WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-7-7

§30-7-7. License to practice advanced practice registered nursing.

(a) The board may issue an advanced practice registered nurse license to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

(1) Is at least 18 years of age;

(2) Is currently certified by a national certification organization, approved by the board, in one or more of the following nationally recognized advance practice registered nursing roles: Certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner;

(3) Has paid the application fee specified by legislative rule; and

(4) Is not an alcohol or drug abuser, as these terms are defined in §27-1A-11 of this code, unless an applicant in an active recovery process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced by participation in a Nurse Health Program, structured aftercare, or a 12-step program or other similar group or process, may be considered.

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse license issued by the board and in good standing on the effective date of the amendments to this section shall for all purposes be considered an advanced practice registered nurse license issued under this section: *Provided*, That a person holding an advanced practice registered nurse license shall renew the license.

(c) An applicant, who is licensed in another jurisdiction as an advanced practice registered nurse, is eligible to apply for licensure.

(d) By virtue of being a licensed advanced practice registered nurse that person is also licensed as a registered professional nurse. The board may not charge an additional fee for registered professional nurse license

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