

Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING	:	
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
BOARD OF NURSING	:	CR 25 - 012
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Chapter N 8 contains provisions for the certification of advanced practice nurse prescribers (APNP), which includes requirements for initial certification and renewal. The Board of Nursing has reviewed and updated ch. N 8 with the following changes:

- Clarified the provision that an applicant needs to hold a current license to practice as a professional nurse in this state or in another state within the nurse licensure compact.
- Updated the education requirement language to eliminate obsolete terms and to include a clause that would allow the board to review other recognized organizations besides regional accrediting organizations approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- Repealed the renewal provision that APNPs need to complete the nursing workforce survey because it does not follow statutory guidelines.
- Simplified the renewal provision regarding holding a current certification by a national certifying body approved by the board as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist.
- Addition of the requirement that an APNP needs to hold a current license to practice professional nursing whether in this state or in a compact state in order to renew the certification. This was already a requirement but it was not explicitly mentioned under the renewal provisions.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board of Nursing held a public hearing on April 10, 2025. Hallie Barteau from the Wisconsin Nurses Association commented in support of the rule. The comment did not prompt the Board of Nursing to make any changes.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

This rule does not have an effect on small businesses.