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TITLE 172        PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

CHAPTER 98     ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE

001. SCOPE AND AUTHORITY. These regulations govern the licensure of advanced practice registered nurses in the State of Nebraska. Statutory authority for these regulations is in the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Act, the Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act, the Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act, the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Practice Act, the Nurse Practitioner Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act.

002. DEFINITIONS. Definitions are set out in the Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act, the Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act, the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Practice Act, the Nurse Practitioner Act, the Uniform Credentialing Act, 172 Nebraska Administration Code (NAC) 10, and this chapter.

002.01 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN). A registered nurse who holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license as a certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner.

002.02 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE – CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (APRN-CNM). A registered nurse who holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license as a certified nurse midwife and as defined in Nebraska Revised Statute (Neb. Rev. Stat.) § 38-606.

002.03 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (APRN-CNS). A registered nurse who holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license as a clinical nurse specialist and as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-905.

002.04 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE – CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (APRN-CRNA). A registered nurse who holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license as a certified registered nurse anesthetist and as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-704.

002.05 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE – NURSE PRACTITIONER (APRN-NP). A registered nurse who holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license as a nurse practitioner and as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2312.

002.06 APPROVED ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM. A graduate-level program for advanced practice nursing accredited by a national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

002.07 APPROVED CERTIFYING BODY. An approved certifying body is a national certification organization which certifies qualified registered nurses in advanced practice for a role with 1 or more population foci which determines and sets certification requirements and provides testing.

002.08 CERTIFICATION. A status granted, initially by examination, by an approved certifying body for an advanced practice registered nurse role with 1 or more population foci.

002.09 NURSYS™. The national database for verification of nurse licensure, discipline and practice privileges for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses licensed in participating jurisdictions, including all states in the Nurse Licensure Compact.

002.10 REENTRY PROGRAM. A board approved program that provides an organized approach to learning that results in current knowledge applicable to an advanced practice nursing role. The program must include a didactic component with education in pharmacotherapeutics and advanced assessments, as well as supervised clinical practice.

003. LICENSURE. Requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse include requirements found in 172 NAC 10, and the following:

- (A) Apply for state licensure as a registered nurse or hold a valid multi-state privilege from another compact state;
- (B) Submit an official transcript documenting completion of an approved advanced practice registered nursing education program;
- (C) Submit formal documentation of having passed a board approved certification examination;
- (D) Complete a NURSYS™ verification for all current and prior licenses or request verifications from state licensing boards not participating in NURSYS™;
- (E) For initial licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse – nurse practitioner, an attestation of existence of a transition to practice agreement as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2322; and
- (F) For initial licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse – certified nurse midwife, a written practice agreement with a collaborating licensed practitioner as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-609 must be on file with the Department.

004. TEMPORARY LICENSE. The temporary advanced practice registered nurse license will be issued for 60 days or until the expiration date of the current nursing license in the other state, whichever occurs first. The temporary license becomes null and void when the regular license is issued or when a final decision is made to deny the regular license.

004.01 ACTIVE LICENSE OR COMPACT PRIVILEGE REQUIREMENT. A temporary advanced practice registered nurse license cannot be issued unless the applicant has an active Nebraska registered nursing license or compact privilege to practice in this state.

004.02 REENTRY PROGRAM. A temporary advanced practice registered nurse license may be issued for the purposes of completing a reentry program in advanced practice nursing, for the length of time it takes to complete the course.

005. RENEWAL, WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND INACTIVE STATUS. The applicant must meet the requirements set out in 172 NAC 10. All advanced practice registered nurse licenses expire on October 31 of each even-numbered year.

006. CONTINUING COMPETENCY. Each person holding an active advanced practice registered nursing license in the State of Nebraska must, on or before the date of expiration of the license, comply with the continuing competency requirements as noted in Neb. Rev. Stats. §§ 38-616, 38-709, 38-909, and 38-2319, unless the requirements are waived in accordance with 172 NAC 10. Evidence of continuing competency for the advanced practice registered nurse includes:

006.01 CERTIFICATION. Requirements for initial and ongoing certification are specified by the certifying body; and

006.02 PRACTICE. Advanced practice registered nurse – nurse practitioners must attest to 2,080 hours of practice over the 5 years preceding renewal as specified in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2319.

007. REINSTATEMENT. The applicant must meet the requirements set out in 172 NAC 10.

008. FEES. Fees are set out in 172 NAC 2.