



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Department of Health – Washington State Board of Nursing

**Subject of possible rule making:** Education requirements for advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) licensure, amending WAC 246-840-010, 246-840-340, 246-840-342, and other related sections in chapter 246-840 WAC. The Washington State Board of Nursing (board) is considering amendments to education requirements for ARNP licensure in response to the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee’s (JARRC) recommendation.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110 and 18.79.250

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** On July 5, 2023, the JARRC found by majority vote that, by requiring a "graduate degree" to be a master’s or doctoral degree and adopting exemptions to WAC 246-840-340 and 246-840-342 by agency procedure, the board is using a policy in place of a rule that has not been adopted in accordance with all applicable provisions of law.

The JARRC issued a letter of determination recommending that the board:

- (1) Define the term “graduate degree” in chapter 246-840 WAC; and
- (2) Provide for the exemptions to education requirements for ARNP license applicants in board procedures B35.01 and B9.06 by rule.

On September 7, 2023, the board held a public hearing to fully consider all written and oral submissions regarding the JARRC’s finding. After discussion, the board moved to initiate the rulemaking process.

Opening the rules will provide the opportunity for interested party engagement, rule clarification, and possible amendments to address the identified concerns.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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Additional comments: The board will notify interested parties of rulemaking by posting information on the Department of Health website, the board website, and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive board rulemaking notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. The board will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation.

**Date:** February 9, 2024

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**Signature:**

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