



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4723.41 Requirements for practicing nurse-midwifery or other specialty.

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(A) Each person who desires to practice nursing as a certified nurse-midwife and has not been authorized to practice midwifery prior to December 1, 1967, and each person who desires to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner shall file with the board of nursing a written application for a license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designation in the desired specialty. The application must be filed, under oath, on a form prescribed by the board accompanied by the application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code.

Except as provided in division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, at the time of making application, the applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Be a registered nurse;
- (2) Submit documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has earned a master's or doctoral degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination of a national certifying organization approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Submit documentation satisfactory to the board of having passed the certification examination of a national certifying organization approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code to examine and certify, as applicable, nurse-midwives, registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, or nurse practitioners;
- (4) Submit an affidavit with the application that states all of the following:
 - (a) That the applicant is the person named in the documents submitted under this section and is the lawful possessor thereof;



(b) The applicant's age, residence, the school at which the applicant obtained education in the applicant's nursing specialty, and any other facts that the board requires;

(c) The specialty in which the applicant seeks designation.

(B)(1) A certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who is practicing or has practiced as such in another jurisdiction other than another state may apply for a license by endorsement to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designation as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner in this state if the nurse meets the requirements set forth in division (A) of this section or division (B)(2) of this section.

(2) If an applicant who is practicing or has practiced in another jurisdiction other than another state applies for designation under division (B)(2) of this section, the application shall be submitted to the board in the form prescribed by rules of the board and be accompanied by the application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code. The application shall include evidence that the applicant meets the requirements of division (B)(2) of this section, holds authority to practice nursing and is in good standing in another jurisdiction other than another state granted after meeting requirements approved by the entity of that jurisdiction that regulates nurses, and other information required by rules of the board of nursing.

With respect to the educational requirements and national certification requirements that an applicant under division (B)(2) of this section must meet, both of the following apply:

(a) If the applicant is a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who, on or before December 31, 2000, obtained certification in the applicant's nursing specialty with a national certifying organization listed in division (A)(3) of section 4723.41 of the Revised Code as that division existed prior to March 20, 2013, or that was at that time approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code, the applicant must have maintained the certification. The applicant is not required to have earned a master's or doctoral degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination.



(b) If the applicant is a clinical nurse specialist, one of the following must apply to the applicant:

(i) On or before December 31, 2000, the applicant obtained a master's or doctoral degree with a major in a clinical area of nursing from an educational institution accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization. The applicant is not required to have passed a certification examination.

(ii) On or before December 31, 2000, the applicant obtained a master's or doctoral degree in nursing or a related field and was certified as a clinical nurse specialist by the American nurses credentialing center or another national certifying organization that was at that time approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code.

(3) The board shall grant a license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an advanced practice registered nurse in a state that does not issue that license.

(4) The board may grant a nonrenewable temporary permit to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse to an applicant for licensure under division (B)(2) or (3) of this section if the board is satisfied by the evidence that the applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license in or equivalent authorization from another jurisdiction. Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a temporary permit issued under this division. The temporary permit shall expire at the earlier of one hundred eighty days after issuance or upon the issuance of a license under division (B)(2) or (3) of this section.

(C) An applicant who desires to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner is exempt from the educational requirements in division (A)(2) of this section if all of the following are the case:

(1) Before January 1, 2001, the board issued to the applicant a certificate of authority to practice as a



certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner;

(2) The applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant obtained certification in the applicant's nursing specialty with a national certifying organization listed in division (A)(3) of section 4723.41 of the Revised Code as that division existed prior to March 20, 2013, or that was at that time approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code;

(3) The applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has maintained the certification described in division (C)(2) of this section.

(D) An applicant who desires to practice as a clinical nurse specialist is exempt from the examination requirement in division (A)(3) of this section if both of the following are the case:

(1) Before January 1, 2001, the board issued to the applicant a certificate of authority to practice as a clinical nurse specialist;

(2) The applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant earned either of the following:

(a) A master's or doctoral degree with a major in a clinical area of nursing from an educational institution accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization;

(b) A master's or doctoral degree in nursing or a related field and was certified as a clinical nurse specialist by the American nurses credentialing center or another national certifying organization that was at that time approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code.