

**WAC 246-840-410 Application requirements for ARNP prescriptive authority.** (1) An ARNP who applies for prescriptive authority must:

(a) Hold an active Washington state ARNP license, without sanctions or restrictions, issued by the commission;

(b) Provide evidence of thirty contact hours of education in pharmacology, including didactic and clinical application, and consisting of pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacotherapeutics, and pharmacological management of individual patients related to the applicant's scope of practice.

(2) Pharmacology education must be completed within a two-year time period immediately prior to the date of application for prescriptive authority unless the applicant has graduated within the past two years from an advanced nursing education program meeting requirements identified in WAC 246-840-455 (11)(e).

(3) If an ARNP applicant does not have advanced pharmacology education, the applicant must complete:

(a) Advanced pharmacology education of at least thirty contact hours, including pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacotherapeutics and pharmacological management of individual patients, differential diagnosis, and applied pharmacological management of patients consistent with the applicant's area of certification.

(b) Supervised advanced clinical practice of no less than one hundred fifty hours that meets the requirements of WAC 246-840-340 (4) and (5). The clinical practice hours shall occur after completion of the thirty hours of advanced pharmacology education under the direct supervision of an ARNP with prescriptive authority, a physician as identified in chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician as identified in chapter 18.57 RCW, or equivalent in other states or jurisdictions. The thirty contact hours of advanced pharmacology education is obtained from the following:

(i) Study within the advanced nursing education program; or

(ii) Continuing education programs accepted by a national credentialing body.

(4) The ARNP applying for prescriptive authority must submit:

(a) A completed application on a commission approved form;

(b) The fee as specified in WAC 246-840-990; and

(c) Evidence of completion of required advanced pharmacology education hours and supervised advanced clinical practice hours identified in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section.

(5) If an ARNP does not apply for prescriptive authority within two years of graduation from an advanced practice program, an additional thirty contact hours of advanced pharmacology education shall be required.

(6) An ARNP who applies for a new or additional ARNP designation must send proof of advanced pharmacology educational content appropriate to each designation.

(7) Applicants who hold prescriptive authority from another state at the time of application may request an exemption to subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section if he or she provides evidence of at least two hundred fifty hours of advanced clinical practice in an ARNP role with prescriptive authority in his or her scope of practice within the two years prior to application for prescriptive authority.

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