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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 610

Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Nursing

Rule No.: 610-X-9-.14

Rule Title: Qualifications For Approval To Practice As A
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or
endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police
power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available
that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly
increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm
that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the
purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the
protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any
litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject
matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be
accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section
41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance
with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it
conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure
Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Honar L. Ingels
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Date

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 610-X-9-.14 Qualifications For Approval To Practice
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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board proposes amending the subject rule to require 2,000 hours of clinical nursing experience prior to approval to practice as a CRNP.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or verbal comments will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026, and may be directed to Honor Ingels, PO Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130, honor.ingels@abn.alabama.gov, or (334) 293-5236.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Monday, October 5, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Honor L. Ingels

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

**Qualifications For Approval To Practice As A
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner.**

(1) The applicant for approval to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner 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 practitioners and is recognized by the Board of Nursing and the appropriate specialty-certifying agency.

(c) Effective June 1, 2027, documented evidence of at least 2,000 hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting as either a registered nurse or an advanced practice nurse.

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

~~(d)~~ (e) Current certification as a certified registered nurse practitioner granted by a national certifying agency recognized by the Board of Nursing in the clinical specialty consistent with educational preparation and appropriate to the area of practice

(2) The applicant for initial approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner 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 practitioners.

2. Graduation prior to 1984 from a non-baccalaureate program preparing nurse practitioners.

(2) The Board of Nursing may grant a waiver of the master's degree requirement at its discretion.

(3) Have 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.

History: **New Rule:** Published November 26, 2025; effective January 10, 2026. **Amended:** Published May 29, 2026; effective July 13, 2026. **Amended:** Published _____; effective _____.