

The following instructions and requirements apply to applicants who hold an active Registered Nurse license in the District of Columbia.

Please review the eligibility criteria before completing your application as the fees are non-refundable.

An applicant is eligible for licensure as a Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse if the applicant:

- (a) Currently licensed, in good standing, as a Registered Nurse in the District of Columbia.
- (b) Successfully completed a post-basic nursing education program applicable to the area of practice approved by the Board or accredited by a nationally recognized body accepted by the Board and which is relevant to the advanced practice registered nurse's area of practice;
- (c) Currently licensed or nationally certified, in good standing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse under the laws of a state or territory of the United States.

During the online application process, be prepared to:

- Upload a copy of a government issued photo ID such as a driver's license or passport.
- Upload a passport-type photo. Photo should be a front-facing headshot with a plain white background.
- Upload proof of name change- If the name on your application is different from the name on any of your supporting documents, proof of name change is required. Acceptable documents are marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order or spouse's death certificate.
- Pay the application fee of \$230.00 by Visa or Mastercard only.
- Pay the criminal background check fee of \$50.00 by Visa or Mastercard only **if** your last criminal background check with DC Health was completed more than two (2) years ago.

You must request or complete the remaining application requirements through the separate organizations indicated below.

- Criminal background check (CBC) **Fieldprint**- After you make the payment, you will receive an email that includes the code and link to schedule your fingerprint appointment.
- Verification of APRN certification. Contact your certifying body and request that proof of current certification is emailed to the Board of Nursing. Each certifying body has the Board of Nursing's contact and email information on record. **See a list of recognized certification programs below.**

RECOGNIZED ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

AACN- American Association of Critical Care Certification Corporation

- o AACNS-N- Neonatal CNS wellness through acute care
- o ACCNS-P- Pediatric CNS wellness through acute care
- o CCNS-AG -Adult/Gero CNS wellness through acute care **AG-ACNPC Adult/Gero Acute Care CNP**

AANPCB- American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board

- o NP-C Family Nurse Practitioner NP-C
- o NP-C Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- o Adult Nurse Practitioner

AMCB- American Midwifery Certification Board CNM Certified nurse midwife

ANCC- American Nurses Credentialing Center

- o AGACNP-BC -Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- o AGPCNP-BC- Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- o FNP-BC -Family Nurse Practitioner
- o PPCNP-BC- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- o PMHNP-BC -Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- o ACNP-BC -Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- o ANP-BC -Adult Nurse Practitioner-
- o GNP-BC-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner-
- o PMHNP-BC -Adult Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner-
- o PMHCNS-BC- Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health CNS-
- o CNS-BC Adult Health CNS
- o PCNS-BC-Pediatric CNS

NBCRNA- National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists CRNA Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

NCC -National Certification Corporation

- o WHNP-BC Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner
- o NNP-BC Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

PNCB- Pediatric Nursing Certification Board CPNP-PC Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care CPNP-AC

- o Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care

Please allow 30 business days after applying before checking the status at <https://doh.force.com/ver/s/>