

# Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the  
ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
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## Arkansas State Board of Nursing

### MEDICATION ASSISTANT (MA-C)

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-705. Scope of work.

(a) (1) A medication assistive person may perform the delegated nursing function of medication administration and related tasks in accordance with rules promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) A medication assistive person shall perform medication administration and related tasks only:

- (A) At a designated facility; and
- (B) Under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

(3)

(A) Medication administration shall be limited to the administration of nonprescription and legend drugs ordered by an authorized prescriber by the following methods:

- (i) Orally;
- (ii) Topically;
- (iii) Drops for eye, ear, or nose;
- (iv) Vaginally;
- (v) Rectally;
- (vi) Transdermally; and
- (vii) Via oral inhaler.

(B) Medication administration by a medication assistive person shall not include controlled substances.

(b) A medication assistive person shall not:

- (1) Receive, have access to, or administer any controlled substance;
- (2) Administer parenteral, enteral, or injectable medications;
- (3) Administer any substances by nasogastric or gastrostomy tubes;
- (4) Calculate drug dosages;
- (5) Destroy medication;
- (6) Receive orders, either in writing or verbally, for new or changed medications;
- (7) Transcribe orders from the medical record;

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- (8) Order initial medications;
- (9) Evaluate medication error reports;
- (10) Perform treatments;
- (11) Conduct patient assessments or evaluations; or
- (12) Engage in patient teaching activities.

Rules  
SECTION V  
SCOPE OF WORK

A. A MA-C may perform the delegated function of medication administration and related tasks under the supervision of a licensed nurse. A MA-C shall not administer any medication which requires nursing assessment or judgment prior to administration, evaluation and follow up, even if the medication is given by an approved medication route. A MA-C shall not administer medications to more than forty (40) patients during a shift.

B. APPROVED MEDICATION ROUTES

The routes in which nonprescription and legend drugs may be administered by a MA-C when delegated by a licensed nurse include:

- 1. Orally
- 2. Topically
- 3. Drops for eye, ear or nose
- 4. Vaginally
- 5. Rectally
- 6. Transdermally
- 7. Oral inhaler

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-704. Qualifications.

(a) In order to be certified as a medication assistive person, an applicant shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:

(1)

(A) Is currently listed in good standing on the state's certified nurse aide registry;

(B) Has maintained registration on the state's certified nurse aide registry continuously for a minimum of one (1) year;

(C) Has completed at least one (1) continuous year of full-time experience as a certified nurse aide in this state;

(D) Is currently employed at a designated facility;

(E) Has a high school diploma or the equivalent;

(F) Has successfully completed a literacy and reading comprehension screening process approved by the board;

(G) Has successfully completed a medication assistive person training course of not less than one hundred (100) hours approved by the board; and

(H) Has successfully passed an examination on subjects the board determines; or

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(2)

(A) Has completed a portion of a nursing education program equivalent to the medication assistive person training course; and

(B) Passed the medication aide examination.

(b) The board may issue a certification as a medication assistive person by endorsement to an applicant who has been licensed or certified as a medication assistive person under the laws of another state or territory, if:

(1) In the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications of medication assistive persons in this state; and

(2) The board recommends certification.

(c) Any person holding a certification as a medication assistive person shall have the right to use the title “medication assistive person” and the abbreviation “M.A.P.”.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

Yes

**Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$35.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$65.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal Penalty	\$50.00	Once
Fee	Renewal	\$40.00	Biennially
Fee	Certification Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement Fee	\$10.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter08.2007.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN NURSE (LPTN)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
 (11) “Practice of psychiatric technician nursing” means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a licensed psychiatric technician nurse that are relevant to the care of the physically and mentally impaired, injured, or infirm or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board, and the carrying out of medical orders under the direction of a professional registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician, or a licensed dentist, when such activities do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and

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knowledge required in professional nursing; and

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-305. Licensed psychiatric technician nurses.

(a) Qualifications. An applicant for a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:

(1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and

(2) Has completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of psychiatric technician nurses and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom. However, the board may waive this requirement if the board determines the applicant to be otherwise qualified.

(b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a psychiatric technician nurse may be issued:

(1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral examination. Upon successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a psychiatric technician nurse. All such examinations shall be conducted by an examiner, who shall be a registered nurse, and by an assistant examiner, who shall be a licensed psychiatric technician nurse; or

(2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing by endorsement to an applicant who has duly been licensed or registered as a licensed psychiatric technician nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed psychiatric technician nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.

(c) Person Licensed Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license to practice as a psychiatric technician issued by the board in accordance with Acts 1953, No. 124 [repealed], and which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a psychiatric technician nurse under the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title “licensed psychiatric technician nurse” and the abbreviation “L.P.T.N.”.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

No

- [Rule for Expedited Process and Procedure for Military Service Member or Spouse](#)

Fees & Penalties			
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Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$100.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$90.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents	
Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter02-12-29-18.doc</a>

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Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

APRN: CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (CNM)

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 28

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102 (5) "Practice of certified nurse midwifery" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a certified nurse midwife that are relevant to the management of women's health care, focusing on pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn, family planning, and gynecological needs of women within a healthcare system that provides for consultation, collaborative management, or referral as indicated by the health status of the client;

Rules, Chapter 2 SECTION I SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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Section VI STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE

- A. PURPOSE 1. To establish standards essential for safe practice by the advanced practice registered nurse. 2. To serve as a guide for evaluation of advanced nursing practice. B. STANDARDS FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING 1. The advanced practice registered nurse shall assess clients at an advanced level, identify health status including abnormal conditions, establish a diagnosis, develop and implement treatment plans and evaluate client outcomes. 2. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members. 3. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his/her practice category. 4. The advanced practice registered nurse shall have knowledge of the statutes and rules governing advanced nursing practice, and function within the legal boundaries of the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing category. 5. The advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign the following official documents: a. Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; b. Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic activities; c. Physicals for bus drivers; d. Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders; e. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness;

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- f. Death certificate;
  - g. Workers' compensation forms;
  - h. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; and
  - i. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
6. The advanced practice registered nurse shall recognize the APRN's limits of knowledge and experience, planning for situations beyond expertise, and collaborating with or referring clients to other health care providers as appropriate.
7. The advanced practice registered nurse shall retain professional accountability for advanced practice nursing care when delegating interventions.
8. The advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge and skills in the advanced practice nursing category.
9. Rules which apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.
10. The APRN shall comply with the standards for registered nurses as specified in Chapter 1. Standards for a specific role and population focus of APRN supersede standards for registered nurses where conflict between the standards, if any, exists.

C. In addition to the standards, the advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in accordance with the standards established by the national certifying body from which the APRN holds his or her certification required for licensure. These standards shall have been reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-101. License required – Purpose.

- (a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:
- (1) Professional nursing;
  - (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;
  - (3) Registered practitioner nursing;
  - (4) Practical nursing; or
  - (5) Psychiatric technician nursing.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

No

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<b>Fees &amp; Penalties</b>			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial Licensure	\$125.00	Once
Fee	Certificate of Prescriptive Authority	\$160.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$65.00	Biennially
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once
Fee	License Verification	\$3.00	Once

<b>Administrative Rules Documents</b>	
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Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter04- Effective 12-29-18.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**APRN: CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102  
(6) "Practice of certified nurse practitioner nursing" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a registered nurse who, as demonstrated by national certification, has advanced knowledge and practice skills in the delivery of nursing services;

Rules Chapter 4  
SECTION I  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in a manner consistent with the definition of the practice of advanced practice registered nursing set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated §17-87-102 (4) (5)(6)(7)(8), and in accordance with the scope of practice defined by the appropriate national certifying body and the standards set forth in these rules. The advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) may provide health care for which the APRN is educationally prepared and for which competence has been attained and maintained.

SECTION VI  
STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE

A. PURPOSE

1. To establish standards essential for safe practice by the advanced practice registered nurse.
2. To serve as a guide for evaluation of advanced nursing practice.

B. STANDARDS FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING

1. The advanced practice registered nurse shall assess clients at an advanced level, identify health status including abnormal conditions, establish a diagnosis, develop and implement treatment plans and evaluate client outcomes.
2. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.
3. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his/her practice category.
4. The advanced practice registered nurse shall have knowledge of the statutes and rules governing advanced nursing practice, and function within the legal boundaries of the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing category.
5. The advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign the following official documents:
  - a. Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle;
  - b. Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic activities;
  - c. Physicals for bus drivers;
  - d. Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
  - e. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness;
  - f. Death certificate;
  - g. Workers' compensation forms;

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- h. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; and
- i. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
- 6. The advanced practice registered nurse shall recognize the APRN’s limits of knowledge and experience, planning for situations beyond expertise, and collaborating with or referring clients to other health care providers as appropriate.
- 7. The advanced practice registered nurse shall retain professional accountability for advanced practice nursing care when delegating interventions.
- 8. The advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge and skills in the advanced practice nursing category.
- 9. Rules which apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 10. The APRN shall comply with the standards for registered nurses as specified in Chapter 1. Standards for a specific role and population focus of APRN supersede standards for registered nurses where conflict between the standards, if any, exists.

C. In addition to the standards, the advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in accordance with the standards established by the national certifying body from which the APRN holds his or her certification required for licensure. These standards shall have been reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-101. License required – Purpose.

(a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:

- (1) Professional nursing;
- (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;
- (3) Registered practitioner nursing;
- (4) Practical nursing; or
- (5) Psychiatric technician nursing.

(b) It is unlawful for any person not licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:

- (1) To practice or offer to practice professional nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, registered practitioner nursing, practical nursing, or psychiatric technician nursing; or
- (2) To use any sign, card, or device to indicate that the person is a professional registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, or a licensed psychiatric technician nurse.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

No

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<b>Fees &amp; Penalties</b>			
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Fee	License Renewal	\$65.00	Biennially
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Certificate of Prescriptive Authority	\$160.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from inactive	\$10.00	Once

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Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter04- Effective 12-29-18.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**APRN: CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102  
(6) "Practice of certified nurse practitioner nursing" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a registered nurse who, as demonstrated by national certification, has advanced knowledge and practice skills in the delivery of nursing services;

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in a manner consistent with the definition of the practice of advanced practice registered nursing set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated §17-87-102 (4) (5)(6)(7)(8), and in accordance with the scope of practice defined by the appropriate national certifying body and the standards set forth in these rules. The advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) may provide health care for which the APRN is educationally prepared and for which competence has been attained and maintained.

SECTION VI  
STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE

- A. PURPOSE
  - 1. To establish standards essential for safe practice by the advanced practice registered nurse.
  - 2. To serve as a guide for evaluation of advanced nursing practice.
- B. STANDARDS FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING
  - 1. The advanced practice registered nurse shall assess clients at an advanced level, identify health status including abnormal conditions, establish a diagnosis, develop and implement treatment plans and evaluate client outcomes.
  - 2. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.
  - 3. The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his/her practice category.
  - 4. The advanced practice registered nurse shall have knowledge of the statutes and rules governing advanced nursing practice, and function within the legal boundaries of the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing category.
  - 5. The advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign the following official documents:
    - a. Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle;
    - b. Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic

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- activities;
- c. Physicals for bus drivers;
  - d. Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
  - e. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness;
  - f. Death certificate;
  - g. Workers' compensation forms;
  - h. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; and
  - i. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
6. The advanced practice registered nurse shall recognize the APRN's limits of knowledge and experience, planning for situations beyond expertise, and collaborating with or referring clients to other health care providers as appropriate.
7. The advanced practice registered nurse shall retain professional accountability for advanced practice nursing care when delegating interventions.
8. The advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge and skills in the advanced practice nursing category.
9. Rules which apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.
10. The APRN shall comply with the standards for registered nurses as specified in Chapter 1. Standards for a specific role and population focus of APRN supersede standards for registered nurses where conflict between the standards, if any, exists.
- C. In addition to the standards, the advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in accordance with the standards established by the national certifying body from which the APRN holds his or her certification required for licensure. These standards shall have been reviewed and accepted by the Board.
- D. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR CRNAs
- 1. The CRNA, acting in the normal course of his/her professional practice, may be authorized by a hospital or institution to act as their agent or employee to order the administration of controlled substances under the DEA registration of the hospital or institution.
  - 2. The CRNA may order nurses to administer drugs preoperatively and/or postoperatively in connection with an anesthetic and/or other operative or invasive procedure that will be or has been provided.
  - 3. The CRNA's order shall be directly related to the administration of drugs preoperatively and/or postoperatively in connection with an anesthetic and/or other operative or invasive procedure that will be or has been provided.
  - 4. A CRNA who has not been granted authority by a DEA registrant as described in Title 21 CFR 1301.22, or its successor to order the administration of controlled substances shall give all orders as verbal orders from the supervising physician, dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia.
  - 5. The CRNA shall be responsible for complying with all applicable state and federal laws and rules related to medications.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-101. License required – Purpose.

- (a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:
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  - (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;
  - (3) Registered practitioner nursing;
  - (4) Practical nursing; or
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- (b) It is unlawful for any person not licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:
  - (1) To practice or offer to practice professional nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, registered practitioner nursing, practical nursing, or psychiatric technician nursing; or
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**Fees & Penalties**

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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**APRN: CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
(8) "Practice of clinical nurse specialist nursing" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a registered nurse who, through study and supervised practice at the graduate level and as evidenced by national certification, has advanced knowledge and practice skills in a specialized area of nursing practice;

Rules, Chapter 4,  
SECTION I  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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Section VI  
STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE

APRN: CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) (Continued)

- A. PURPOSE
  - 1. To establish standards essential for safe practice by the advanced practice registered nurse.
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Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive Status	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once
Fee	License Verificaton	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Certificate of Prescriptive Authority	\$160.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

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Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter04- Effective 12-29-18.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 14492

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
 (9) "Practice of licensed practical nursing" means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a licensed practical nurse that are relevant to the care of the ill, injured, or infirm, or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board, under the direction of a registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician, or a licensed dentist that do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in professional nursing;

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-304. Licensed practical nurses.

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) (Continued)**

(a) Qualifications. An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:

(1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and

(2) Has completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of practical nurses and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom. However, the board may waive this requirement if the board determines the applicant to be otherwise qualified.

(b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a practical nurse may be issued:

(1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successful completion of the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse; or

(2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice practical nursing by endorsement to any applicant who has duly been licensed or registered as a licensed practical nurse or to a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.

(c) Person Licensed Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license to practice as a practical nurse issued by the board and which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a practical nurse under the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice practical nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N."

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

No

- [Rule for Expedited Process and Procedure for Military Service Member or Spouse](#)

<b>Fees &amp; Penalties</b>			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$125.00	Once
Fee	International Licensure	\$200.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$90.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	PN Equivalency Licensure	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Reactivation from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter02-12-29-18.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**REGISTERED NURSE (RN)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
 (10) "Practice of professional nursing" means the performance by a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse for compensation of any acts involving:  
 (A) The observation, care, and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm;  
 (B) The maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others;  
 (C) The supervision and teaching of other personnel;  
 (D) The delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board; or  
 (E) The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by practitioners authorized to prescribe and treat in accordance with state law when such acts require substantial specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social sciences;

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-301. Registered nurses.  
 (a) Qualifications. Before taking the examination or before the issuance of a license by endorsement, an applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:  
 (1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and  
 (2) Has completed the required approved professional nursing education program.  
 (b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a registered nurse may be issued:  
 (1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse; or  
 (2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.  
 (c) Nurses Registered Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under the provisions of this chapter.  
 (d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice professional nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title "registered nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

- [Rule for Expedited Process and Procedure for Military Service Member or Spouse](#)

Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency

**Arkansas State Board of Nursing (Continued)**

**REGISTERED NURSE (RN) (Continued)**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$125.00	Once
Fee	International Licensure	\$200.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$100.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

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Rules	<a href="#">Rules.Chapter02- 12-29-18.doc</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER (RNP)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102 (12)

(A) “Practice of registered nurse practitioner nursing” means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a registered nurse practitioner that are relevant to the delivery of healthcare services in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician or under the direction of protocols developed with a licensed physician.

(B) A registered nurse practitioner is authorized to engage in nursing practices as recognized by the nursing profession and as authorized by the board.

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE

**A. REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

A registered nurse practitioner is a licensed professional nurse prepared in the manner stated herein who provides direct care to individuals, families, and other groups in a variety of settings, including homes, hospitals, offices, industry, schools, and other institutions and health care settings. The service provided by the nurse practitioner is directed toward the delivery of primary, secondary, and tertiary care which focuses on the achievement and maintenance of optimal functions in the population. The nurse practitioner engages in independent decision making about the nursing care needs of clients and collaborates with health professionals and others in making decisions about other health care needs. The practitioner plans and institutes health care programs as a member of the health care team. The nurse practitioner is directly accountable and responsible to the recipient for the quality of care rendered.

Rules which apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.

**B. ACTS PROPER TO BE PERFORMED BY A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

1. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts at the advanced and specialized levels as recognized by the nursing profession and which are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act.

REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER (RNP) (Continued)

- a. Secures, records, and evaluates the health, psychosocial, and developmental history of patients;
  - b. Performs physical examinations using techniques of observation, inspection, auscultation, palpation and percussion, and uses appropriate diagnostic tests;
  - c. Discriminates between normal and abnormal findings on the history and physical examination and refers the individuals who need further evaluation or supervision;
  - d. Documents the processes of nursing care delivery;
  - e. Contributes to the comprehensive care of the ill in collaboration with the health care team.
  - f. Coordinates health care plans to enhance the quality of health care and diminish both fragmentation and duplication of service;
  - g. Contributes to the health education of individuals and groups and applies methods designed to increase each person's motivation to assume responsibility for his own health care;
  - h. Facilitates entry into and through the health care system by appropriate route;
  - i. Counsels with families and/or individuals regarding family planning, pregnancy, child care, emotional stresses, long term illness, and general health problems;
  - j. Performs periodic health evaluations and plans for health maintenance of clients; and
  - k. Conducts community clinics for case finding and screening for health problems.
  - 2. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts recognized by the nursing profession and which are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act.
    - a. Assumes responsibility for ongoing health maintenance and clinical management of stable chronically ill patients;
    - b. Provides initial care of emergencies and initiates arrangements for continuing definitive care;
    - c. Identifies, manages, and initiates treatment for common medical problems by "Protocols" as described in Section I.C.; and
    - d. Evaluates progress and manages prenatal and postpartum care.
- C. PROTOCOLS
- 1. Any nurse practicing as a registered nurse practitioner shall practice in accordance with protocols developed in collaboration with and signed by a licensed physician.
  - 2. Protocols shall address:
    - a. Established procedures for the management of common medical problems in the practice setting;
    - b. The degree to which collaboration, independent action, and supervision are required; and
    - c. Acts including, but not limited to, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and evaluation.
  - 3. Protocols shall not include controlled substances.
  - 4. Documentation.
    - a. Orders transmitted from protocols shall be documented on the client's medical record;
    - b. Orders transmitted from protocols to inpatient medical records shall contain:
      - (1) Name of medication, therapeutic device, or treatment;
      - (2) Strength;
      - (3) Dose;
      - (4) Length of time or amount prescribed;
      - (5) Directions for use;
      - (6) RNP Signature; and
      - (7) Physician's name, printed, followed by notation "protocol."
  - 5. Any deviation from written protocols shall require:
    - a. A specific written or verbal order from the collaborating physician before the order is transmitted or implemented; and
    - b. Documentation in the medical record as specified in 4b. (1)-(6) above, and notation that order was by consultation, to be signed by the RNP.
  - 6. Review of Protocols
    - a. The RNP shall document annual joint review with the licensed physician, and revise when necessary.
    - b. The RNP shall, upon request, provide the Board with current protocols.
  - 7. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit any registered nurse practitioner

**REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER (RNP) (Continued)**

from transmitting a prescription order orally or telephonically, or from administering a legend drug pursuant to a lawful direction of a licensed physician, dentist, or advanced practice nurse who holds a certificate of prescriptive authority.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-303. Registered nurse practitioners.

(a) (1) Any person holding a license to practice as a registered nurse and possessing the educational qualifications required under subsection (b) of this section to be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner, upon application and payment of necessary fees to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, may be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner and have the right to use the title of “registered nurse practitioner” and the abbreviation “R.N.P.”.

(2) No other person shall assume such a title or use such an abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using them is a registered nurse practitioner.

(b) In order to be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner, a registered nurse must hold a certificate or academic degree evidencing successful completion of the educational program of an accredited school of nursing or other nationally recognized accredited program recognized by the board as meeting the requirements of a nurse practitioner program.

(c) However, any person qualified to receive a license as a registered nurse practitioner may obtain the license upon the payment of a fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the original license. The license fees are to be in addition to the person's registered nurse license fees.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-1-106, do you provide automatic licensure to an active military service member, returning military veteran applying for licensure within one year of his or her discharge from active duty, or the spouse of an active military service member or returning military veteran who is within one year of discharge from active duty?

Yes

<b>Fees &amp; Penalties</b>			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	License Renewal	\$40.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once

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