

65-1130. Advanced registered nurse practitioner; standards and requirements for obtaining certificate of qualification; rules and regulations; categories, education, qualifications and role; limitations and restrictions; prescription of drugs authorized.

- (a) No professional nurse shall announce or represent to the public that such person is an advanced registered nurse practitioner unless such professional nurse has complied with requirements established by the board and holds a valid certificate of qualification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (b) The board shall establish standards and requirements for any professional nurse who desires to obtain a certificate of qualification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner. Such standards and requirements shall include, but not be limited to, standards and requirements relating to the education of advanced registered nurse practitioners. The board may require that some, but not all, types of advanced registered nurse practitioners hold an academic degree beyond the minimum educational requirement for qualifying for a license to practice as a professional nurse. The board may give such examinations and secure such assistance as it deems necessary to determine the qualifications of applicants.
- (c) The board shall adopt rules and regulations applicable to advanced registered nurse practitioners which:
 - (1) Establish categories of advanced registered nurse practitioners which are consistent with nursing practice specialties recognized by the nursing profession.
 - (2) Establish education and qualifications necessary for certification for each category of advanced registered nurse practitioner established by the board at a level adequate to assure the competent performance by advanced registered nurse practitioners of functions and procedures which advanced registered nurse practitioners are authorized to perform.
 - (3) Define the role of advanced registered nurse practitioners and establish limitations and restrictions of such role. The board shall adopt a definition of the role under this subsection (c)(3) which is consistent with the education and qualifications required to obtain a certificate of qualification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, which protects the public from persons performing functions and procedures as advanced registered nurse practitioners for which they lack adequate education and qualifications and which authorizes advanced registered nurse practitioners to perform acts generally recognized by the profession of nursing as capable of being performed, in a manner consistent with the public health and safety, by persons with post basic education in nursing. In defining such role the board shall consider:
 - (A) The education required for a certificate of qualification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner;
 - (B) the type of nursing practice and preparation in specialized practitioner skills involved in each category of advanced registered nurse practitioner established by the board;
 - (C) the scope of practice of nursing specialties and limitations thereon prescribed by national organizations which certify nursing specialties; and
 - (D) acts recognized by the nursing profession as appropriate to be performed by persons with post basic education in nursing.
- (d) An advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe drugs pursuant to a written protocol as authorized by a responsible physician. Each written protocol shall contain a precise and detailed medical plan of care for each classification of disease or injury for which the advanced registered nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe and shall specify all drugs which may be prescribed by the advanced registered nurse practitioner. Any written prescription order shall include the name, address and telephone number of the responsible physician. The advanced registered nurse practitioner may not dispense drugs, but may request, receive and sign for professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients pursuant to a written protocol as authorized by a responsible physician. In order to prescribe controlled substances, the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall
 - (1) register with the federal drug enforcement administration; and
 - (2) notify the board of the name and address of the responsible physician or physicians. In no case shall the scope of authority of the advanced registered nurse practitioner exceed the normal and customary practice of the responsible physician. An advanced registered nurse practitioner certified in the category of registered nurse anesthetist while functioning as a

registered nurse anesthetist under K.S.A. 65-1151 to 65-1164, including, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1151 and 65-1164, inclusive and amendments thereto, with respect to drugs and anesthetic agents and shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "responsible physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas who has accepted responsibility for the protocol and the actions of the advanced registered nurse practitioner when prescribing drugs.

(e) As used in this section, "drug" means those articles and substances defined as drugs in K.S.A. 65-1626 and 65-4101 and amendments thereto.

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