

**21 NCAC 36 .0803 NURSE PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION**

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

- (1) has an active unencumbered license or privilege to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina or compact state and, when applicable, an active unencumbered approval, registration, or license as a nurse practitioner in another state, territory, or possession of the United States;
- (2) has completed a nurse practitioner education program as outlined in Rule .0805 of this Section;
- (3) is certified as a nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body consistent with Rule .0801(8) of this Section; and
- (4) has supplied additional information necessary to evaluate the application as requested by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

(b) Applicants who have graduated from a nurse practitioner program after January 1, 2005 who are seeking first-time nurse practitioner registration shall:

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

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