

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
5 Section 65-5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/65-5) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 65-5. Qualifications for APN licensure.

9 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements
10 of this Section shall be entitled to licensure as an advanced
11 practice nurse.

12 (b) An applicant for licensure to practice as an advanced
13 practice nurse must do each of the following:

14 (1) Submit a completed application and any fees as
15 established by the Department.

16 (2) Hold a current license to practice as a registered
17 professional nurse under this Act.

18 (3) Have successfully completed requirements to
19 practice as, and holds and maintains current, national
20 certification as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse
21 specialist, nurse practitioner, or certified registered
22 nurse anesthetist from the appropriate national certifying
23 body as determined by rule of the Department.

1 (4) Have obtained a graduate degree appropriate for
2 national certification in a clinical advanced practice
3 nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's
4 certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical
5 advanced practice nursing specialty.

6 (5) Have not violated the provisions of this Act
7 concerning the grounds for disciplinary action. The
8 Department may take into consideration any felony
9 conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction may not
10 operate as an absolute bar to licensure.

11 (6) Submit to the criminal history records check
12 required under Section 50-35 of this Act.

13 (b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure as
14 an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified
15 registered nurse anesthetist who does not have a graduate
16 degree as described in subsection (b) of this Section shall be
17 qualified for licensure if that person:

18 (1) submits evidence of having successfully completed
19 a nurse anesthesia program described in item (4) of
20 subsection (b) of this Section prior to January 1, 1999;

21 (2) submits evidence of certification as a registered
22 nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national certifying
23 body; and

24 (3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date
25 recertification status as a certified registered nurse
26 anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body.

1 (b-10) The Department shall issue a certified registered
2 nurse anesthetist license to an APN who (i) does not have a
3 graduate degree, (ii) applies for licensure before July 1, 2023
4 ~~2018~~, and (iii) submits all of the following to the Department:

5 (1) His or her current State registered nurse license
6 number.

7 (2) Proof of current national certification, which
8 includes the completion of an examination from either of
9 the following:

10 (A) the Council on Certification of the American
11 Association of Nurse Anesthetists; or

12 (B) the Council on Recertification of the American
13 Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

14 (3) Proof of the successful completion of a post-basic
15 advanced practice formal education program in the area of
16 nurse anesthesia prior to January 1, 1999.

17 (4) His or her complete work history for the 5-year
18 period immediately preceding the date of his or her
19 application.

20 (5) Verification of licensure as an advanced practice
21 nurse from the state in which he or she was originally
22 licensed, current state of licensure, and any other state
23 in which he or she has been actively practicing as an
24 advanced practice nurse within the 5-year period
25 immediately preceding the date of his or her application.
26 If applicable, this verification must state:

1 (A) the time during which he or she was licensed in
2 each state, including the date of the original issuance
3 of each license; and

4 (B) any disciplinary action taken or pending
5 concerning any nursing license held, currently or in
6 the past, by the applicant.

7 (6) The required fee.

8 (c) Those applicants seeking licensure in more than one
9 advanced practice nursing specialty need not possess multiple
10 graduate degrees. Applicants may be eligible for licenses for
11 multiple advanced practice nurse licensure specialties,
12 provided that the applicant (i) has met the requirements for at
13 least one advanced practice nursing specialty under paragraphs
14 (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, (ii) possesses
15 an additional graduate education that results in a certificate
16 for another clinical advanced practice nurse specialty and that
17 meets the requirements for the national certification from the
18 appropriate nursing specialty, and (iii) holds a current
19 national certification from the appropriate national
20 certifying body for that additional advanced practice nursing
21 specialty.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-837, eff. 1-1-15.)