

GUIDE FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LICENSE APPLICATIONS



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Effective July 24, 2024, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) updated our current licensing system to enable professionals to submit controlled substance license applications, even when there is no superior license present for their credentials (for example, a physician applicant can apply for their controlled substance license without having an active physician license, or they can apply for them both at the SAME time). The following license types can currently do this:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Dentists
- Physicians
- Optometrists
- Physician Assistants



For Example:

An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse is required to hold a Registered Nurse license (041), an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license (209), and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Controlled Substance license (309). **All three licenses can be applied for at the same time.**

A Full Practice Advanced Practice Registered Nurse is required to hold a Registered Nurse license (041), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license (209), a Full Practice Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license (277), and a Full Practice Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Controlled Substance license (377). **All four licenses can be applied for at the same time.**

As IDFPR transitions healthcare licensing to our new online licensing system ([CORE](#)), we want you to know that all applicants will be able to submit more than one application within the same transaction. Applicants and licensees with questions can contact IDFPR's licensing call center at 1-800-560-6420.

