher course. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) through (f), any applicant for a certificate to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner who has not gained 1,000 hours of advanced nursing practice during the five years preceding application shall be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined by the board.

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