

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN
APPLICATION FOR AN APRN LICENSE OR CNA CERTIFICATION,
CNA TRAINING PROGRAM CLASSROOM CURRICULUM,
DELEGATION OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION, AND DEFINITIONS
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF NURSING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Board of Nursing proposes to change regulations on the application requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse or certification as a certified nurse aide; update classroom curriculum requirements for certified nurse aide training programs to include the federal requirements relating to care of a patient with dementia or other neurodegenerative disease; authorize the delegation of medication administration to a certified medical assistant; and to update definitions.

The Board of Nursing (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with applications for licensure and certification, classroom curriculum, delegation authority, and definitions, including the following:

- (1) 12 AAC 44.290, .305, .317, .400, .800, and .805 are proposed to be amended to update requirements related to foreign education and English language proficiency for an applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse or certification as a certified nurse aide. These changes are intended to streamline and clarify the application process.
- (2) 12 AAC 44.317 is proposed to be amended updating the requirements for a license that has lapsed or been in retired status for more than one year but less than 5 years to include the applicant's international nursing license history, bringing the updated provision into conformance with the remainder of the section.
- (3) 12 AAC 44.810 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to update the requirements for an application for certification as a certified nurse aide to clarify the application process and align the application with other license application requirements under 12 AAC 44.
- (4) 12 AAC 44.845 is proposed to be amended to align certified nurse aide training program classroom curriculum requirements with the federal requirements relating to care for patients with dementia or other neurodegenerative diseases.
- (5) 12 AAC 44.965 is proposed to be amended to include certified medical assistants on the list of health care professionals authorized to be delegated to administer medication.
- (6) 12 AAC 44.990 is proposed to be amended to add a definition for the term "cognitively impaired individual."

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on November, 22, 2024.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 and by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its

response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than November, 15, 2024 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826, RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/NUR-0724.pdf>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

Statutory Authority: AS 08.68.100, AS 08.68.805, AS 08.68.190, AS 08.68.200, AS 08.68.251, AS 08.68.275, AS 08.68.276, AS 08.68.331, AS 08.68.805.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.01.100, AS 08.68.100, AS 08.68.170, AS 08.68.190, AS 08.68.200, AS 08.68.251, AS 08.68.275, AS 08.68.276, AS 08.68.331, AS 08.68.334, AS 08.68.805, AS 08.68.850.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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DATE: 10/20/2024

/s/
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