

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 939

By: Pugh

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to nursing; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.5a), which relates to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license; updating certain licensure requirements; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.5a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 567.5a. A. All applicants for a license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall be subject to Section 567.8 of this title.

B. An applicant for an initial license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall:

1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees as established by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing;

2. Submit a criminal history records check that complies with Section 567.18 of this title;

1 3. Hold a current Registered Nurse license in this state;

2 4. Have completed an advanced practice registered nursing  
3 education program in one of the four advanced practice registered  
4 nurse roles and a specialty area recognized by the Board. Effective  
5 January 1, 2016, the applicant shall have completed ~~an accredited~~ a  
6 graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education  
7 program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
8 Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education  
9 (CCNE) in at least one of the following population foci:  
10 family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, neonatal,  
11 pediatrics, women's health/gender-related, or psychiatric/mental  
12 health. As a condition of licensure, an Advanced Practice  
13 Registered Nurse shall show evidence of periodic on-campus  
14 attendance for assessment and evaluation of student progress and  
15 competence in addition to completing a minimum of one thousand  
16 (1,000) clinical hours in the graduate program;

17 5. Be currently certified in an advanced practice specialty  
18 certification consistent with educational preparation and by a  
19 national certifying body recognized by the Board; and

20 6. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
21 in its rules.

22 C. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an Advanced  
23 Practice Registered Nurse licensed under the laws of another state  
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1 if the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure in this  
2 state. An applicant by endorsement shall:

3 1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees  
4 as established by the Board;

5 2. Hold a current Registered Nurse license in this state;

6 3. Hold recognition as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in  
7 a state or territory;

8 4. Have completed an advanced practice registered nursing  
9 education program in one of the four roles and a specialty area  
10 recognized by the Board. Effective January 1, 2016, the applicant  
11 shall have completed an accredited graduate level advanced practice  
12 registered nursing education program in at least one of the  
13 following population foci: family/individual across the lifespan,  
14 adult-gerontology, neonatal, pediatrics, women's health/gender-  
15 related, or psychiatric/mental health;

16 5. Be currently certified in an advanced practice specialty  
17 certification consistent with educational preparation and by a  
18 national certifying body recognized by the Board;

19 6. Meet continued competency requirements as set forth in Board  
20 rules; and

21 7. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
22 in its rules.

23 D. The Board may issue prescriptive authority recognition by  
24 endorsement to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed as an  
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1 APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, or APRN-CNM under the laws of another state if  
2 the applicant meets the requirements set forth in this section. An  
3 applicant for prescriptive authority recognition by endorsement  
4 shall:

5 1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees  
6 as established by the Board;

7 2. Hold current Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice  
8 Registered Nurse licenses (APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, or APRN-CNM) in the  
9 state;

10 3. Hold current licensure or recognition as an Advanced  
11 Practice Registered Nurse in the same role and specialty with  
12 prescribing privileges in another state or territory;

13 4. Submit documentation verifying successful completion of a  
14 graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education  
15 program that included an academic course in pharmacotherapeutic  
16 management, and didactic and clinical preparation for prescribing  
17 incorporated throughout the program;

18 5. Submit a written statement from an Oklahoma licensed  
19 physician supervising prescriptive authority as required by the  
20 Board in its rules;

21 6. Meet continued competency requirements as set forth in Board  
22 rules; and

23 7. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
24 in its rules.

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E. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license issued under this section shall be renewed concurrently with the registered nurse license provided that qualifying criteria continue to be met.

F. The Board may reinstate a license as set forth in Board rules.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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