

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 540-X-8
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES: COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

540-X-8-.04 Qualifications For Physicians In Collaborative
Practice With Certified Registered Nurse
Practitioners.

(1) The physician in collaborative practice with a certified registered nurse practitioner shall:

(a) Possess a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama;

(b) Have satisfied one of the following experience requirements:

1. Have practiced medicine for at least three years.
2. Have practiced medicine for at least one year and certified by one or more of the specialty boards recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; or
3. Have practiced medicine for at least one year and the collaboration's practice site is limited solely to a general acute care hospital, a critical access hospital, or a specialized hospital licensed as such by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

(c) Effective January 1, 2024, have obtained continuing medical education prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners 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; and

(d) Have paid all collaborative practice fees due to the Board of Medical Examiners and submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners a Commencement of Collaborative Practice form. In the event no application is received from the Alabama Board of Nursing within six (6) months of submission, the submitted form will be withdrawn by the Board. The fee submitted with the Commencement of Collaborative Practice form is non-refundable and non-transferable.

(2) The Board of Medical Examiners, in its discretion, may waive the practice requirements in 1(b).

(3) A physician entering into a collaborative practice arrangement with a certified registered nurse practitioner, including those who have been granted temporary approval to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner under the provisions of Rule 540-X-8-.07, shall notify the State Board of Medical Examiners in writing of the date for commencement of the collaborative practice agreement using the "Commencement of Collaborative Practice" form. The Collaborative Practice Fee must accompany the "Commencement of Collaborative Practice" form.

(4) A physician in a collaborative practice which is voluntarily terminated by either party is responsible for notifying the Board of the date on which the collaborative practice agreement terminates. Notification to the Board of Medical Examiners by the Alabama Board of Nursing that a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner has voluntarily terminated a collaborative practice agreement will meet the notification requirement and will result in termination of the physician's approval to practice under the collaborative practice agreement.

(5) The Board of Medical Examiners may decline to consider an application when the physician is under investigation for a potential violation of the Code of Alabama, Sections 20-2-54 or 34-24-360, or any rule of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners or Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama.

(6) Effective January 1, 2024, all collaborating physicians shall obtain continuing medical education prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the rules and statutes governing collaborative practice in Alabama every forty-eight months (48) following commencement of the collaborative practice.

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