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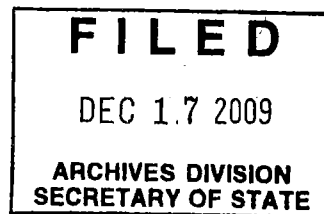
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RULE SUMMARY

These rules cover approval of Oregon nurse practitioner programs, requirements for national certification, and criteria for continuing education for nurse practitioner certification renewal.

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DIVISION 50

Nurse Practitioners

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Application for Initial Certification as a Nurse Practitioner

(1) An applicant for initial certification in Oregon as a nurse practitioner shall:

(a) Hold a current unencumbered registered nurse license in the State of Oregon, and

(b) Meet the following educational requirements:

(A) A Master's Degree in Nursing or a Doctorate in Nursing from a CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education) or NLNAC (National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission) accredited graduate nursing program or a credentials evaluation from a Board approved credentials service for graduate nursing degrees obtained outside the U.S. which demonstrates educational equivalency to an accredited U.S. graduate nursing degree; and

(B) Satisfactory completion of a Nurse Practitioner Program that meets OAR 851-050-0001 requirements and is specific to the role and role population focus for which application is made.

(C) Nurse practitioner programs completed after January 1, 2005 shall be formally affiliated within a CCNE, ACME (Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education), or NLNAC accredited graduate level program at the Masters or post-masters graduate level; or an equivalent non-U.S. graduate program as specified in OAR 851-050-0001(11); and

(c) Meet the practice requirement in OAR 851-050-0004; and

(d) As of January 1, 2011 provide verification of current accredited national board certification from a Nurse Practitioner national certification examination which meets criteria in OAR 851-050-0008, congruent with a Board recognized nurse practitioner role and population focus.

(2) An applicant for initial certification in Oregon who has been certified in another state as an advanced practice nurse, and who meets all other requirements for certification, may be certified in Oregon if their program meets the standards of OAR 851-050-0001 and was completed within the following time frames:

(a) Prior to January 1, 1981, completion of a nursing educational program leading to licensure as a registered nurse and subsequent completion of a nurse practitioner program.

(b) As of January 1, 1981, a nurse obtaining Oregon certification shall have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing and, in addition, satisfactory completion of an educational program in the nurse practitioner specialty area. Specialty preparation obtained within a baccalaureate nursing program does not meet this requirement.

(c) As of January 1, 1986, the minimum educational requirement for Oregon shall be a Masters degree in Nursing with satisfactory completion of an educational program in the nurse practitioner specialty area.

(d) Graduates of schools of nursing outside of the U.S. must submit a credentials evaluation through a Board approved credentials service demonstrating educational equivalency to a U.S. accredited graduate level Masters or Doctoral Degree in Nursing.

(3) The graduate degree requirement may be met prior to, concurrent with, or after completion of the nurse practitioner program.

(4) The following documents shall be submitted as part of the initial application process:

(a) An official transcript of the graduate program, showing degree granted and received directly from the registrar of the university or college.

(b) An official transcript, or other evidence of satisfactory completion of the nurse practitioner program showing all courses, grades, quality points, grade point average, degree granted, date of graduation, and appropriate registrar's signature received by the Board directly from the program or registrar.

(c) Evidence that the nurse practitioner program meets the Board's standards as described in OAR 851-050-0001, including documentation of credentials evaluation as indicated for graduates of programs outside of the U.S.

(5) An applicant for initial certification in Oregon as a nurse practitioner shall meet all requirements for prescriptive authority described in Division 56 and obtain prescribing authority under the provisions of Division 56 of the Oregon Nurse Practice Act.

(6) Revocation, suspension, or any other encumbrance of a registered nurse license held in another state, territory of the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction may be grounds for denial of certification in Oregon.

(7) The applicant shall submit all fees required by the Board with the application. The fees are not refundable. An application for initial certification, which remains incomplete after one calendar year, shall be considered void.

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851-050-0006

Re-Entry Requirements

(1) If the practice requirement in OAR 851-050-0004 has not been met, applicants shall:

(a) Obtain a limited license as a registered nurse in the State of Oregon; or hold a current, unencumbered Oregon registered nurse license.

(b) Submit an application for a limited license, which meets educational requirements of OAR 851-050-0002(1), or an application for delinquent renewal of previous certification as a nurse practitioner in Oregon. An application, which is not completed, becomes void after one year from date of receipt.

(c) Submit a plan of study for approval, which specifies:

(A) Clinical sites, patient population, objectives, competency evaluation, and supervisory relationship of preceptor;

(B) Number of practice hours required and how their completion shall be met;

(C) Eligibility of reentry plan to meet requirements for national board certification from a Nurse Practitioner national certification examination which meets criteria in OAR 851-050-0008, congruent with a Board recognized nurse practitioner role and population focus.

(d) Submit names and qualifications for approval of preceptors which are Oregon certified nurse practitioners and/or Oregon licensed MD/DO physicians in the same specialty area as the nurse practitioner certification specialty.

(e) Determine practice hours in consultation with the Board to ensure one of the following options have been met:

(A) 300 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has practiced less than 960 hours in the last five years, or has completed a nurse practitioner program within the last two years and has not worked a minimum of 192 hours. Advanced practice hours completed during these time frames may be applied to reduce the total number of supervised clinical practice hours required, except that in no case shall the precepted practice be less than 150 hours.

(B) 600 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has not practiced 960 hours in the last five years, but has practiced at least 960 hours in the last six years. Advanced practice hours completed during the six year time frame may be applied to reduce the total number of supervised clinical practice hours required except that in no case shall the precepted practice be less than 300 hours.

(C) 1000 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has not practiced at least 960 hours in the last ten years. Advanced practice hours completed during the ten year time frame may be applied to reduce the total number of supervised clinical practice hours required except that in no case shall the precepted practice be less than 500 hours.

(D) If the applicant has not practiced at least 960 hours within the last ten years, the re-entry requirement shall be met through successful completion of a nurse practitioner post masters certificate program which meets the requirements of OAR 851-050-0001, or of a comprehensive series of nurse practitioner courses within a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nurse practitioner program in the specialty sought. The plan of study shall be submitted in advance for Board approval before enrollment. The plan of study shall cover the entire scope of the advanced specialty area under which the applicant was previously certified/licensed, and must include both clinical and didactic hours. The program of study shall include advanced pharmacology which meets the requirements of OAR 851-056-0008, pathophysiology, physical assessment, differential diagnosis, and clinical management. The institution shall provide documentation, which demonstrates previous credits, courses, or competency testing applied to meet final completion.

Proof of completion of this plan of study shall be provided to the Board in the form of official transcripts documenting completion of all required coursework.

(2) In addition to meeting the re-entry practice requirement, all participants will submit evidence of 100 hours of continuing education which meet the standards in OAR 851-050-0138 completed within the last two years by the completion of their re-entry precepted practice. The continuing education hours must include an advanced pharmacology course meeting the criteria in OAR 851-056-0008, physical assessment, treatment modalities, client management and laboratory/diagnostic studies with content related to the NP scope of practice being sought. The continuing education may be obtained in the following ways, provided that no less than 50% is comprised of CME or CE accredited courses at the advanced practice specialty level:

- (a) Independent learning activities, e.g. reading professional journals;
- (b) Unstructured learning activities, e.g. professional meetings and clinical rounds;
- (c) Structured learning activities, e.g. seminars and workshops.

(3) The re-entry participant shall practice under a limited certificate, and successfully complete clinical practice directly supervised by the approved preceptor in the same area of practice. Application for a limited certificate shall be made prior to the beginning of the supervised clinical practice. The limited certificate shall be valid for one year, with one renewal of an additional one year permitted. The supervising practitioner shall submit a final evaluation to the Board to verify that the applicant's knowledge and skills are at a safe and acceptable level and verify the hours of supervised practice. An application for a limited license for re-entry without issuance after one calendar year shall be considered void.

(4) Supervised practice hours shall be without compensation.

(5) Upon successful completion of the supervised practice hours and proof of national Board certification, the full nurse practitioner certificate will be issued with an expiration date that coincides with the applicant's registered nurse license.

(6) Re-entry hours must be completed within a two-year time frame from the issuance of the limited license.

(7) Successful completion of Board approved advanced practice re-entry will satisfy requirements for the registered nurse re-entry.

(8) Prescriptive authority will be issued only upon completion of precepted hours to applicants meeting all criteria in OAR 851-056-0006. Written documents during precepted practice shall be signed with the nurse practitioner specialty title, followed with "Re-entry" and the preceptors co-signature.

(9) The applicant shall submit all fees required by the Board with the application. The fees are not refundable.

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