

**21 NCAC 32M .0105 EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION
AND APPROVAL AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER**

(a) A nurse practitioner applicant seeking with registration or first-time approval to practice after January 1, 2000, shall provide evidence of current certification or recertification as a nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body.

(b) A nurse practitioner applicant seeking registration or approval to practice who completed a nurse practitioner education program prior to December 31, 1999 shall provide evidence of successful completion of a course of education that contains a core curriculum including 400 contact hours of didactic education and 400 contact hours of preceptorship or supervised clinical experience. The core curriculum shall contain the following components:

- (1) health assessment and diagnostic reasoning including:
 - (A) historical data;
 - (B) physical examination data;
 - (C) organization of data base;
- (2) pharmacology;
- (3) pathophysiology;
- (4) clinical management of common health problems and diseases such as the following shall be evident in the nurse practitioner's academic program:
 - (A) respiratory system;
 - (B) cardiovascular system;
 - (C) gastrointestinal system;
 - (D) genitourinary system;
 - (E) integumentary system;
 - (F) hematologic and immune systems;
 - (G) endocrine system;
 - (H) musculoskeletal system;
 - (I) infectious diseases;
 - (J) nervous system;
 - (K) behavioral, mental health and substance abuse problems;
- (5) clinical preventative services including health promotion and prevention of disease;
- (6) client education related to Subparagraph (b)(4) and (5) of this Rule; and
- (7) role development including legal, ethical, economical, health ~~policy~~ policy, and interdisciplinary collaboration issues.

(c) Nurse practitioner applicants exempt from components of the core curriculum requirements listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule are:

- (1) Any nurse practitioner approved to practice in North Carolina prior to January 18, 1981, is permanently exempt from the core curriculum requirement.
- (2) A nurse practitioner certified by a national credentialing body prior to January 1, 1998, who also provides evidence of satisfying Subparagraphs (b)(1) – (3) of this Rule shall be exempt from core curriculum requirements in Sub-paragraphs (b)(4) – (7) of this Rule. Evidence of satisfying Subparagraphs (b)(1) – (3) of this Rule shall include:
 - (A) a narrative of course content; and
 - (B) contact hours.

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