



APRN Licensure for CNPs, CNSs, CNMs and CRNAs

HB 216 was effective in April 2017 and required that APRNs practicing with the designations of CNPs, CNSs, CNMs or CRNAs be “licensed” in Ohio rather than certified. HB 216 eliminated the certificate of authority (COA) and the Certificate to Prescribe (CTP). The new licenses include the authority to prescribe for APRN-CNPs, APRN-CNSs and APRN-CNMs. HB 216 did not grant prescribing authority to APRN-CRNAs. All Ohio APRNs were required to transition to APRN licensure by December 31, 2017 to prevent any disruption in their authority to practice.

To become a newly licensed APRN in Ohio, first become licensed as an RN in Ohio. Once RN licensure is obtained, apply for an APRN license, known as “Endorsement” in the Ohio eLicense system. In Ohio eLicense, from the RN dashboard, click on “Options” the “Apply for Endorsement”.

APRN license requirements include documentation of having earned a master’s or doctoral degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies an individual to sit for a certification exam by a national certifying organization, and documentation of having passed the certification examination.

In addition, licensure requirements for an APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, and APRN-CNM include 45 contact hours of advanced pharmacology education within the last five years prior to applying for the APRN license. The standard curriculum for a master’s degree in APRN nursing programs includes a 3-hour course (3 semester hours are equal to 45 contact hours) in advanced pharmacology. Therefore, Ohio APRN applicants who completed their master’s degree in nursing within the past 5 years should have obtained 45 hours of advanced pharmacology as part of their core curriculum. These applicants would meet the pharmacology education requirement to be licensed as an APRN. Applicants for APRN-CRNA licensure do not need to submit the 45 hours of advanced pharmacology, because APRN-CRNAs do not have authority to prescribe in Ohio.

Questions?

If you have questions concerning licensure, email the Board at LicensureAPRN@nursing.ohio.gov

If you have questions concerning practice, email the Board at PracticeAPRN@nursing.ohio.gov

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