

**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**CHAPTER 610-X-9
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**

**610-X-9-.03 Authorization For Practice As A Certified
Registered Nurse Anesthetist.**

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant approval for advanced practice nursing as certified registered nurse anesthetists to applicants who meet the requirements of Chapter 610-X-9-.01 and .02.

(2) Only those registered nurses whose credentials have current approval from the Board may hold themselves out to be certified registered nurse anesthetists, use the designation "CRNA" or use titles to imply that they are nurse anesthetists.

(3) The advanced practice approval shall expire on the expiration date of the RN license or on the expiration date of the licensee's national certification as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, whichever occurs first.

(4) Certified registered nurse anesthetists shall renew approval to practice at the time of registered nurse license renewal. Approval for practice may be continued each biennium at the time of renewal of the registered nurse license upon verification of meeting the requirements of Rule 610-X-9-.01 and paying the advanced practice renewal fee(s).

(5) Approval for practice may be continued at the time of renewal upon verification of meeting the requirements of Rule 610-X-9-.01, paying the advanced practice renewal fee(s), and six contact hours of pharmacology content specific to practice in the approved area. Graduate pharmacology academic credit earned during the nurse anesthetist educational program prior to initial approval as a CRNA does not qualify as pharmacology continuing education for renewal of approval as a CRNA.

(6) Alabama-licensed certified registered nurse anesthetists shall earn, as part of the required twenty-four (24) Board-approved or Board-recognized continuing education contact hours for license renewal, six contact hours of pharmacology.

(7) Failure to meet renewal requirements shall result in lapse of the advanced practice approval.

(8) A nurse who fails to attain certification from the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or maintain recertification from the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board of Nursing.

(b) Not practice as or use the title of certified registered nurse anesthetist until approved by the Board of Nursing.

(9) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may, after the successful completion of an organized program of study and supervised clinical practice, carry out functions beyond the nurse anesthetist educational preparation provided the functions are approved by the Board of Nursing as being within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse anesthetist and performed pursuant to a standardized procedure implemented in compliance with Section 610-X-6-.12.

(10) Practicing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist subsequent to expiration of advanced practice approval shall result in disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 610-X-8.

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