



## Prescriptive Authority For Out-Of-State Applicants

SB 89 was enacted on December 28, 2009 and will be effective March 29, 2010. Revised applications for prescriptive authority are forthcoming. **SB 89 does not affect in-state applicants who hold a certificate of authority.**

Senate Bill 89 permits an out-of-state or federally employed advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority that includes controlled substances to obtain prescriptive authority in Ohio without completing an externship. To qualify, the applicant will need to meet requirements including the following:

- hold a current, valid certificate of authority in Ohio as a certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist
- evidence of having held, for a continuous period of at least one year during the three years immediately preceding the date of application, valid authority issued by another jurisdiction or of being employed by the federal government and authorized to prescribe therapeutic devices and drugs, including at least some controlled substances
- documentation from a licensed physician that the prescribing component of the nurse's practice was overseen or supervised by a licensed physician in the other jurisdiction or a licensed physician employed by the federal government
- completion of a Board approved two-hour course in Ohio laws governing drugs and prescriptive authority

Senate Bill 89 also permits an out-of-state or federally employed advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority that does not include controlled substances to obtain prescriptive authority in Ohio with a limited externship. To qualify, the applicant will need to meet requirements including the following:

- hold a current, valid certificate of authority in Ohio as a certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist
- evidence of having held, for a continuous period of at least one year during the three years immediately preceding the date of application, valid authority issued by another jurisdiction or of being employed by the federal government and authorized to prescribe therapeutic devices and drugs (with the exception of controlled substances)
- documentation from a licensed physician that the prescribing component of the nurse's practice was overseen or supervised by a licensed physician in the other jurisdiction or a licensed physician employed by the federal government
- completion of a Board approved two-hour course in Ohio laws governing drugs and prescriptive authority
- completion of 500 hours of direct supervision (externship)

**\*\* Please note\*\*** Individuals who currently hold an externship certificate will need to complete their externship. SB 89 does not apply retroactively to current externship holders.

For questions related to a Certificate to Prescribe application, please contact the Advanced Practice Unit at [apn@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:apn@nursing.ohio.gov) or (614) 995-3680 or (614) 466-6180. (2/2010)