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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSURE - NURSE PRACTITIONER

Virginia law and regulations require that nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists must be licensed as nurse practitioners by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine prior to beginning practice in the Commonwealth. Also, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists must be currently licensed as a registered nurse in Virginia or hold a current multi-state licensure privilege as a registered nurse in a compact state.

There is no authority in the law or regulations for practice pending licensure in Virginia, except, provisional licensure may be granted provided the Board has received evidence of the applicant's eligibility to sit for the certifying exam directly from the national certifying body following receipt of the application for NP licensure and transcript from approved NP program. Verification of professional certification must be sent as soon as it is available.

An application for licensure is enclosed. For a copy of the nurse practitioner regulations, please go to our website: www.dhp.virginia.gov. The completed application form and required fee is to be returned to the address shown above. The following is required to support the application:

APPLICATION – EXAMINATION

FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS:

1. A transcript from a graduate degree program in nursing designed to prepare nurse practitioners must be sent directly to this office from the school.
2. Request verification of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant's education preparation issued by one of the agencies listed in 18 VAC 90-30-90 of the regulations or evidence that you are scheduled to take the next available certifying examination be sent to the Board of Nursing office from the professional certification organization (copy of card or certificate will not be accepted). (For CRNA's, if you are listed on the AANA website, on a separate piece of paper, please indicate this fact and provide your social security number and AANA number.)

FOR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES:

1. A transcript from a graduate degree program in nursing designed to prepare nurse midwives must be sent directly to this office from the school.
2. Request verification of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant's education preparation issued by the American College of Nurse Midwives or evidence that you are scheduled to take the next available certifying examination be sent to the Board of Nursing office from the ACNM (copy of card or certificate will not be accepted).

PLEASE NOTE: An additional application and fee is required for prescriptive authority. Please contact the Board office for details.

FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS:

1. A transcript from a graduate degree program in nursing designed to prepare nurse anesthetists must be sent directly to this office from the school.
2. Request verification of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant's education preparation issued from the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or evidence that you are scheduled to take the next available certifying examination be sent to the Board of Nursing office from the Council (copy of card or certificate will not be accepted) (For CRNA's, if you are listed on the AANA website, on a separate piece of paper, please indicate this fact and provide your social security number and AANA number.)

APPLICATION – ENDORSEMENT

1. A transcript from a program in nursing designed to prepare nurse practitioners must be sent directly to this office from the school.
2. Request verification of licensure as a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse in another U.S. jurisdiction with a license in good standing to be mailed directly to our office from the jurisdiction.
3. Request verification of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant's education preparation issued by one of the agencies listed in 18 VAC 90-30-90 of the regulations to be mailed directly to our office from the certifying agency. (For CRNA's, if you are listed on the AANA website, on a separate piece of paper, please indicate this fact and provide your social security number and AANA number.)

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