

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 15-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/15-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 15-10. Advanced practice nurse; qualifications;  
9 roster.

10 (a) A person shall be qualified for licensure as an  
11 advanced practice nurse if that person:

12 (1) has applied in writing in form and substance  
13 satisfactory to the Department and has not violated a  
14 provision of this Act or the rules adopted under this Act.  
15 The Department may take into consideration any felony  
16 conviction of the applicant but a conviction shall not  
17 operate as an absolute bar to licensure;

18 (2) holds a current license to practice as a registered  
19 nurse in Illinois;

20 (3) has successfully completed requirements to  
21 practice as, and holds a current, national certification  
22 as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse  
23 practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist  
24 from the appropriate national certifying body as  
25 determined by rule of the Department;

26 (4) has paid the required fees as set by rule; and

27 (5) has obtained a graduate degree appropriate for  
28 national certification in a clinical advanced practice  
29 nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's  
30 certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical  
31 advanced practice nursing specialty ~~successfully completed~~  
32 ~~a post-basic advanced practice formal education program in~~

1 ~~the area of his or her nursing specialty.~~

2 (b) Those applicants seeking licensure in more than one  
3 advanced practice nursing category need not possess multiple  
4 graduate degrees. Applicants may be eligible for licenses for  
5 multiple advanced practice nurse licensure categories,  
6 provided that the applicant (i) has met the requirements for at  
7 least one advanced practice nursing specialty under paragraphs  
8 (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, (ii) possesses  
9 an additional graduate education that results in a certificate  
10 for another clinical advanced practice nurse category and that  
11 meets the requirements for the national certification from the  
12 appropriate nursing specialty, and (iii) holds a current  
13 national certification from the appropriate national  
14 certifying body for that additional advanced practice nursing  
15 category. In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection  
16 (a), except item (5) of that subsection, beginning July 1, 2001  
17 or 12 months after the adoption of final rules to implement  
18 this Section, whichever is sooner, applicants for initial  
19 licensure shall have a graduate degree appropriate for national  
20 certification in a clinical advanced practice nursing  
21 specialty.

22 (b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure as  
23 an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified  
24 registered nurse anesthetist who applies on or before December  
25 31, 2006 and does not have a graduate degree as described in  
26 subsection (b) shall be qualified for licensure if that person:

27 (1) submits evidence of having successfully completed  
28 a nurse anesthesia program described in item (5) of  
29 subsection (a) of this Section prior to January 1, 1999;

30 (2) submits evidence of certification as a registered  
31 nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national certifying  
32 body, as determined by rule of the Department; and

33 (3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date  
34 recertification status as a certified registered nurse  
35 anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body,  
36 as determined by rule of the Department.

1           (c) The Department shall provide by rule for APN licensure  
2 of registered professional nurses who (1) apply for licensure  
3 before July 1, 2001 and (2) submit evidence of completion of a  
4 program described in item (5) of subsection (a) or in  
5 subsection (b) and evidence of practice for at least 10 years  
6 as a nurse practitioner.

7           (d) The Department shall maintain a separate roster of  
8 advanced practice nurses licensed under this Title and their  
9 licenses shall indicate "Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice  
10 Nurse".

11           (Source: P.A. 93-296, eff. 7-22-03.)

12           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.