



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 authorization to practice nursing in the desired specialty, under oath, on a form prescribed by the board.

Except as provided in division (B) 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 graduate 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 divisions (A)(2) and (3) of 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) If the applicant is already engaged in the practice of nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, the period during which and the place where the applicant is engaged;

(d) If the applicant is already engaged in the practice of nursing as a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, the names and business addresses of the applicant's current collaborating physicians and podiatrists.

(B)(1) A certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who is practicing as such in another jurisdiction may apply for a certificate of authority to practice nursing 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 for a certificate of authority set forth in division (A) of this section or division (B)(2) of this section.

(2) If an applicant practicing in another jurisdiction applies for a certificate of authority 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 a license or certificate to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner in good standing in another jurisdiction granted after meeting requirements approved by the entity of that jurisdiction that licenses 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 the effective date of this amendment 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 graduate 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 graduate 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 graduate 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.