



Per Executive Order 20-06, the Board of Nursing has identified the following statutes and rules which will prevent, hinder or delay the agency's ability to license nurses (highlighted sections) for Certified Nurse Midwives.

## *Statutes*

### **17-87-302. Advanced practice registered nurses.**

(a) Qualifications. In order to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse, an applicant shall show evidence of education approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and national certification approved by the board under one (1) of the following roles of an advanced practice registered nurse:

- (1) Certified Nurse Practitioner. A certified nurse practitioner shall hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the board in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate to educational preparation;
- (2) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. To qualify as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, an applicant shall:
  - (A) Have earned a diploma or certificate evidencing satisfactory completion, beyond generic nursing preparation, of a formal educational program that meets the standards of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs or another nationally recognized accrediting body and that has as its objective the preparation of nurses to perform as nurse anesthetists; and
  - (B) Hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the board in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate to educational preparation;
- (3) Certified Nurse Midwife. To qualify as a certified nurse midwife, an applicant shall:
  - (A) Hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the board in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate to educational preparation; and
  - (B) Have an agreement with a consulting physician if providing intrapartum care;



## **Rules**

### **SECTION II**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensure shall be designated in one of the four roles below and at least one population focus: Family/Individual Across the Lifespan, Adult-Gerontology, Neonatal, Pediatrics, Women's Health/Gender-Related, or Psychiatric/Mental Health (effective 2015). A current, unencumbered registered nurse license to practice in Arkansas is required for all categories of advanced practice licensure. Effective January 1, 2003, all applicants for advanced practice licensure by examination shall have completed a graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education program. Applicants for advanced practice licensure by endorsement shall have met the educational and certification requirements set forth in *Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules* at the time of their initial licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in another jurisdiction. APRN roles and their respective qualifications are:

#### **A. CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER (CNP)**

1. Successful completion of a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate APRN education program that prepares nurses for the advanced practice role of nurse practitioner; and
2. Hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing in the APRN role and population foci appropriate for educational preparation.

#### **B. CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)**

1. Successful completion of a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate APRN education program that prepares nurses to perform as nurse anesthetists; and
2. Hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing in the APRN role and population foci appropriate for educational preparation.

#### **C. CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (CNM)**

1. Successful completion of a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate APRN education program that prepares nurses for the advanced practice role of nurse midwife; and
2. Hold current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing in the APRN role and population foci appropriate for educational preparation; and
3. **Written agreement with a consulting physician if providing intrapartum care.**