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## Division 50

# Nurse Practitioners

### 851-050-0000

#### Definitions

- (1) "Assessment" means a process of collecting information regarding a client's health status including, but not limited to, illness; response to illness; health risks of individuals, families and groups; resources; strengths and weaknesses, coping behaviors; and the environment. The skills employed during the assessment process may include, but are not limited to: obtaining client histories, conducting physical examinations, ordering, interpreting and conducting a broad range of diagnostic procedures (e.g., laboratory studies, EKGs, and x rays).
- ~~(2) "Asynchronous learning" means learning experiences, usually delivered through online technology where the interactions between the faculty and students is not constrained by time or place.~~
- ~~(32) "Client(s) or patient(s)" means a family, group or individual who has been assessed by and has a client/patient record established is receiving nursing care from by the a nurse practitioner.~~
- ~~(4) "Clinical Practice Experience" means the supervised provision of direct patient care in a clinical setting that complements course work and ensures acquisition of advanced practice nursing skills.~~
- ~~(5) "Clinical Preceptor" means health care provider qualified by education and clinical competency to provide direct supervision of the clinical practice experience of students in an Oregon nurse practitioner program.~~
- ~~(63) "Collaboration" means working with another health care provider to jointly provide client care. A process involving two or more parties working together, each responsible for his or her own particular area of expertise.~~
- ~~(4) "Competence" means demonstrating specified levels of knowledge, technical skill, ethical principle and clinical reason relevant to the practice role, prevailing standards, and client safety. This occurs at the entry into practice and throughout one's career.~~
- ~~(75) "Consultation" means discussion with another health care provider for the purpose of obtaining information or advice in order to provide client care.~~
- ~~(86) "Counseling" means a mutual exchange of information through which advice, recommendations, instruction, or education is provided to the client.~~
- ~~(97) "Delinquent Renewal" means the renewal of a nurse practitioner certificate previously held in Oregon which is expired.~~
- ~~(408) "Diagnosis" means identification of actual or potential health problems or need for intervention, based on analysis of the data collected.~~
- ~~(119) "Direct Supervision" means the clinical preceptor or faculty member physically present at the practice site who retains the responsibility for patient care while overseeing the student and if necessary, redirecting or intervening in patient care and is able to intervene if necessary.~~

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- 1 (12) ~~“Distance learning” means using multiple media for students to access the curriculum without~~  
2 ~~the need to be physically present at the education site.~~
- 3 (13) “Evaluation” means the determination of the effectiveness of the intervention(s) on the client's  
4 health status.
- 5 (14) “Holistic Health Care” means an approach to diagnosis and treatment of clients, which  
6 considers the status of the whole person (physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and  
7 environmental).
- 8 (15) “Initial certification” means the first certification granted by the Board. This may follow the  
9 applicant's completion of a nurse practitioner program or be granted to an applicant in Oregon  
10 who has been recognized by and has practiced as a nurse practitioner in another state or  
11 jurisdiction.
- 12 (16) ~~“Interprofessional educator” means a professional faculty member licensed, certified, or~~  
13 ~~otherwise recognized in a field other than nursing.~~
- 14 (17) “Intervention” means measures to promote health, to protect against disease, to treat illness in  
15 its earliest stages, and to manage acute and chronic conditions and/or illness. Interventions  
16 may include, but are not limited to: issuance of orders, direct nursing care, prescribing or  
17 administering medications or other therapies, and consultation or referral.
- 18 (18) ~~“Major curriculum change” means a change that results in a refocus of purpose and objectives;~~  
19 ~~or a substantive change in program structure or method of clinical or instructional delivery, or~~  
20 ~~clinical hours and content.~~
- 21 (19) “Management” means the provision and/or coordination of the care that the client receives  
22 related to physical and psycho-social health-illness status;
- 23 (20) “National Board Certification” means current certification as an advanced Nurse Practitioner in  
24 a role and population focus through testing accredited by the National Commission on  
25 Certifying Agencies or the American Boards of Nursing Specialties, as approved by the Board.
- 26 (21) “Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program” means an academic program accredited by a nursing  
27 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council of  
28 Higher Education Accreditation that offers a graduate degree or graduate level certificate to  
29 qualified students for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse (Clinical Nurse  
30 Specialist, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Practitioner) and does not have a  
31 physical location in Oregon.
- 32 (22) ~~“Nurse Practitioner Educator” refers to a licensed Nurse Practitioner faculty member, who has~~  
33 ~~responsibility for developing and implementing the curriculum, policies, and practices~~  
34 ~~associated with student advising and evaluation, mentoring and collaborating with clinical~~  
35 ~~preceptors and other health care professionals.~~
- 36 (23) ~~“Nurse Practitioner Program Administrator” refers to a licensed Nurse Practitioner appointed~~  
37 ~~by the Dean or Director of the Nursing school who is assigned the responsibility and~~  
38 ~~accountability for the nursing educational program within an accredited academic institution,~~  
39 ~~including those functions aligned with program and curricular design and resource acquisition~~  
40 ~~and allocation.~~
- 41 (24) “Nurse Practitioner” (NP) means an ~~a~~Advanced ~~p~~Practice ~~r~~Registered ~~n~~Nurse ~~who is certified~~  
42 ~~by the Board to independently assume responsibility and accountability for the care of clients.~~  
43 ~~As a NP to practice in an expanded specialty role within the practice of nursing. The title, NP,~~  
44 ~~nurse practitioner and population foci of practice shall not be used unless the Board licenses~~  
45 ~~the individual as such individual is certified by the Board.~~
- 46 (25) “Nurse Practitioner Orders” means written or verbal instructions or directions by the nurse  
47 practitioner for interventions, diagnostic tests, evaluations, drugs, or treatment modalities.  
48 Nurse practitioners may establish protocols and standing orders.
- 49 (26) “Oregon Based Nurse Practitioner Program” means Board approved academic program  
50 meeting NP state certification criteria that is physically located in Oregon and accredited by a  
51 nursing organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council

of Higher Education Accreditation that offers a graduate degree or graduate level certificate to qualified students.

- (27) "Practice requirement" in an expanded specialty role means independent clinical practice in the specialty role of certification providing health care or other such activities, which have a clinical focus and are at an advanced nursing level. These activities include, but are not limited to, teaching, consulting, supervision and research related to the specialty area of certification.
- (28) "Provision of Care" means holistic health care, which is continuous and comprehensive. Health care includes:
- (a) Health promotion;
  - (b) Prevention of disease and disability;
  - (c) Health maintenance;
  - (d) Rehabilitation;
  - (e) Identification of health problems;
  - (f) Management of health problems;
  - (g) Referral.
- (29) "Referral" means directing the client to other resources for the purpose of assessment or intervention.
- (30) "State Certification" means certification to practice as a Nurse Practitioner authorized by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.
- (31) "Structured contact hours" means Continuing Medical Education (CME), or Continuing Education Unit (CEU) and other activities for which you receive academic or continuing education credit as evidenced by certificate or transcript.

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##### **Standards for Oregon-based Nurse Practitioner Educational Programs**

The Board's standards for all nurse practitioner programs for initial applicants are as follows:

- ~~(1) The nurse practitioner program shall be a minimum of one academic year in length; however, programs completed before January 1, 1986 and post-Masters programs completed for the purpose of changing category of nurse practitioner certification may be less than one academic year in length if the program otherwise meets all requirements.~~
- ~~(2) Faculty who teach within the nurse practitioner program shall be educationally and clinically prepared in the same specialty area(s) as the theory and clinical areas they teach and shall include advanced practice nurses.~~
- ~~(3) The curriculum content shall contain theory and clinical experience in the nurse practitioner population focus specified in OAR 851-050-0005(6) for which application is being made, preparing the graduate to meet all competencies within the scope including physical assessment, pharmacology, pathophysiology, differential diagnosis and clinical management.~~
- ~~(4) The number of contact hours of clinical experience shall be equal to or greater than the number of contact hours of nurse practitioner theory. The clinical experience must consist of full scope preparation in the population focus for which application is being made.~~
- ~~(5) Post graduate Nurse Practitioner programs which prepare an individual for dual role or population focus certification must meet all competencies designated for the Nurse Practitioner~~

1 role including supervised clinical hours of no less than 500 hours for each role or population  
2 focus.

3 ~~(6) Programs must provide documentation that students meet the program's curriculum  
4 requirements in effect at the time of enrollment.~~

5 ~~(7) Written program materials shall accurately reflect the mission, philosophy, purposes, and  
6 objectives of the program.~~

7 ~~(8) Programs shall demonstrate appropriate course sequencing and requirements for  
8 matriculation into the program, including completion of all pre-licensure nursing curriculum  
9 requirements before advancement into nurse practitioner clinical coursework.~~

10 ~~(9) Preceptors shall meet clinical and licensure qualifications for the state in which they practice.~~

11 ~~(10) Distance and asynchronous learning programs shall meet all standards of OAR 851-050-0001.~~

12 ~~(11) All courses required for completion of the nurse practitioner program must be at the graduate  
13 level, if completed after January 1, 1986.~~

14 ~~(12) Nurse practitioner programs outside of the United States must meet all standards of OAR 851-  
15 050-0001. Such programs shall be determined by Board approved or directed credentials  
16 review to be equivalent to graduate nurse practitioner programs offered in the United States  
17 which prepare the nurse practitioner for practice within the advanced nursing specialty scope.  
18 Nationally recognized nursing accreditation standards or guidelines may be applied by the  
19 Board at the Board's discretion, in accordance with the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization  
20 regulations.~~

21 ~~(13) The Board's additional requirements for Oregon based Nurse Practitioner programs are as  
22 follows. The Dean or Director of the Nursing school which provides one or more Nurse  
23 Practitioner programs/tracks shall ensure that one or more qualified faculty are appointed and  
24 have defined position responsibility to address the administrative functions of the  
25 program/track. Administrative functions include budget and resource preparation, curricular  
26 design, oversight of program implementation and evaluation. The appointed faculty and  
27 preceptor(s) in the program shall meet the following requirements:~~

28 ~~Nurse Practitioner Program Faculty, Administration and Preceptors~~

29 ~~(a) Nurse Practitioner Program Administrator who has overall responsibility for one or  
30 more NP tracks shall meet the following requirements:~~

31 ~~(A) A current active unencumbered Oregon Nurse Practitioner state certificate;~~

32 ~~(B) National certification as a Nurse Practitioner in at least one population focus  
33 area;~~

34 ~~(C) A doctoral degree in a health related field;~~

35 ~~(D) Educational preparation or experience in teaching and learning principles for  
36 adult education, including curriculum development and administration and at  
37 least two years of current clinical experience which meets Oregon's practice  
38 requirements;~~

39 ~~(E) In a multi-track program, where only one Program Administrator is appointed by  
40 the Dean or Director of the school, there must be evidence of additional  
41 program administrators or lead Nurse Practitioner faculty to provide oversight  
42 for student supervision who are nationally certified in that specific program's  
43 population focus.~~

44 ~~(b) The Nurse Practitioner Program Educator shall meet the following requirements:~~

45 ~~(A) A current active unencumbered Oregon Nurse Practitioner state certificate;~~

46 ~~(B) An earned doctoral degree in nursing; or~~

47 ~~(C) A masters degree with a major in nursing and an appropriate advanced practice  
48 nurse credential; and~~

49 ~~(D) Two years of clinical experience as a Nurse Practitioner; and~~

50 ~~(E) Current knowledge, competence, and certification as a Nurse Practitioner in the  
51 population foci consistent with teaching responsibilities;~~

- ~~(F) Adjunct clinical faculty employed solely to supervise clinical nursing experiences of students shall meet all the faculty requirements.~~
  - ~~(G) Inter-professional educators who teach non-clinical nursing courses shall have advanced preparation appropriate to the area of content.~~
  - ~~(c) Clinical Preceptors in the Nurse Practitioner program shall meet the following requirements:~~
    - ~~(A) Student preceptor ratio shall be appropriate to accomplishment of learning objectives, to provide for patient safety, and to the complexity of the clinical situation;~~
    - ~~(B) Oregon licensure or certification appropriate to the health professional area of practice;~~
    - ~~(C) Functions and responsibilities for the preceptor shall be clearly documented in a written agreement between the agency, the preceptor, and the clinical program.~~
    - ~~(D) Initial experiences in the clinical practicum and a majority of the clinical experiences shall be under the supervision of clinical preceptors who are licensed advanced practice registered nurses.~~
  - ~~(d) Nurse Practitioner Educator responsibilities shall include:~~
    - ~~(A) Making arrangements with agency personnel in advance of the clinical experience which provides and verifies student supervision, preceptor orientation, and faculty defined objectives;~~
    - ~~(B) Monitoring student assignments, making periodic site visits to the agency, evaluating students' performance on a regular basis with input from the student and preceptor, and availability for direct supervision during students' scheduled clinical time;~~
    - ~~(C) Providing direct supervision by a qualified faculty or experienced licensed clinical supervisor as required for patient safety and student skill attainment.~~
  - ~~(e) Nurse Practitioner Program Administrator responsibilities shall include:~~
    - ~~(A) Ensuring appropriate student faculty ratios to meet program goals and objectives;~~
    - ~~(B) Provision of leadership and accountability for the administration, planning, implementation and evaluation of the program;~~
    - ~~(C) Preparation and administration of the program budget;~~
    - ~~(D) Facilitation of faculty recruitment, development, performance review, promotion and retention;~~
    - ~~(E) Assurance that cooperative agreements with clinical practice sites are current.~~
- ~~Program Accreditation Required and Board Notification Process~~
- ~~(f) Currently accredited programs that prepare nurse practitioners for state certification under these rules and requirements shall submit to the Board:~~
    - ~~(A) A copy of their most recent program self-evaluation reports;~~
    - ~~(B) Current accreditation and survey reports from all nursing accrediting agencies; and~~
    - ~~(C) Interim reports submitted to the national nursing accreditation agency.~~
    - ~~(D) These documents must be submitted to the Board upon receipt to or release from the accrediting agency.~~
  - ~~(g) Programs which prepare nurse practitioners for state certification under development or pre-accreditation review shall submit the following for review by the Board:~~
    - ~~(A) Copies of the curricula within 30 days of sending the information to the accrediting agency;~~
    - ~~(B) Copies of self evaluation reports and any interim reports provided to all national nursing accreditation agencies, at the time of notification from the accrediting agency that the program has not been fully accredited;~~

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- ~~(C) Verification of accreditation from all accrediting agencies within 30 days of receipt by the program;~~
- ~~(D) Annual reports which enable the monitoring of continued compliance with Board requirements.~~
- ~~(h) Grounds for denial of graduate nurse practitioner applicants for initial certification include failure of the Oregon-based Nurse Practitioner program to:
  - ~~(A) Maintain accreditation status through a US Department of Education recognized national accrediting body;~~
  - ~~(B) Submit curricula, self-evaluation reports, interim reports or notice of accreditation reports as required by the Board;~~~~
- ~~(i) Students who graduate from a program which was accredited at the time of their completion shall be considered to have graduated from an accredited program regardless of the current program status for the purpose of licensure.~~
- ~~Approval of a New Nurse Practitioner Educational Program~~
- ~~(j) Any university or college wishing to establish a Nurse Practitioner education program must make application to the Board on forms supplied by the Board no later than one year before proposed enrollment of students.~~
- ~~(k) The following information must be included with the initial application along with supporting documentation:
  - ~~(A) Purpose for establishing the nursing education program;~~
  - ~~(B) Community needs and studies made as the basis for establishing a nursing education program;~~
  - ~~(C) Type of program including clear identification of proposed licensure role and population foci for graduates;~~
  - ~~(D) Accreditation status, relationship of educational program to parent institution;~~
  - ~~(E) Financial provision for the educational program;~~
  - ~~(F) Potential student enrollment;~~
  - ~~(G) Provision for qualified faculty;~~
  - ~~(H) Proposed clinical facilities and other physical facilities;~~
  - ~~(I) Proposed time schedule for initiating the program. If initial approval is denied, the applicant may request a hearing before the Board and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act shall apply.~~~~
- ~~Survey of Nurse Practitioner Programs, Survey Criteria~~
- ~~(l) Board representatives will conduct in-person visits to nursing programs for the following purposes:
  - ~~(A) Review of application for initial program approval;~~
  - ~~(B) Initial and continuing full approval of an educational program;~~
  - ~~(C) Receipt by the Board of cause for review including but not limited to:
    - ~~(i) Significant curricular change which includes addition of a new state certification recognized population focus or role;~~
    - ~~(ii) Evidence that graduates fail to meet national certification criteria;~~
    - ~~(iii) Violation of Board standards.~~~~
  - ~~(D) If approval is denied or withdrawn, the applicant may request a hearing before the Board and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act shall apply.~~~~
- ~~(m) Board representatives will contact nursing programs to schedule site visits:
  - ~~(A) Within 60 days of receipt of an application for initial program approval;~~
  - ~~(B) Upon receipt of national accreditation report for existing programs; one year after implementation of new programs, every 3-5 years for continuing approval;~~
  - ~~(C) Within 30 days of receipt of a complaint.~~
  - ~~(D) For purposes of reviewing a major curriculum change.~~~~

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- (1) The Board retains the authority to approve Oregon-based Nurse Practitioner Educational Programs and such approval may be based upon the approved accrediting body report.
- (2) Any institution or consortium of accredited institutions that has established or wishes to establish a Nurse Practitioner Program in Oregon must comply with all requirements for full accreditation by an approved accrediting body.
- (3) The OSBN may require additional standards above and beyond those required by the approved accrediting body.
- (4) The OSBN has the authority to survey any complaint involving an Oregon-based Nurse Practitioner Program, in addition to, but not necessarily in lieu of, the accrediting body, especially when those instances may impact public safety.
- (5) Complaints made to the OSBN regarding a Program shall be communicated to the approved accrediting body.

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**851-050-0002**

**Application for Initial Certification as a Nurse Practitioner Licensure**

- ~~(1) An applicant for initial certification in Oregon as a nurse practitioner shall:
  - ~~(a) Hold a current unencumbered registered nurse license in the State of Oregon, and~~
  - ~~(b) Meet the following educational requirements:
    - ~~(A) A Master's Degree in Nursing or a Doctorate in Nursing accredited by a national nursing organization recognized by the US Department of Education or a credentials evaluation from a Board approved or directed credentials service for graduate nursing degrees obtained outside the U.S. which demonstrates educational equivalency to U.S. graduate nursing degree accredited by a national nursing organization recognized by the US Department of Education; and~~
    - ~~(B) Satisfactory completion of a Nurse Practitioner Program that meets OAR 851-050-0001 requirements and is specific to the role and role population focus for which application is made;~~
    - ~~(C) Nurse practitioner programs completed after January 1, 2005 shall be formally affiliated within an accredited graduate level program accredited by a national nursing organization recognized by the US Department of Education at the Masters or post masters graduate level; or an equivalent non-U.S. graduate program as specified in OAR 851-050-0001(11); and~~
    - ~~(c) Meet the practice requirement in OAR 851-050-0004; and~~
    - ~~(d) As of January 1, 2011 provide verification of current accredited national board certification from a Nurse Practitioner national certification examination which meets criteria in OAR 851-050-0008, congruent with a Board recognized nurse practitioner role and population focus.~~~~~~
- ~~(2) An applicant for initial certification in Oregon who has been certified in another state as an advanced practice nurse, and who meets all other requirements for certification, may be certified in Oregon if their program meets the standards of OAR 851-050-0001 and was completed within the following time frames:~~

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- 1 ~~(a) Prior to January 1, 1981, completion of a nursing educational program leading to~~  
2 ~~licensure as a registered nurse and subsequent completion of a nurse practitioner~~  
3 ~~program.~~  
4 ~~(b) As of January 1, 1981, a nurse obtaining Oregon certification shall have a minimum of~~  
5 ~~a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing and, in addition, satisfactory completion~~  
6 ~~of an educational program in the nurse practitioner specialty area. Specialty~~  
7 ~~preparation obtained within a baccalaureate nursing program does not meet this~~  
8 ~~requirement.~~  
9 ~~(c) As of January 1, 1986, the minimum educational requirement for Oregon shall be a~~  
10 ~~Masters degree in Nursing accredited by a national nursing organization recognized by~~  
11 ~~the US Department of Education with satisfactory completion of an educational~~  
12 ~~program in the nurse practitioner specialty area.~~  
13 ~~(d) Graduates of schools of nursing outside of the U.S. must submit a credentials~~  
14 ~~evaluation through a Board approved or directed credentials service demonstrating~~  
15 ~~educational equivalency to a U.S. accredited graduate level Masters or Doctoral~~  
16 ~~Degree in Nursing. Nationally recognized nursing accreditation standards or guidelines~~  
17 ~~may be applied by the Board at the Board's discretion, in accordance with Oregon~~  
18 ~~Office of Degree Authorization regulations.~~  
19 ~~(3) The graduate degree requirement may be met prior to, concurrent with, or after completion of~~  
20 ~~the nurse practitioner program.~~  
21 ~~(4) The following documents shall be submitted as part of the initial application process:~~  
22 ~~(a) An official transcript of the graduate program, showing degree granted and received~~  
23 ~~directly from the registrar of the university or college.~~  
24 ~~(b) An official transcript, or other evidence of satisfactory completion of the nurse~~  
25 ~~practitioner program showing all courses, grades, quality points, grade point average,~~  
26 ~~degree granted, date of graduation, and appropriate registrar's signature received by~~  
27 ~~the Board directly from the program or registrar.~~  
28 ~~(c) Evidence that the nurse practitioner program meets the Board's standards as~~  
29 ~~described in OAR 851-050-0001, including documentation of credentials evaluation as~~  
30 ~~indicated for graduates of programs outside of the U.S.~~  
31 ~~(5) An applicant for initial state certification in Oregon as a nurse practitioner shall meet all~~  
32 ~~requirements for prescriptive authority described in Division 56 and obtain prescribing authority~~  
33 ~~under the provisions of Division 56 of the Oregon Nurse Practice Act.~~  
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35 ~~(1) An applicant for initial licensure as a NP shall:~~  
36 ~~(a) Submit to the Board the required fee(s) as specified in 851-0002-0020;~~  
37 ~~(b) Provide verification of unencumbered licensure or eligibility for unencumbered license as a~~  
38 ~~Registered Nurse in Oregon;~~  
39 ~~(c) Submit a completed application for NP licensure; and~~  
40 ~~(d) Hold current certification from an approved certifying body if applicant's Nurse Practitioner~~  
41 ~~Program completion occurred after January 1, 2011.~~  
42 ~~(2) A minimum of a Master's degree is required from an accredited NP educational program if~~  
43 ~~education commenced after January 1, 2005.~~  
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45 ~~(3) ~~(6) Revocation, suspension, or any other encumbrance of a Registered Nurse license, or~~~~  
46 ~~any special authority to practice Advanced Practice Nursing care, held in another state,~~  
47 ~~territory of the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction may be grounds for denial of~~  
48 ~~certification-NP licensure in Oregon.~~

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2 ~~(7) The applicant shall submit all fees required by the Board with the application. The fees are not~~  
3 ~~refundable. An application for initial certification, which remains incomplete after one calendar~~  
4 ~~year, shall be considered void.~~  
5 (4) The Board retains the authority to conduct a random audit of a NP applicant or NP licensee to  
6 verify current certification, education or continuing education. Upon request of the Board,  
7 licensee shall submit documentation of compliance.  
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19 **851-050-0004**

20 **Nurse Practitioner Practice Requirements**

- 21 (1) The practice requirement as a nurse practitioner must be met through practice, which meets  
22 the definition in OAR 851-050-0000(17) in the following manner:  
23 (a) Completion of a nurse practitioner program within the past one year; or  
24 (b) Completion of a nurse practitioner program within the past two years and a minimum of  
25 192 hours of practice as a nurse practitioner; or  
26 (c) 960 hours of nurse practitioner practice within the five years preceding certification  
27 application or renewal; or  
28 (d) Completion of a Board supervised advanced practice re-entry program which meets  
29 the requirements of OAR 851-050-0006 within two years immediately preceding  
30 issuance of certification under a limited or registered nurse license and a limited nurse  
31 practitioner certificate.  
32 ~~(2) The prior practice as a registered nurse requirement for nurse practitioner applicants is as~~  
33 ~~follows:~~  
34 ~~(a) All initial applicants must provide documentation of a minimum of 384 hours of~~  
35 ~~registered nurse practice, which includes assessment and management of clients and~~  
36 ~~is not completed as an academic clinical requirement or continuing education program.~~  
37 ~~(b) The applicant shall verify completion of the required hours before issuance of the nurse~~  
38 ~~practitioner certificate.~~  
39 ~~(c) This requirement shall be waived for individuals practicing in the specialty area as a~~  
40 ~~licensed certified nurse practitioner in another state for at least 384 hours in the~~  
41 ~~advanced practice role.~~  
42 (3) All practice hours claimed are subject to audit and disciplinary action for falsification.  
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44 Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.375, 678.380 & 678.390  
45 Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380 & 390  
46 Hist.: BN 10-2003, f. & cert. ef. 10-2-03; BN 8-2004, f. 5-4-04, cert. ef. 5-12-04; BN 9-2009, f. 12-17-  
47 09, cert. ef. 1-1-10; BN 6-2012, f. 5-7-12, cert. ef. 6-1-12  
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49 **851-050-0005**

50 **Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice**

- 51 (1) Purpose of Scope of Practice:  
(a) To establish acceptable levels of safe practice for the nurse practitioner.

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- 1 (b) To serve as a guide for the Board to evaluate nurse practitioner practice.  
2 (c) To distinguish the scope of practice of the nurse practitioner from that of the registered  
3 nurse.
- 4 (2) The role of the nurse practitioner will continue to expand in response to societal demand and  
5 new knowledge gained through research, education, and experience.
- 6 (3) The nurse practitioner provides holistic health care to individuals, families, and groups across  
7 the life span, ~~in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long term care facilities and~~  
8 ~~community-based settings.~~
- 9 (4) Within his or her specialty, the nurse practitioner is responsible for managing health problems  
10 encountered by the client and is accountable for health outcomes. This process includes:  
11 (a) Assessment;  
12 (b) Diagnosis;  
13 (c) Development of a plan;  
14 (d) Intervention;  
15 (e) Evaluation.
- 16 (5) The nurse practitioner is independently responsible and accountable for the continuous and  
17 comprehensive management of a broad range of health care, which may include:  
18 (a) Promotion and maintenance of health;  
19 (b) Prevention of illness and disability;  
20 (c) Assessment of clients, synthesis and analysis of data and application of nursing  
21 principles and therapeutic modalities;  
22 (d) Management of health care during acute and chronic phases of illness;  
23 (e) Admission of his/her clients to hospitals and/or health services including but not limited  
24 to home health, hospice, long term care and drug and alcohol treatment;  
25 (f) Counseling;  
26 (g) Consultation and/or collaboration with other health care providers and community  
27 resources;  
28 (h) Referral to other health care providers and community resources;  
29 (i) Management and coordination of care;  
30 (j) Use of research skills;  
31 (k) Diagnosis of health/illness status;  
32 (l) Prescribing, dispensing, and administration of therapeutic devices and measures,  
33 including legend drugs and controlled substances as provided in Division 56 of the  
34 Oregon Nurse Practice Act, consistent with the definition of the practitioner's specialty  
35 category and scope of practice.
- 36 (6) The nurse practitioner scope of practice includes teaching the theory and practice of advanced  
37 practice nursing.
- 38 (7) The nurse practitioner is responsible for recognizing limits of knowledge and experience, and  
39 for resolving situations beyond his/her nurse practitioner expertise by consulting with or  
40 referring clients to other health care providers.
- 41 (8) The nurse practitioner will only provide health care services within the nurse practitioner's  
42 scope of practice for which ~~he/she the NP~~ is educationally prepared ~~and or~~ for which competency has  
43 been established and maintained. ~~Educational preparation includes academic coursework, workshops~~  
44 ~~or seminars, provided both theory and clinical experience are included.~~
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46 (9) ~~The scope of practice includes advanced assessment, diagnosis and care utilizing ultrasound,~~  
47 ~~fluoroscopy and other technologies in accordance with other applicable rules and regulations~~  
48 ~~for diagnosis, care delivery or improvement of client safety or comfort.(109) The scope of~~  
49 ~~practice as previously defined is incorporated into the following specialty categories and~~  
50 ~~further delineates the population served: The Board recognizes the following specialty roles:~~

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- 1 (a) ~~Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) — The Acute Care Nurse Practitioner~~  
2 ~~independently provides health care to persons who are acutely or critically ill. The~~  
3 ~~Acute Care Nurse Practitioner scope may be further differentiated by care of~~  
4 ~~populations newborn to young adulthood, or adults to older adults. National certification~~  
5 ~~exams for ACNPs are scheduled for retirement on December 31, 2014. Licensees~~  
6 ~~currently holding this title will need to maintain their current state and national~~  
7 ~~certification to continue recognition of this designation;~~
- 8 (b) ~~Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) The Adult Nurse Practitioner independently provides~~  
9 ~~health care to adolescents and adults. The Adult Nurse Practitioner scope may be~~  
10 ~~further differentiated by additional competencies in care of older adults. National~~  
11 ~~certification exams for ANPs are scheduled for retirement on December 31, 2014.~~  
12 ~~Licensees currently holding this title will need to maintain their current state and~~  
13 ~~national certification to continue recognition of this designation;~~
- 14 (c) ~~Adult — Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), independently cares~~  
15 ~~for adolescents to older adults that are acutely or critically ill;~~
- 16 (d) ~~Adult — Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) independently~~  
17 ~~provides comprehensive primary health care for adolescents to the older adults;~~
- 18 (e) ~~Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioner (NMNP) The Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioner~~  
19 ~~independently provides health care to women, focusing on pregnancy, childbirth, the~~  
20 ~~postpartum period, care of the newborn, and the family planning and gynecological~~  
21 ~~needs of women. The scope of practice includes treating the male partners of their~~  
22 ~~female clients for sexually transmitted diseases, and reproductive health. Counseling~~  
23 ~~related to sexuality, relationship, and reproductive issues is included in this scope;~~
- 24 (f) ~~Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) The Family Nurse Practitioner independently provides~~  
25 ~~health care to families and to persons across the lifespan;~~
- 26 (g) ~~Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP\_) The Geriatric Nurse Practitioner independently~~  
27 ~~provides health care to older adults. National certification exams for GNPs are~~  
28 ~~scheduled for retirement on December 31, 2014. Licensees currently holding this title~~  
29 ~~will need to maintain their current state and national certification to continue recognition~~  
30 ~~of this designation;~~
- 31 (h) ~~Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) — The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner independently~~  
32 ~~provides health care to neonates and infants;~~
- 33 (i) ~~Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner independently~~  
34 ~~provides health care to persons newborn to young adulthood. In August of 2013 the~~  
35 ~~national certification examination changed their title to Pediatric Nurse Practitioner~~  
36 ~~Primary Care (PNP-PC) to more accurately reflect the focus of comprehensive~~  
37 ~~pediatric primary care. All previous PNPs licensees will transition to title of PNP-PC~~  
38 ~~with renewal;~~
- 39 (j) ~~Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care (PNP-AC) independently cares for newborns to~~  
40 ~~young adults that are acutely or critically ill;~~
- 41 (k) ~~Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) The Psychiatric/Mental Health~~  
42 ~~Nurse Practitioner independently provides health care to clients with mental and~~  
43 ~~emotional needs and/or disorders. The Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner~~  
44 ~~scope may be further differentiated by care of populations newborn to young~~  
45 ~~adulthood, adolescent to adult, or across the lifespan;~~
- 46 (l) ~~Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHCNP) The Women's Health Care Nurse~~  
47 ~~Practitioner independently provides health care to adolescent and adult females. The~~  
48 ~~scope of practice includes treating the male partners of their female clients for sexually~~  
49 ~~transmitted diseases and reproductive health. Counseling related to sexuality,~~  
50 ~~relationship, and reproductive health is included in this scope.~~

1 Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.380 & 678.395  
2 Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380  
3 Hist.: NB 3-1987, f. & ef. 3-12-87; NB 3-1990, f. & cert. ef. 4-2-90; NB 1-1992, f. & cert. ef. 2-13-92;  
4 NB 7-1992, f. & cert. ef. 7-15-92; NB 4-1994, f. & cert. ef. 8-2-94; NB 9-1994, f. & cert. ef. 12-7-94; NB  
5 2-1995, f. & cert. ef. 4-12-95; NB 7-1996, f. & cert. ef. 10-29-96; NB 6-1997, f. & cert. ef. 5-13-97; BN  
6 10-2003, f. & cert. ef. 10-2-03; BN 13-2006, f. & cert. ef. 10-5-06; BN 9-2009, f. 12-17-09, cert. ef. 1-1-  
7 10; BN 6-2013, f. 5-6-13, cert. ef. 6-1-13; BN 2-2014(Temp), f. 6-24-14, cert. ef. 7-1-14 thru 11-30-14;  
8 BN 4-2014, f. 10-8-14, cert. ef. 11-1-14

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11 **851-050-0006**

12 **License Renewal, Reactivation, or Re-Entry Requirements**

- 13 ~~(1) If the practice requirement in OAR 851-050-0004 has not been met, applicants shall:~~
- 14 ~~(a) Obtain a limited license as a registered nurse in the State of Oregon; or hold an active~~  
15 ~~Oregon registered nurse license.~~
  - 16 ~~(b) Submit an application for a limited license, which meets educational requirements of~~  
17 ~~OAR 851-050-0002(1), or an application for delinquent renewal of previous certification~~  
18 ~~as a nurse practitioner in Oregon. An application, which is not completed, becomes~~  
19 ~~void after one year from date of receipt.~~
  - 20 ~~(c) Submit a plan of study for approval, which specifies:~~
    - 21 ~~(A) Clinical sites, patient population, objectives, competency evaluation, and~~  
22 ~~supervisory relationship of preceptor;~~
    - 23 ~~(B) Number of practice hours required and how their completion shall be met;~~
    - 24 ~~(C) Eligibility of reentry plan to meet requirements for national board certification~~  
25 ~~from a Nurse Practitioner national certification examination which meets criteria~~  
26 ~~in OAR 851-050-0008, congruent with a Board recognized nurse practitioner~~  
27 ~~role and population focus.~~
  - 28 ~~(d) Submit names and qualifications for approval of preceptors which are Oregon-certified~~  
29 ~~nurse practitioners and/or Oregon licensed MD/DO physicians in the same area as the~~  
30 ~~nurse practitioner certification.~~
  - 31 ~~(e) Determine practice hours in consultation with the Board to ensure one of the following~~  
32 ~~options have been met:~~
    - 33 ~~(A) 300 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has practiced less than 960~~  
34 ~~hours in the last five years, or has completed a nurse practitioner program~~  
35 ~~within the last two years and has not worked a minimum of 192 hours.~~  
36 ~~Advanced practice hours completed during these time frames may be applied~~  
37 ~~to reduce the total number of supervised clinical practice hours required, except~~  
38 ~~that in no case shall the precepted practice be less than 150 hours.~~
    - 39 ~~(B) 600 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has not practiced 960 hours in~~  
40 ~~the last five years, but has practiced at least 960 hours in the last six years.~~  
41 ~~Advanced practice hours completed during the six year time frame may be~~  
42 ~~applied to reduce the total number of supervised clinical practice hours required~~  
43 ~~except that in no case shall the precepted practice be less than 300 hours.~~
    - 44 ~~(C) 1000 hours of supervised practice if the applicant has not practiced at least 960~~  
45 ~~hours in the last ten years. Advanced practice hours completed during the ten~~  
46 ~~year time frame may be applied to reduce the total number of supervised~~  
47 ~~clinical practice hours required except that in no case shall the precepted~~  
48 ~~practice be less than 500 hours.~~
    - 49 ~~(D) If the applicant has not practiced at least 960 hours within the last ten years, the~~  
50 ~~re-entry requirement shall be met through successful completion of a nurse~~  
51 ~~practitioner post masters certificate program which meets the requirements of~~

~~OAR 851-050-0001, or of a comprehensive series of nurse practitioner courses within a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nurse practitioner program in the specialty sought. The plan of study shall be submitted in advance for Board approval before enrollment. The plan of study shall cover the entire scope of the advanced specialty area under which the applicant was previously certified/licensed, and must include both clinical and didactic hours. The program of study shall include advanced pharmacology which meets the requirements of OAR 851-056-0008, pathophysiology, physical assessment, differential diagnosis, and clinical management. The institution shall provide documentation, which demonstrates previous credits, courses, or competency testing applied to meet final completion. Proof of completion of this plan of study shall be provided to the Board in the form of official transcripts documenting completion of all required coursework.~~

~~(2) In addition to meeting the re-entry practice requirement, all participants will submit evidence of 100 hours of continuing education which meet the standards in OAR 851-050-0138 completed within the last two years by the completion of their re-entry precepted practice. The continuing education hours must include an advanced pharmacology course meeting the criteria in OAR 851-056-0008, physical assessment, treatment modalities, client management and laboratory/diagnostic studies with content related to the NP scope of practice being sought. The continuing education may be obtained in the following ways, provided that no less than 50% is comprised of CME or CE accredited courses at the advanced practice specialty level:~~

- ~~(a) Independent learning activities, e.g. reading professional journals;~~
- ~~(b) Unstructured learning activities, e.g. professional meetings and clinical rounds;~~
- ~~(c) Structured learning activities, e.g. seminars and workshops.~~

~~(3) The re-entry participant shall practice under a limited certificate, and successfully complete clinical practice directly supervised by the approved preceptor in the same area of practice. Application for a limited certificate shall be made prior to the beginning of the supervised clinical practice. The limited certificate shall be valid for one year, with one renewal of an additional one year permitted. The supervising practitioner shall submit a final evaluation to the Board to verify that the applicant's knowledge and skills are at a safe and acceptable level and verify the hours of supervised practice. An application for a limited license for re-entry without issuance after one calendar year shall be considered void.~~

~~(4) Supervised practice hours shall be without compensation.~~

~~(5) Upon successful completion of the supervised practice hours and proof of national Board certification, the full nurse practitioner certificate will be issued with an expiration date that coincides with the applicant's registered nurse license.~~

~~(6) Re-entry hours must be completed within a two-year time frame from the issuance of the limited license.~~

~~(7) Successful completion of Board approved advanced practice re-entry will satisfy requirements for the registered nurse re-entry.~~

~~(8) Prescriptive authority will be issued only upon completion of precepted hours to applicants meeting all criteria in OAR 851-056-0006. Written documents during precepted practice shall be signed with the nurse practitioner specialty title, followed with "Re-entry" and the preceptors co-signature.~~

~~(9) The applicant shall submit all fees required by the Board with the application. The fees are not refundable.~~

(1) An applicant for renewal or reactivation of the NP license shall:

(a) Submit to the Board the following:

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- (A) Required Fee(s) as specified in 851-002-0020;
- (B) Completed renewal or reactivation application;
- (C) Evidence of current certification from an approved certifying body; and
- (b) Hold an active Oregon Registered Nurse license.

(2) An applicant for NP re-entry limited license must:

- (a) Hold an active unencumbered Oregon Registered Nurse license;
  - (b) Complete a limited NP license application for re-entry; and
  - (c) Provide evidence of acceptance into a NP re-entry program approved by the Board.
- (A) Completion of the re-entry program is required within 12-calendar months; or
  - (B) Explanation of need for a one-time only 12 month extension of the limited NP license upon Board approval.

(3) The Board retains the authority to conduct a random audit of a NP applicant or NP licensee to verify current certification, education or continuing education. Upon request of the Board, licensee shall submit documentation of compliance.

Stat. Auth: ORS 678.101 & 678.150

Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380

Hist.: BN 10-2003, f. & cert. ef. 10-2-03; BN 8-2004, f. 5-4-04, cert. ef. 5-12-04; BN 13-2006, f. & cert. ef. 10-5-06; BN 8-2009, f. 12-17-09, cert. ef. 7-1-10; BN 6-2013, f. 5-6-13, cert. ef. 6-1-13

**851-050-0008**

**Criteria for Evaluating Nurse Practitioner National Certification Examinations**

The Board shall determine whether a certification examination can be used to fulfill the requirement for licensure of nurse practitioners based upon verification the following standards:

- ~~(1) The certification program is national in its scope of credentialing.~~
- ~~(2) Conditions for taking the examination are consistent with acceptable standards of the testing community and are intended to ensure minimal competence to practice at an advanced level of nursing.~~
- ~~(3) Educational requirements include completion of a graduate level advanced practice education program of study in the area of nursing certification.~~
- ~~(4) Educational requirements are consistent with a Board recognized advanced practice role and population foci and include a minimum of 500 hours of supervised clinical practice.~~
- ~~(5) Certification examinations meet the criteria of the National Commission on Certifying Agencies or the American Board of Nursing Specialties.~~
- ~~(6) The examination represents entry level practice in the nurse practitioner role and population focus.~~
- ~~(7) The certification program demonstrates and maintains an established process of secure communication with the Board of Nursing.~~
- ~~(8) The examination represents the knowledge, skills and abilities for safe and effective advanced nursing care based upon incumbent job analysis and logical job analysis studies.~~
- ~~(9) Examination items are reviewed for content validity, cultural bias and correct scoring using an established mechanism, both before use and periodically.~~
- ~~(10) The passing standard is established using acceptable psychometric methods, and is re-evaluated periodically.~~
- ~~(11) Examinations are evaluated for psychometric performance.~~
- ~~(12) Examination security is maintained through established procedures.~~

- ~~(13) Certification is issued based upon meeting all certification requirements and passing the examination.~~
- ~~(14) A re-take policy is in place.~~
- ~~(15) The certification program has mechanisms in place for communication to Boards of Nursing in a timely manner when individuals are certified, recertified, when there is a change in certification status; and when there are changes in the certification program including qualifications, test plan, and scope of practice.~~
- ~~(16) A certification maintenance program, which includes review of qualifications and continued competence is in place.~~
- ~~(17) The Board has a secure mechanism for timely verification of an individual's certification status, changes in certification status, and changes in the certification program requirements including qualifications, test plan and scope of practice; and~~
- ~~(18) An evaluation process is in place to provide quality assurance in the certification program.~~

Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.380

Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380

Hist.: BN 9-2009, f. 12-17-09, cert. ef. 1-1-10; BN 6-2013, f. 5-6-13, cert. ef. 6-1-13

**851-050-0009**

**Clinical Practicum in Oregon for Nurse Practitioner Students or Nurse Practitioner Enrolled in a Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program**

- ~~(1) A nurse practitioner student enrolled in a Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program may not participate in a clinical practicum in Oregon without prior Board authorization.~~
- ~~(2) Prior authorization will be predicated upon approval of the following:
  - ~~(a) A completed registration form;~~
  - ~~(b) Verification of a current, unencumbered registered nurse license in Oregon;~~
  - ~~(c) Verification of enrollment in a graduate program accredited by a United States Department of Education or the Council of Higher Education Accreditation approved national accrediting body;~~
  - ~~(d) Verification of regional accreditation and/or Board of Nursing approval from the state in which the program originates;~~
  - ~~(e) Proof of approval by the Office of Degree Authorization of the Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program;~~
  - ~~(f) Submission of a written signed agreement between the Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program responsible for the student and the Oregon licensed preceptor;~~
  - ~~(g) Identification of the faculty advisor accountable for general supervision from the Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program; and~~
  - ~~(h) Identification of the Oregon licensed nurse practitioner faculty providing direct clinical evaluation of the nurse practitioner student.~~~~
- ~~(3) Oregon licensed preceptors are responsible for validating that the student has registered and received Board authorization prior to participating in a clinical practicum in Oregon.~~
- ~~(4) A nurse practitioner student shall practice under the direct supervision of an approved Oregon licensed nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, medical physician, or doctor of osteopathy who agrees to serve as preceptor, and general supervision of a faculty member as approved in the clinical practicum registration.~~
- ~~(5) Oregon faculty will be approved by the Board based on congruence of clinical scope and expertise to the student's clinical placement.~~
- ~~(6) The student's assigned preceptor may not simultaneously serve as their designated faculty of record. The faculty of record must provide on site evaluation of both the student and the preceptor.~~

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2 (1) ~~A student enrolled in a Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program must meet the following criteria:~~  
3 ~~(a) Hold a current, unencumbered Registered Nurse license in Oregon;~~  
4 ~~(b) Practice with a preceptor who holds a current, unencumbered professional license in~~  
5 ~~Oregon that meets educational standards and requirements recognized by the accrediting~~  
6 ~~body; and~~  
7 ~~(c) Be enrolled in a program that is accredited by an approved accrediting body and~~  
8 ~~recognized by a national nursing organization.~~  
9 (2) ~~A licensed NP enrolled in a Non-Oregon Based Graduate Program for purposes of obtaining a~~  
10 ~~different type of APRN license that requires a clinical practicum must meet the above criteria in~~  
11 ~~(1) (a-c).~~

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13 Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.150

14 Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.150

15 Hist.: BN 6-2012, f. 5-7-12, cert. ef. 6-1-12; BN 14-2012(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 11-15-12 thru 5-1-13; BN  
16 3-2013, f. 2-28-13, cert. ef. 4-1-13

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20 **Special Provisions**

21 State of Oregon:

- 22 (1) Any nurse practitioner who has been ~~certified-previously licensed~~ by the ~~Oregon State Board~~  
23 ~~of Nursing Board~~ is eligible to apply for re-certification, renewal, re-entry, or reactivation in that  
24 same category.  
25 (2) Any nurse practitioner active in practice, whether with direct or indirect patient care, shall  
26 report their current practice address or addresses. Each change in practice setting and mailing  
27 address must be submitted to the Board no later than 30 days after the change.  
28 (3) The Board shall notify national board certification programs when nurse practitioners have  
29 encumbrances placed on their state certification, prescriptive or dispensing authority.  
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31 Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.380

32 Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380

33 Hist.: NB 3-1987, f. & ef. 3-12-87; NER 34, f. & ef. 10-1-76; NER 8-1985, f. & ef. 12-9-85; NB 3-1990,  
34 f. & cert. ef. 4-2-90; Renumbered from 851-020-0320; NB 12-1990, f. & cert. ef. 12-28-90; NB 11-  
35 1992, f. & cert. ef. 12-15-92; NB 3-1993(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 2-26-93; NB 8-1993, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-93;  
36 NB 2-1995, f. & cert. ef. 4-12-95; NB 7-1996, f. & cert. ef. 10-29-96; BN 10-2003, f. & cert. ef. 10-2-03;  
37 BN 9-2009, f. 12-17-09, cert. ef. 1-1-10  
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39 **851-050-0138**

40 **Renewal of Nurse Practitioner State Certification**

- 41 ~~(1) Renewal of state certification shall be on the same schedule as the renewal system of the~~  
42 ~~registered nurse license. The requirements for recertification are:~~  
43 ~~(a) Active license as a registered nurse in the state of Oregon.~~  
44 ~~(b) Submission of all required application fees. Fees are not refundable. An application~~  
45 ~~that has not been completed during the current biennial renewal cycle shall be~~  
46 ~~considered void.~~  
47 ~~(c) Completion of continuing education hours in one of the following ways:~~  
48 ~~(A) Maintaining active, unencumbered national certification for specialty role as~~  
49 ~~required by applicable licensure and attest to completion of continuing~~  
50 ~~education required for maintaining national certification; or~~

~~(B) 45 structured contact hours of continuing education completed in the two years prior to renewal of their license. At least 15 of the completed CE hours must be in pharmacotherapeutic content at the NP level congruent with their specialty role.~~

~~(d) Persons initially certified on or after January 1, 2011 shall provide verification of current national Board certification in a role and population focus congruent with educational preparation and current Oregon nurse practitioner certification.~~

~~(e) Verification of practice hours which meet the practice requirement in OAR 851-050-0004.~~

~~(f) Verification of utilization of prescriptive authority which meets the requirements specified in OAR 851-056-0014 unless already certified as an Oregon Nurse Practitioner without prescriptive authority.~~

~~(2) Nurse practitioners shall maintain accurate documentation and records of any claimed continuing education and practice hours for no less than five years from the date of submission to the Board.~~

~~(3) Renewal shall be denied if the applicant does not meet the practice, prescribing, or continuing education requirement for renewal.~~

~~(4) Applications for renewal up to 60 days past the expiration date shall meet all requirements for renewal and pay a delinquent fee.~~

~~(5) Any individual whose nurse practitioner certification is expired may not practice or represent themselves as a nurse practitioner in Oregon until certification is complete, subject to civil penalty.~~

~~(6) Any individual initially licensed after January 1, 2011, whose nurse practitioner national certification is expired may not practice or represent themselves as a nurse practitioner in Oregon regardless of state certification subject to civil penalty.~~

Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.375 & 678.380

Stats. Implemented: ORS 678.380

Hist.: NER 34, f. & ef. 10-1-76; NER 5-1981, f. & ef. 11-24-81; NER 8-1985, f. & ef. 12-9-85; NB 3-1990, f. & cert. ef. 4-2-90; Renumbered from 851-020-0310; NB 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 2-13-92; NB 8-1993, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-93; NB 7-1996, f. & cert. ef. 10-29-96; BN 10-2003, f. & cert. ef. 10-2-03; BN 8-2004, f. 5-4-04, cert. ef. 5-12-04; BN 13-2006, f. & cert. ef. 10-5-06; BN 7-2008, f. & cert. ef. 11-26-08; BN 9-2009, f. 12-17-09, cert. ef. 1-1-10; BN 3-2010(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 4-19-10 thru 10-15-10; BN 13-2010, f. & cert. ef. 9-30-10; BN 6-2013, f. 5-6-13, cert. ef. 6-1-13; BN 5-2015(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 11-24-15 thru 4-30-16; BN 1-2016, f. 3-7-16, cert. ef. 4-1-16

#### 851-050-0142

##### Standards for Continuing Education for Nurse Practitioners

Continuing education hours shall be documented on the renewal form which is subject to audit.

(1) Continuing education must be obtained in the following ways:

(a) Proof of active, unencumbered national certification for specialty role as required by applicable licensure, attesting to completion of continuing education required for maintaining national certification; or

(b) 45 structured contact hours of continuing education completed in the two years prior to renewal of their license. At least 15 of the completed CE hours must be in pharmacotherapeutic content at the NP level congruent with their specialty role.

(2) Structured learning activities shall meet the following criteria for the purpose of renewal:

(a) Accreditation by one of the following organizations:

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- 1 (A) American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP);
- 2 (B) American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP);
- 3 (C) American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA);
- 4 (D) American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA);
- 5 (E) American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM);
- 6 (F) American Psychiatric Association (APA);
- 7 (G) American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA);
- 8 (H) American Psychological Association (APA);
- 9 (I) Emergency Nurses Association (ENA);
- 10 (J) National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH);
- 11 (K) National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP);
- 12 (L) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) (includes
- 13 CME);
- 14 (M) Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) (includes CPE);
- 15 (N) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or
- 16 (b) Accreditation by a state Board of Nursing or state Nurses Association.
- 17 Or
- 18 (c) National board certification in a Board recognized Nurse Practitioner
- 19 population focus meeting the criteria of 851-050-0008.
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21 Stat. Auth.: ORS 678.380

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