

IOWA BOARD OF NURSING

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSURE
ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Application for ARNP licensure is available Online – Choose [IBON Online Services - Initial Licensure as an ARNP](#)

I. Qualifications for Licensure as required by Chapter 7.

- A. 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.
- B. Graduation from a program leading to a master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area with preparation in specialized practitioner skills;
OR
Satisfactory completion of a formal advanced practice educational program of study, in a nursing specialty, approved by the board with appropriate clinical experience approved by the board.
- C. Time-dated advanced level certification by the appropriate national certifying body approved by the board

II The Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner categories are:

- A - Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
- A – Family/Individual Across the Lifespan CNP
- B - Certified Nurse-Midwife
- C - Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- C – Pediatric Acute Care CNP
- C – Pediatric Primary Care CNP
- D - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- E - Certified School Nurse Practitioner
- F - Certified Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner
- F – Women's Health/Gender Related CNP
- G - Certified Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- G – Psychiatric Mental Health Across the Lifespan CNP
- H - Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner
- H – Adult/Gerontology Acute Care CNP
- H – Adult/Gerontology Primary Care CNP
- I - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- J - Certified Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
- K - Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- K – Neonatal CNP
- L - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- M - Perinatal Nurse Practitioner
- P - Family/Individual Across the Lifespan CNS
- Q - Clinical Nurse Specialist – Adult Health
- Q – Adult/Gerontology Wellness through Acute Care CNS
- Q – Womens' Health/Gender Related Wellness through Acute CNS
- R - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Perinatal
- S - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Medical/Surgical
- T - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult Psych
- T – Psychiatric Mental Health CNS
- U - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Oncology
- V - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gerontology

W - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Orthopedics
X - Clinical Nurse Specialist – Community Health
Y - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Home Health
Z - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Child/Adolescent Psych
Z – Pediatric Wellness through Acute Care CNS
Z – Neonatal Wellness through Acute Care CNS

III Filing Application

- A. The applicant is responsible for submitting the following to the Iowa Board of Nursing:
1. Completed application (Online or Paper) for licensure in Iowa as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)
 2. \$81.00 fee for any length of licensure up to three years (fee is paid Online or must accompany paper application)
 3. If your primary state of residence is another compact state (Not Iowa) one of the following **MUST** be received:
 - a. Copy of the current Registered Nurse license
 - b. Copy of the online verification of the RN license from the board website
 - c. Copy of the verification printed from www.nursys.com “Quick Confirm”The document **MUST** include the expiration date and **MUST** be submitted to the Iowa Board of Nursing to obtain licensure.
 4. A copy of a current certification card or certificate evidencing advanced level certification issued by the national certifying body approved by the board indicating a future expiration date.
 5. An official transcript from a masters program or formal advanced level educational program of study denoting course of study and clinical experience. Date of graduation/completion of program must appear on the transcript. Transcripts must be received directly from the college. **Faxed copies, electronically emailed copies or copies received from the applicant in a sealed envelope will NOT be accepted.** (If the same transcript was submitted previously for a different ARNP registration with the board, please include a note or email a note stating this information.)
 6. Information regarding criminal offense or prior disciplinary action. Send a copy of the sentencing order and/or board documentation with the application.
- B. If applicant is currently (and will continue to be) an active member of the military or currently (and will continue to be) a Federal Government employee identification such as; military orders, military identification, or federal employee identification may be requested.
- C. The applicant shall complete the licensure process within twelve (12) months of receipt of the application materials or when the online application is started. The board reserves the right to destroy the documents after twelve (12) months.
- D. No Temporary Licenses will be issued.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office at 515.281.6488 or email: newnurs@iowa.gov.