



IDFPR

Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Controlled Substances (309)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- A written collaborative agreement is required in accordance with Section 65-35 of the Nursing Practice Act [225 ILCS 65/35] for an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to practice in Illinois. The only exception is provided for APRNs who practice in a hospital, federally qualified health center, or ambulatory surgical treatment center.
- The collaborating physician or podiatric physician must include and maintain the guidelines for delegated prescriptive authority in the written collaboration agreement. The delegation must be appropriate to the collaborating physician's practice and within the scope of the APRN's training. Agreements must be made available to the Division of Professional Regulation upon request. Licensed dentists may not delegate prescriptive authority.
- An APRN who has been delegated prescriptive authority by a collaborating physician or podiatric physician must obtain a mid-level practitioner controlled substances license (prefix 309) in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.430.
- The collaborating physician or podiatric physician must have a valid Illinois controlled substances license and a federal registration with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.
- The collaborating physician or podiatric physician must file a notice of written collaborative agreement, and a notice of delegation for controlled substances including Schedules II, III, IV, V, as defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Delegated authority for Schedule II controlled substances requires verification that the APRN has completed 45 graduate contact hours in pharmacology in an accredited nursing program.
- When a collaborative agreement or delegated prescriptive authority is terminated, the collaborating physician or podiatric physician must submit a written notice of termination to the Division within 10 days.

You may view the Act and Rules for your profession on the Division's web site at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.html>.

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