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Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (209)

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The qualifications for an Illinois advanced practice registered nurse license are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.400. Part 1300 may be referred to as [the nursing rules](#).

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Current licensure as an Illinois registered professional nurse (prefix 041).
- Current national certification as a Nurse Midwife from the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB); or
- Current national certification as a Nurse Practitioner from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), the American Nurses Credential Center (ANCC), the National Certification Corporation (NCC), or the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB); or
- Current national certification as a Registered Nurse Anesthetist from the National Board of Certification & Recertification or Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA); or
- Current national certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).
- Successful completion of a graduate degree that qualifies for national certification in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty specified in 68 IAC 1300.400 (a)(2); or Successful completion of a graduate degree or a post-master's certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty specified in 68 IAC 1300.400 (a)(2).
- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement must be actively licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in another state or jurisdiction of the United States or a foreign jurisdiction.

Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the [CORE licensing system](#).