



**Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON)
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
January 15, 2025 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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Questions

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I. 7:00 PM Opening – Ajay Mendoza, Chair
Call to order

- Introduction
 - Welcome new members
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/WABON Business Meeting Updates
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: November 20, 2024

III. Old Business

- AP Compact Education Brief

IV. New Business

- ARNP Application/Education Rule (effective 1/26/25)

V. Ending Items

- Public Comment
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation
- Date of Next Meeting – February 19, 2025
- Adjournment – 8:00 PM or Earlier if Business is Finished



**Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON)
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2024 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Subcommittee Members Present: Ajay Mendoza, CNM, Interim Chair
Kelli Camp, MSN, CRNA, ARNP
Michelle Dedeo, DNP, ARNP-CNS, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, CNRN, SCRNP
Cyd Marckmann, DNP, ARNP
Wendy E. Murchie, DNP, CPNP-AC
Bianca Reis, DNP, MBA, ARNP, PMHNP-BC
Jane Allen, DNP, CNM, ARNP (new member)

Absent: Jeffery Ramirez, Ph.D., PMHNP, CARN-AP, CNE, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN
Aaron Eastman, DNP, CRNA, ARNP

Staff Present: Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director, Advanced Practice and Research
Heather Hamilton, Research Assistant
Lohitvenkatesh Oswal, Research Assistant

**I. 7:00 PM Opening – Ajay Mendoza, Interim-Chair
Call to Order**

- Ajay Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Public Disclosure Statement was read aloud for attendees. The Advanced Practice Subcommittee members and support staff were introduced.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/WABON Business Meeting Updates
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: October 16, 2024
 - The subcommittee reviewed and consented for the minutes to be brought to the board.

III. Old Business

- Ajay Mendoza shared the Advanced Practice Compact Education Brief. Updates regarding progress and the next steps will be presented to another group for review 11/25/24.
- Anna Kwak-Callen, a current WABON DNP student, shared a PowerPoint presentation with the subcommittee as an update on the Midwifery Project

IV. New Business

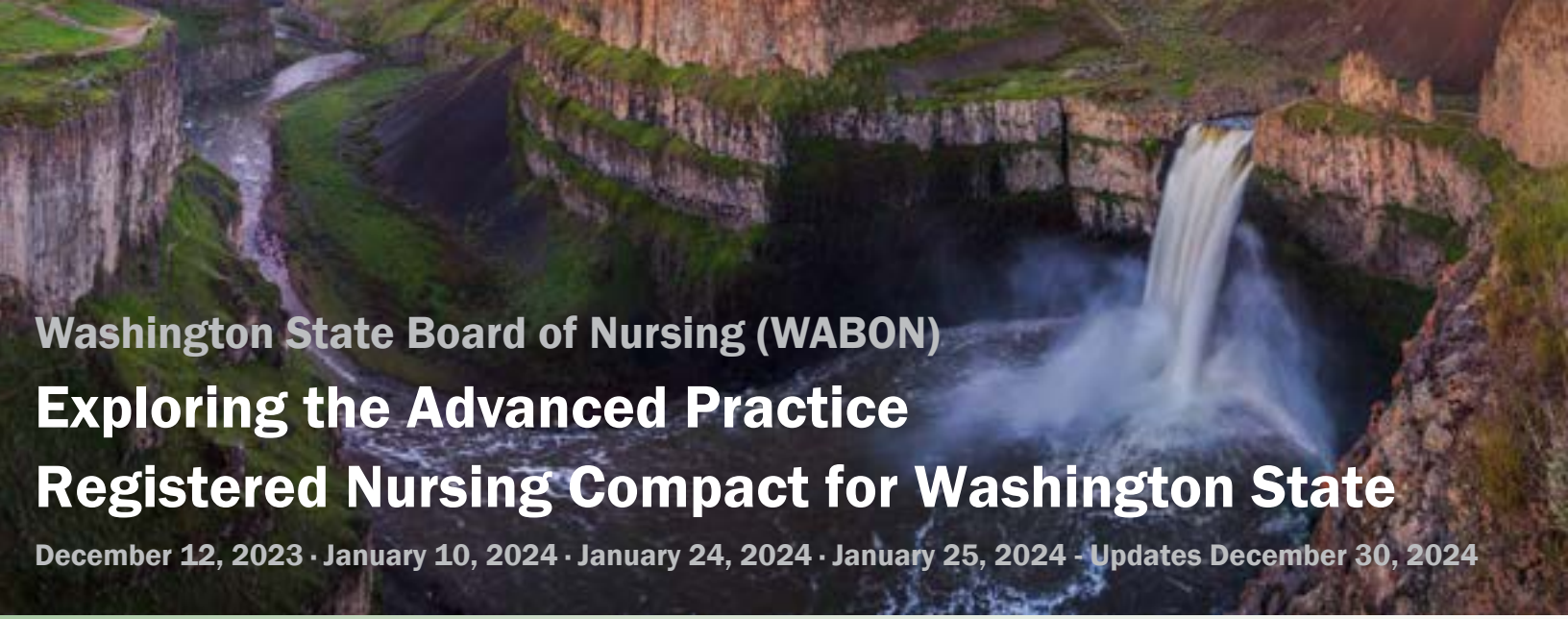
- Lohitvenkatesh Oswal shared the Business Practices Advisory Opinion draft with the subcommittee and received feedback. Additional interested parties will be contacted for input.

V. Ending Items

- Public Comment was sought at 7:52p.m.
- Date of Next Meeting – January 22, 2025
- Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.
- Attendance – 17
 - Public Members: 8

- Subcommittee & Staff Members: 9

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Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON) Exploring the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Compact for Washington State

December 12, 2023 · January 10, 2024 · January 24, 2024 · January 25, 2024 - Updates December 30, 2024

WABON hosted Advanced Practice Nurses from across the state in four workshops to explore the implications of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (APRN Compact) in the state of Washington. There is general agreement that the concept of a national licensure compact is timely and has benefits for both patient care and Advanced Practice Nurses. However, there have been concerns expressed about specific aspects of the current National Council of State Board APRN Compact.

A brief history of the RN and LPN Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) currently being implemented by WABON was presented. Similarities and differences between the NLC and the APRN Compact were also presented. The benefits and barriers to adoption of the APRN Compact were discussed at each workshop and are summarized below.

Benefits

Patients - Improve access to care, continuity of care and quality of care across state lines.

Cost effective for licensees including faculty resulting in a decrease in time spent acquiring multiple state licenses with different requirements. There would also be flexibility in practice location.

Ease in transition across states would benefit military spouses and health care systems hiring ARNPs.

Risks

The requirement of an additional 2080 clinical practice hours for new graduates prior to obtaining a multistate license imposes a non-evidence-based barrier to practice.

There is no assurance that there will be Advanced Practice Nurse representation required in the APRN Compact Commission, potentially adversely affecting the Commission governance.

Inconsistent recognition of APRN roles. Some states could join the compact that do not license Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNSs).

Practice Related Concerns

Patients - Controlled substance prescribing is not clearly addressed which is a gap as prescribing authority varies among states.

Definition of APRN does not account for the increased variability of scope of practice across states in advanced practice roles. Click the button to see the APRN Consensus Model Implementation Status Map by NCSBN. [Click here](#)

Discipline Related Concerns


Potentially be charged criminally for care provided in compact states with unrestricted reproductive health or transgender care laws if they have a compact license from a home state with more restrictive laws.

There may be a decrease in those who voluntarily choose to enter an alternative to discipline program because those in the program are not eligible for a multistate license.

Progress on Recommended Next Steps December 2024

- 1 | Implement a communication plan to disseminate this educational brief - Educational brief disseminated.
- 2 | Discuss outcome with NCSBN and consider options to provide additional information to address identified concerns - Additional information from NCSBN shared.
- 3 | Complete a deeper financial and workforce analysis to assess the impact of the APRN Compact more accurately - Additional financial analysis deferred. Work group continues to explore solutions.
- 4 | Support a work group to develop solutions to address the risks and explore how to provide the benefits of a licensing compact.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
PROCEDURE**

Title:	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Application Exemption Requests	Number:	B09.06
Reference:	WAC 246-840-340 WAC 246-840-360 WAC 246-840-365 WAC 246-840-367 WAC 246-840-410 WAC 246-840-342 NCSBN's Consensus Model for APRN Regulation		
Author:	Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, MPH Assistant Director of Licensing Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission		
Effective Date:	March 10, 2023	Date for Review:	March 10, 2025
Supersedes:	B09.05 – March 12, 2021 B09.04 – July 2018 B09.03 - April 1, 2016 B09.02 – May 2011 B09.01 – March 2009		
Approved:			
	Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA Chair Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)		

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to define the process for an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) applicant who requests an exemption from the prescriptive authority requirements; or an applicant who requests an exemption from the educational preparation requirement; or who requests an exemption related to an emergency or permanent change in rules.

WAC 246-840-410 allows an ARNP applicant to request an exception to the 30 hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics, if they provide evidence of at least two hundred fifty hours of advanced clinical practice in an ARNP role with prescriptive authority in their scope of practice within the two years prior to application for prescriptive authority.

WAC 246-840-342 requires applicants applying for endorsement to Washington State to submit proof of a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education. However, National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) has established a grandfathering provision within the Consensus Model for APRN (Washington State uses ARNP) Regulation. An ARNP applicant may qualify for an exemption to the educational requirement if the requirements of the grandfathering provision are met by the nurse.

Keeping the regulations current in rapidly changing practice environments require frequent rule changes and adjustments to prevent unnecessary barriers to practice. There may be unintended and/or unanticipated consequences of rule changes regarding applicant exemption requests.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Exemption Requests for the Prescriptive Authority Requirements.
 - A. Applicants requesting prescriptive authority must submit evidence of thirty hours of education in pharmacotherapeutics related to their scope of practice. The applicant may request an exemption to this requirement if the applicant has been actively practicing in another state with independent practice equivalent to Washington State with prescriptive authority, within two years of applying for ARNP licensure in Washington State. The applicant must also submit a copy of their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license reflecting schedules 2-5.
 - B. Licensing ARNP review staff reviews the following as evidence for an exemption request:
 1. Verification of an ARNP license in another state with prescriptive authority.
 2. Copy of their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license reflecting schedules 2-5.
 3. Verification of at least two hundred and fifty hours of independent ARNP practice with prescriptive authority within the last two years.
 - C. Licensing ARNP review staff forward the application with the exemption request to the licensing manager for approval or denial. The licensing manager determines prescriptive authority equivalence to Washington State. According to states with equivalent scope of practice, the manager informs the licensing ARNP review staff of the decision with a signed document which stays with the application file.

1. Approval: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the final review desk for licensure.
2. Denial: Licensing ARNP review staff notifies the applicant that the exception request was not granted and provides the reasoning for the denial.
3. Requires more input: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the Advanced Practice Panel (AP) for further consideration. The AP Panel is made up of; two AP Commission members; one additional pro-tem Commission member with expertise, when possible, in the practice area of the applicant; and the Director of Advanced Practice.

II. Exemption Requests for ARNP Educational Requirement for Licensure by Endorsement.

- A. Applicants applying for endorsement to Washington State must submit proof of a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education. An applicant may request an exemption to this requirement if the applicant has been actively practicing in another state as an ARNP and meets the grandfathering provision from National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) Consensus Model for APRN Regulation stating the following:

“If an APRN applies for licensure by endorsement in another state, the APRN would be eligible for licensure if s/he demonstrates that the following criteria have been met:

1. *Current, active practice in the advanced role and population focus area,*
2. *Current active, national certification or recertification, as applicable, in the advanced role and population focus area,*
3. *Compliance with the APRN educational requirements of the state in which the APRN is applying for licensure that were in effect at the time the APRN completed his/her APRN education program, and*
4. *Compliance with all other criteria set forth by the state in which the APRN is applying for licensure (e.g., recent CE, RN licensure).”*

- B. Licensing ARNP review staff forward the application with the exemption request to the NCQAC Director of Advanced Practice for approval or denial. The Director of Advanced Practice reviews the application to determine if the educational preparedness of an ARNP applicant meets the grandfathering provision of the APRN consensus Model.

- C. The Director of Advanced Practice informs the licensing ARNP review staff of the decision with an email which stays with the application file.


1. Approval: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the final review desk for licensure.

2. Denial: After a decision is made, the ARNP review desk notifies the applicant of the decision and reasoning.
3. Requires more input: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the AP Panel for further consideration. The AP Panel is made up of; two Advanced Practice Commission members; one additional pro-tem Commission member with expertise, when possible, in the practice area of the applicant; and the Director of Advanced Practice.

III. Exemption Request Due to Unintended and/or Unanticipated Consequences of Rule Changes

- A. Applicants applying for licensure in Washington State must meet requirements as applicable in WAC 236-840-340, 360, 365, 367 during the application process.
- B. An applicant may request an exemption to a WAC requirement if the applicant can document unintended or unanticipated consequences of a rule change creating barriers to practice in Washington State.
- C. Licensing ARNP review staff forward the complete application, with the exemption request, to the NCQAC Director of Advanced Practice for approval or denial.
- D. The Director of Advanced Practice informs the licensing ARNP review staff of the decision with an email which stays with the application file.
 1. Approval: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the final review desk for licensure.
 2. Requires AP Panel Review: Licensing ARNP review staff forwards the application to the AP Panel for further consideration. The AP Panel is made up of two Advanced Practice Commission members; one additional pro-tem Commission member with expertise, when possible, in the practice area of the applicant; a staff attorney; and the Director of Advanced Practice.
 3. After a decision is made by the AP Panel, the ARNP review desk notifies the applicant of the decision and reasoning.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
PROCEDURE**

Title:	ARNP applications requiring clarification of licensure Requirements: CRNA education	Number:	B35.01
Reference:	WAC 246-840-302 WAC 246-840-340 WAC 246-840-342		
Contact:	Teresa Corrado Licensing Manager Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission		
Effective Date:	September 14, 2018		
Supersedes:	N/A	Date Reviewed:	September 2018
Approved:			
	Tracy Rude, LPN Chair Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission		

PURPOSE:

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) applications may need a review by practitioners with knowledge of education and certification requirements for the profession and historical perspective. Differences in scope of practice and prescriptive authority across the United States and Territories may impact applicant's ability to meet Washington licensing requirements.

PROCEDURE:

1. ARNP applications are received by licensing staff and data entry completed.
2. ARNP applications are reviewed for completion of the application requirements and meeting all licensing standards.
3. When licensing staff identify gaps in the information, the licensing staff issue letters to the applicant to supply required information and documentation.
4. The licensing staff may consult with the Advanced Practice consultant on issues such as:
 - a. Educational preparation
 - b. Pharmacology requirements for prescriptive authority
 - c. Practice hour requirement for applicants with less than one year since graduation from their graduate degree program
 - d. Practice hour requirement for applicants with more than one year since graduation from their graduate degree program

5. An “advanced nursing education program” must be ‘accredited by a national nursing accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education.’ A full list of programs recognized by the United States Department of Education may be found at <https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>
6. Historically, many Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) programs were housed within medical centers, often affiliated with a university. Since 1998, all Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) accredited programs are graduate degree-granting programs (master’s, doctorate of nursing practice, doctorate of nurse anesthesia practice) that prepare students for advanced practice and national certification as a CRNA. These institutions qualify as institutions of higher learning and meet the requirements of WAC 246-840-340(1) (b) and WAC 246-840-342(1) (b).
7. Once graduated, the programs award the eligibility to the graduate to take the CNRA examination. The examination is administered by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.
8. To be licensed as a CRNA in WA state:
 - a. The applicant must have graduated from a graduate degree program
 - b. The program must be accredited from a Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) accredited programs
 - c. The applicant must pass the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.
9. If the applicant meet all the licensing requirements, the application is approved and processed for licensing.
10. If the applicant *does not* meet all the licensing requirements, refer to Procedure E01.03 Nursing Program Approval Process, Review of Educational Qualifications for Nurse Licensure.

Advanced Practice Subcommittee Work Plan																								
Strategic Action Goals	Lead (s)	Type	Progress	Complete																				
Immediate Goals																								
1. Draft Work Plan and Annual Report	Staff	Administrative	The APSC and staff will create a work plan and annual report																					
2. Advanced Practice information on New Website	Staff	Administrative	APSC review advanced practice information on the new website to make sure it is current and up to date.																					
3. Advanced Practice Communication	Staff/ Chair	Administrative	Review what type of communication should be sent out to ARNPs in Washington State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Welcome Message Reminder about National Certification Etc. 																					
Short Term Goals																								
4. Review Membership & Plan for Leadership Transition	All	Administrative	Consider representation from each of four roles. Current pro-tem representatives with active term dates listed. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Adult Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td> <td>Cyd Marckmann, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td> <td>Molly Dutton, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td> <td>Wendy E. Murchie, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td> <td>Bianca Reis, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Nurse-midwife (CNM)</td> <td>Jeffery Ramirez, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</td> <td>Ajay Mendoza, 11/23/2022-06/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</td> <td>Bliss Ali, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Aaron Eastman, 07/01/2024-06/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Kelli Camp, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Michelle Dedeo, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025</td> </tr> </table>	Adult Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Cyd Marckmann, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Molly Dutton, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Wendy E. Murchie, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Bianca Reis, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	Certified Nurse-midwife (CNM)	Jeffery Ramirez, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	Ajay Mendoza, 11/23/2022-06/30/2025	Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	Bliss Ali, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025		Aaron Eastman, 07/01/2024-06/30/2025		Kelli Camp, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025		Michelle Dedeo, 07/01/2024-6/30/2025	
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5. Advisory Opinion on Opening a Business	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	Develop draft advisory opinion – working on aesthetics, ready to go by September.																					
6. Acupuncture Advisory Opinion	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	Develop draft advisory opinion																					
7. Title change ARNP to APRN	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	Title Change will be implemented June 30, 2027. Communication plan established to prepare for implementation.																					
8. Procedure to rule from JARRC recommendation	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	The board approved JARRC recommendations in September. Interested Party focus groups through November. 7/12/24 approval of draft language and interested party groups are completed.																					
Long-Term Goals																								
9. ARNP Rules	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	Once those are completed an entire review of ARNP rules is needed.																					
10. AP Compact education	Staff/All	Subcommittee Review	AP Compact recommendations workgroup is discussing implementation of recommendations from the AP Compact Education Brief approved by the Board on March 8, 2024. It will be updated for September.																					