

**21 NCAC 32M .0103 NURSE PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION**

(a) The Board of Nursing shall register an applicant as a nurse practitioner who:

- (1) has an ~~unrestricted active unencumbered~~ license to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina or compact state and, when applicable, an ~~unrestricted active unencumbered~~ approval, ~~registration~~ registration, or license as a nurse practitioner in another state, territory, or possession of the United States;
- (2) has successfully completed a nurse practitioner education program as outlined in Rule .0105 of this Subchapter;
- (3) is certified as a nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body consistent with 21 NCAC 36 .0801(8); and
- (4) has supplied additional information necessary to evaluate the application as requested.

(b) ~~Beginning Applicants who have graduated from a nurse practitioner program after January 1, 2005, new graduates of a nurse practitioner program,~~ who are seeking first-time nurse practitioner registration in North Carolina shall:

- (1) hold a Master's or higher degree in Nursing or related field with primary focus on Nursing;
- (2) have successfully completed a graduate level nurse practitioner education program accredited by a national accrediting body; and
- (3) provide documentation of certification by a national credentialing body.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-18(c)(14); 90-18.2; 90-171.36;*  
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*Amended Eff. September 1, 2012; November 1, 2008; December 1, 2006;*  
*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*  
*~~2016~~ 2016;*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2020.*