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Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)
NEW LICENSURE INSTRUCTIONS

Application for ARNP licensure is available on our website
Choose *IBON Online Services – Initial Licensure as an ARNP*

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS REQUIRED BY 655 IAC CHAPTER 7

1. Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa or licensure as a registered nurse in another compact state, which is your primary state of residence. Primary state of residence is defined as the state where you hold a driver's license, vote and pay taxes.
2. Graduation from an accredited graduate or postgraduate nurse practitioner program in one of the following roles: Certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist.
3. Advanced level certification by an approved national certifying body.

THE ARNP CATEGORIES ARE:

A – Certified Family Nurse Practitioner	L – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
A – Family/Individual Across the Lifespan CNP	M – Perinatal Nurse Practitioner
B – Certified Nurse-Midwife	N – Advanced Diabetes Management CNS
C – Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Q – Clinical Nurse Specialist – Adult Health
C – Pediatric Acute Care CNP	R – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Perinatal
C – Pediatric Primary Care CNP	S – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Medical/Surgical
D – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	T – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult Psych.
E – Certified School Nurse Practitioner	U – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Oncology
F – Certified Women's Health Care NP	V – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gerontology
F – Women's Health/Gender Related CNP	W– Adult/Gerontology Wellness through Acute Care CNS
G – Certified Psych/Mental Health NP	W– Family/Individual Across the Lifespan CNS
G – Psychiatric Mental Health Across the Lifespan CNP	W – Neonatal Wellness through Acute Care CNS
H – Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner	W – Pediatric Wellness through Acute Care CNS
H – Adult/Gerontology Acute Care CNP	W– Psychiatric Mental Health CNS
H – Adult/Gerontology Primary Care CNP	W– Women's Health/Gender Related Wellness through Acute CNS
I – Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	X – Clinical Nurse Specialist – Community Health
J – Certified Gerontological NP	Y – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Home Health
K – Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Z – Clinical Nurse Specialist - Child Adolescent Psych
K – Neonatal CNP	

CHECKING THE STATUS OF AN APPLICATION

You can check the status of your application through IBON Online Services, which can be accessed 24/7 through our website at https://nursing.iowa.gov. **However, materials will not display online until they are reviewed and logged by staff, which may require up to 8 weeks depending on the application volume and receipt of required documents.** You may e-mail the staff at initialarnp@iowa.gov, with any additional questions.

NOTE: The application process must be completed within twelve (12) months from the date the application is initiated. After the 12 month period, the application will be archived and all other required documents may be destroyed. Once the application is archived, the applicant will be required to reapply, repay the application fee and may be required to resubmit documents.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following items are required in order to obtain an Iowa ARNP license:

1. A completed application.
   a. Online. Go to the board's website at https://nursing.iowa.gov, and follow the links to IBON Online Services. The link to the ARNP application is located on the Online Services page.
   b. Call the board office at 515-281-3255 or e-mail ibon@iowa.gov to request a paper packet be mailed to you. The licensure process will take longer if you choose the paper application.

2. Fee of $81. **Important: The fee is not refundable**.

3. Residents of compact states must submit evidence of a current RN license. Any one of the following is deemed acceptable:
   - A copy of an active RN license in the compact state that includes an expiration date and the multistate status of the compact license
   - Copy of an online verification from the website of the other compact state
   - Copy of the verification printed from www.nursys.com, "QuickConfirm"
   - Some states only issue an ARNP registration or a dual license. If your primary state of residence issues this type of card, either would be acceptable.

4. Advanced level certificate by an approved national certifying body, indicating population focus, current issue and expiration dates. **If you have requested a copy of your certificate be sent to the board by your certifying body, please do not send another copy. Duplicate copies are not necessary.**

5. An official transcript from a master's program and if applicable, documentation from a formal advanced level educational program of study (e.g. doctorate of nursing practice, post-master's certificate) showing the course of study and clinical experience. Date of graduation/completion of program must appear on the transcript**. Transcripts must only be sent hard copy by ground mail and directly from the nursing program to the Iowa Board of Nursing.**

6. Information regarding any criminal offense(s) and out of state discipline must be submitted. This information must include:
   - All necessary supporting documentation to review your criminal offenses in order for your application to be processed. The sentencing order or other legal documentation that shows the final disposition is needed.
   - A **brief** summary of the conditions that led to the charge(s) including date, location and outcome.

7. Active military or federal government employee identification, if applicable. If you are currently (and will continue to be) an active member of the military or an employee of the federal government, you may be requested to submit a copy of military or federal identification, such as military orders, military or federal identification.

NURSE PRACTICE ACT

Registered nurses are accountable for the practice of nursing in accordance with current Iowa laws and administrative rules. A nurse practicing under the nurse licensure compact must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered.

The National Transportation Safety Board reminds you to routinely discuss with patients the effect a person's diagnosed medical conditions or prescription medications may have on his or her ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.

If you have questions, please contact this office at 515.281.4827 or email: initialarnp@iowa.gov**.** Rev 2-20-23