

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 610-X-9
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING

610-X-9-.14 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 January 31, 2027, documented evidence of at least 3000 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.

(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.

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