

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, May 8, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Friday, May 8, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 610-X-9-.21

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

RULE TITLE: Qualifications For Approval To Practice For a Certified Nurse Midwife

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. The Board received one letter in support of the change from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

Qualifications For Approval To Practice For a Certified Nurse Midwife.

(1) The applicant for approval to practice as a certified nurse midwife shall have:

(a) An active Alabama registered nurse license, or a multistate registered nurse license issued by a party state, as defined in Chapter 4 of these rules, unless authorized by the Board.

(b) Met all requirements for completion of or graduation from an organized program of study and clinical experience beyond the basic educational preparation as a registered nurse, that prepares nurse midwives and is recognized by the Board of Nursing and the appropriate specialty certifying agency.

(c) At least a master's or higher degree in advanced practice nursing from an accredited program recognized by the Board.

(d) The applicant for initial approval as a nurse midwife who meets one of the following criteria is exempt from the requirement for a master's degree in nursing:

1. Graduation prior to 1996 from a Board recognized post-baccalaureate program preparing nurse midwives.
2. Graduation prior to 1984 from a non-baccalaureate program preparing nurse midwives.
3. The Board of Nursing may grant a waiver of the master's degree requirement at its discretion.

(e) Current certification as a certified nurse midwife by the American Midwifery Certification Board.

(f) Obtained continuing education prescribed by the Board of Nursing regarding the rules and statutes governing collaborative practice in Alabama, not more than forty-eight (48) months prior to or within twelve (12) months of commencement of the collaborative practice.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-84.

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