

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 2-5, NRS 632.120 and 632.237.

Section 1. Chapter 632 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse who has completed an organized formal program of training for qualification to practice in a specialized area of nursing.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The board will issue a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing in one or more of the following areas of practice:*

- (a) Nurse midwife;*
- (b) Nurse psychotherapist;*
- (c) Nurse practitioner; or*
- (d) Clinical nurse specialist.*

2. *An applicant for a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing must submit to the board documentation of completion of the educational requirements set forth in:*

- (a) NAC 632.260, to practice as a nurse midwife or a nurse practitioner;*
- (b) NAC 632.260 and 632.062, to practice as a nurse psychotherapist; and*
- (c) NAC 632.260 and 632.300, to practice as a clinical nurse specialist.*

3. *If an applicant wishes to obtain a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing in more than one area of practice, he must submit to the board the documentation required pursuant to subsection 2 for each area of practice.*

4. *An applicant who wishes to obtain a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing to practice as a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist may request that the board issue the certificate to specify:*

- (a) The area of practice; and*
- (b) The medical specialty or clinical specialty,*

of the applicant.

5. *If an applicant makes a request pursuant to subsection 4, he must submit to the board documentation of completion of the educational requirements prescribed by the board for the medical specialty or clinical specialty for which certification is requested.*

Sec. 4. NAC 632.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 632.015 to 632.101, inclusive, *and section 2 of this regulation*, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 5. NAC 632.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.265 1. A nurse registered in [Nevada] *this state* who wishes to obtain a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing must submit the following for the [board's approval:] *approval of the board*:

- (a) An application on forms provided by the board.
- (b) An agreement signed by the applicant and a collaborating physician whose scope of practice includes the medical specialty of the applicant. The agreement must identify the medical, therapeutic or corrective measures the advanced practitioner will perform in collaboration with the physician. The measures must have been included in the advanced practitioner's basic educational program or the advanced practitioner must have successfully completed a comprehensive educational program approved by the board that prepares him to perform those measures.
- (c) Protocols signed by the collaborating physician, any other collaborating physician who will collaborate with the applicant in his absence, and the applicant.
- (d) A statement signed by the collaborating physician that the applicant has demonstrated proficiency in the functions for which he is seeking authority to perform as an advanced practitioner of nursing.
- (e) *The documentation required pursuant to section 3 of this regulation.*

(f) Any other information deemed relevant by the board.

2. If an applicant has an agreement with more than one collaborating physician, he must submit the documentation required pursuant to subsection 1 for each such physician.

3. Upon the receipt of a completed application, a temporary certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing may be issued to an applicant for the length of time specified by the board. A temporary certificate does not authorize the holder to write a prescription or dispense medication.