

Summary of Changes: Advanced Practice/Pain Management (Phase 2)

Workshop Recap

Dates

- 8/20/2025
- 9/3/2025
- 10/1/2025

Current Draft Language (with edits)

WAC 246-840-300 ARNP scope of practice.

The scope of practice of a licensed ARNP is as provided in RCW [18.79.250](#) and this section.

(1) The ARNP is prepared and qualified to assume primary responsibility and accountability for the care of patients within their roles of ARNP licensure: Certified nurse practitioner (CNP), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), certified nurse midwife (CNM), and clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

(2) As a licensed independent practitioner, an ARNP provides a wide range of health care services including the diagnosis and management of acute, chronic, and complex health conditions, health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling to individuals, families, groups, and communities. Performing within the scope of the ARNP's education, training, and experience, the licensed ARNP may perform the following:

(a) Examine patients and establish diagnoses by patient history, physical examination, and other methods of assessment;

(b) Admit, manage, and discharge patients to and from health care facilities;

Summary of Changes/Feedback

- Updates terminology (“board” replaces “commission”).
- Streamlines language to reduce redundancy across subsections.
- Workshop feedback (9/3/25) supported condensing subsections (2)–(5).

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<p>(c) Order, collect, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests;</p> <p>(d) Manage health care by identifying, developing, implementing, and evaluating a plan of care and treatment for patients;</p> <p>(e) Prescribe therapies and medical equipment;</p> <p>(f) Prescribe medications when granted prescriptive authority under this chapter;</p> <p>(g) Refer patients to other health care practitioners, services, or facilities; and</p> <p>(h) Perform procedures or provide care services that are within the ARNP's scope of practice according to a commissionboard-approved certifying body for advanced practice nurses only as defined in WAC 246-840-302.</p> <p>(3) As leaders in health care, an ARNP may serve in a variety of capacities including, but not limited to, mentors, educators, coaches, advocates, researchers, interprofessional consultants, and administrators.</p> <p>(4) ARNP practice is grounded in nursing process and incorporates the use of independent judgment. Practice includes interprofessional interaction with other health care professionals in the assessment and management of wellness and health conditions.</p> <p>(5) Health care is a dynamic field requiring the scope of the ARNP to continually evolve. The ARNP is responsible for possessing a clear understanding of, and functioning within, the scope of practice of the role for which a license has been issued following the standards of care defined by the applicable certifying body approved by the board. as defined in WAC 246-840-302.</p>	
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<p>(6) An ARNP may choose to specialize and perform those acts for which the individual is qualified and has appropriate education and competence.</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-302 ARNP designations, certification, and approved certification examinations.</p> <p>(1) ARNP designations recognized by the commission<u>board</u> include:</p> <p>(a) Certified Nurse practitioner (<u>CNP</u>);</p> <p>(b) Certified nurse-midwife (CNM);</p> <p>(c) Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); and</p> <p>(d) Clinical nurse specialist (CNS).</p> <p>(2) An ARNP must maintain current certification within his or her<u>their</u> designation(s) by a commission<u>board</u>-approved certifying body as identified in subsection (3) of this section. An ARNP license becomes invalid when the certification expires.</p> <p>(3) To be eligible for licensure as an ARNP, an applicant must pass an examination from one of the following certifying bodies within the ARNP's specialty designation:</p> <p>(a) For NP designation:</p> <p>(i) The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;</p> <p>(ii) The American Nurses Credentialing Center;</p> <p>(iii) The National Certification Corporation;</p> <p>(iv) The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board;</p> <p>(v) The American Association of Critical Care Nurses; or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes static list of certifying bodies; instead references a board-approved list maintained outside rulemaking. • Workshop (9/3/25) supported broader recognition and asked for applicant crosswalk/reference tools.

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<p>(vi) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.</p> <p>(b) For CNM designation, the American Midwifery Certification Board.</p> <p>(c) For CRNA designation, the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.</p> <p>(d) For CNS designation:</p> <p>(i) The American Nurses Credentialing Center;</p> <p>(ii) The American Association of Critical Care Nurses; or</p> <p>(iii) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.</p> <p>(34) An ARNP recognized in more than one designation must obtain and maintain education, training, and practice in each area.</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-310 Use and protection of professional titles.</p> <p>A person who holds a license to practice as an ARNP shall have the right to use the title “advanced registered nurse practitioner” and the abbreviation following the nurse’s name shall read “ARNP” or “NP.”</p> <p>An ARNP may also use the applicable title or abbreviation, or designation as defined in WAC 246-840-302.</p> <p>No other person shall assume such titles or use such abbreviations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restatement of the RCW 18.79.030
<p>WAC 246-840-311</p> <p>ARNP previously adopted specialties.</p> <p>(1) An ARNP holding an active license, without sanctions or restrictions, under one or more of the following previously existing advanced practice certification designations, may continue to renew his or her license as an ARNP:</p> <p>(a) Community health;</p> <p>(b) Maternal-gynecological-neonatal;</p> <p>(c) Medical-surgical;</p> <p>(d) Occupational health;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No substantive changes. • Workshop 8/20/25: Agreement to maintain existing allowances for legacy licensees while clarifying no new entries.

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<p>(e) Neurosurgical; or (f) Enterostomal therapy. (2) An expired license identified in subsection (1)(a) through (f) of this section will not be renewed. (3) The commissionboard will not accept initial ARNP licensure applications from individuals certified in the categories identified in subsection (1)(a) through (f) of this section.</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-340 Initial ARNP requirements. (1) An applicant for licensure as an ARNP shall have the following qualifications: (a) An active Washington state RN license, without sanctions or restrictions; (b) A graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education; (c) Certification from a certifying body approved by the board as identified in WAC 246-840-302; and (d) 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. (i) The pharmacology education must be completed prior to the date of application for licensure. (ii) If an ARNP applicant does not have advanced pharmacology education, the applicant must complete 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. The thirty contact hours of advanced pharmacology education is obtained from the following:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidates initial licensure requirements. • Prescriptive authority now included automatically upon meeting requirements — no separate application. • Workshops 8/20 & 9/3/25: Strong feedback to integrate prescriptive authority into licensure process to reduce redundancy.

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(A) Study within the advanced nursing education program; or
(B) Continuing education programs accepted by a national credentialing body.
(iii) Applicants who hold prescriptive authority from another state at the time of application may request an exemption to subsection (1)(d) of this section.
(d) Completion of advanced clinical practice hours, as defined in WAC 246-840-010(1) and in the role of an advanced practice nurse as defined in WAC 246-840-010(2), when applicable, in situations under subsection (3) of this section.
(2) An applicant for ARNP licensure shall submit:
(a) A completed ARNP application for licensure to the board;
(b) The license fee as specified in WAC 246-840-990;
(c) A request to the board-approved certifying body, as identified in WAC 246-840-302, to send official documentation of certification directly to the board;
(d) A request to the advanced nursing educational program to send an official transcript directly to the board showing courses, grades, degree or certificate granted, official seal, and appropriate registrar;
(e) Evidence of completion of required advanced pharmacology education hours identified in subsection (1)(d) or evidence of holding prescriptive authority from another state at the time of application; and
(f) Program objectives and course descriptions when requested by the board.
(3) Upon meeting the requirements of this section, the ARNP license shall include prescriptive authority. No separate application is required.
(3) To be granted a license without meeting the advanced clinical practice requirements identified in subsection (4) of this section, the ARNP shall initiate the application process within one year of earning a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program.
(4) An ARNP applicant who does not apply within one year of earning a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program may be eligible to receive an ARNP interim permit for the purpose of completing 125 hours of advanced clinical practice for every additional year following

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~~graduation, not to exceed 1,000 hours. The ARNP interim permit expires one year after the submission of the application.~~

~~(a) An ARNP applicant's clinical practice must be supervised by an ARNP under chapter 18.79 RCW, a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, or equivalent licensure in another state or United States jurisdiction. The ARNP interim permit holder must complete supervised advanced clinical practice as defined in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.~~

~~(b) The supervisor must be in the same practice specialty in which the applicant is seeking licensure. The supervising ARNP or physician:~~

~~(i) Shall have an active ARNP or physician license, for two or more years, without sanctions or restrictions;~~

~~(ii) Must not be a member of the applicant's immediate family, as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(27); or have a financial, business, or professional relationship that is in conflict with the proper discharge of the supervisor's duties to impartially supervise and evaluate the nurse;~~

~~(iii) Must not have current disciplinary action on their license;~~

~~(iv) Shall submit documented evidence to the board verifying the applicant's successful completion of the required supervised clinical practice hours in an ARNP role.~~

~~(5) An ARNP applicant needing to complete supervised advanced clinical practice:~~

~~(a) Shall meet the requirements of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section;~~

~~(b) Shall indicate on the ARNP application the need for an interim permit; and~~

~~(c) Must obtain:~~

~~(i) Board approval of the supervising ARNP or physician; and~~

~~(ii) The interim permit.~~

~~(6) The nurse must use the designation interim ARNP at all times and on all documentation of the supervised clinical practice hours.~~

~~(7) An applicant holding an active RN license, without sanctions or restrictions; and current national certification as a CNS; and is practicing in Washington state in an advanced nursing role, will be exempt from the~~

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<p>supervised practice requirement if they can provide evidence of 250 hours of advanced clinical practice within the last two years.</p> <p>WAC 246-840-342 Licensure for ARNP applicants by interstate endorsement.</p> <p>(1) An applicant for interstate endorsement for Washington state licensure as an ARNP shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(a) Have an active RN and ARNP license, or recognition in another state or jurisdiction, as practicing in an advanced practice role, without sanctions or restrictions;</p> <p>(b) Have a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program as identified in WAC 246-840-340 (1)(b), unless the applicant has been practicing in another state, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia (D.C.) as an ARNP and demonstrates that the following criteria have been met:</p> <p>(i) Current advanced nursing practice, as defined in WAC 246-840-010(2), in the advanced role and population focus area;</p> <p>(ii) National certification or recertification, in the advanced role and population focus area;</p> <p>(iii) Compliance with the ARNP educational requirements of the board that were in effect at the time the ARNP completed their ARNP education program; and</p> <p>(iiiv) Compliance with all other criteria for licensure set forth by the board;</p> <p>(c) Provide verification of meeting the pharmacology education and supervised practice requirements equivalent to WAC 246-840-340(1)(d) and (e), or evidence of holding prescriptive authority in another jurisdiction within the past two years; and</p> <p>(de) Hold certification from a <u>board-approved</u> certifying body as identified in WAC 246-840-302(3).</p> <p>(2) An applicant for an ARNP license through interstate endorsement shall:</p> <p>(a) Apply for and be granted a Washington state RN license as identified in WAC <u>246-840-090</u>;</p> <p>(b) Submit a completed ARNP application for licensure to the board;</p> <p>(c) Submit the license fee as specified in WAC <u>246-840-990</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies endorsement requirements. • Requires verification of pharmacology consistent with WAC 340, or evidence of prescriptive authority in another jurisdiction. • Updates terminology. • Workshop 9/3/25: Consensus to require demonstration of equivalent preparation for safe practice; discussion around balancing access for experienced ARNPs while maintaining standards.
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<p>(d) Request the <u>board-approved</u> certifying body, as identified in WAC 246-840-302, to send official documentation of certification directly to the board;</p> <p>(e) Request the advanced nursing educational program to send an official transcript directly to the board showing courses, grades, degree or certificate granted, official seal and appropriate registrar; and</p> <p>(f) Submit nursing education program objectives and course descriptions when requested by the board.</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-344 Licensure for ARNP applicants educated and licensed outside the United States.</p> <p>(1) An applicant for ARNP licensure in Washington state, educated and licensed outside the United States, shall:</p> <p>(a) Apply for and be granted an active RN license, or recognition in another state or jurisdiction, without sanctions or restrictions, issued by a regulatory entity outside the United States, and have been practicing at an advanced practice level;</p> <p>(b) Submit a course-by-course evaluation of education from a <u>commissionboard</u> approved credential evaluating service verifying the advanced nursing educational program completed by the applicant is equivalent to the ARNP education identified in WAC <u>246-840-455</u>;</p> <p>(c) Hold certification from a certifying body <u>approved by the board as identified in WAC 246-840-302(3)</u>; and</p> <p>(d) Provide evidence of completion of advanced pharmacology coursework equivalent to WAC 246-840-340(1)(d), or evidence of supervised practice consistent with WAC 246-840-340(1)(e); and</p> <p>(d) Have been performing advanced clinical practice in his or her country for at least two hundred fifty hours within the two years prior to the date of application for ARNP licensure.</p> <p>(2) An applicant educated and licensed outside of the United States shall:</p> <p>(a) Apply for and be granted a Washington state RN license, without sanctions or restrictions, as identified in WAC <u>246-840-045</u>;</p> <p>(b) Submit a completed ARNP application to the <u>commissionboard</u>;</p> <p>(c) Submit the license fee as specified in WAC <u>246-840-990</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies international applicant process. • Adds requirement for advanced pharmacology or equivalent practice. • Updates terminology. • Workshop 9/3/25: Feedback stressed importance of ensuring international applicants meet U.S. educational and pharmacology standards while not creating unnecessary barriers.

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<p>(d) Submit a course-by-course evaluation of education completed from a <u>commissionboard</u> approved credential evaluating service;</p> <p>(e) Request the <u>board-approved</u> certifying body, as identified in WAC 246-840-302(3), to send official documentation of certification directly to the <u>commissionboard</u>; and</p> <p>(f) Submit evidence of at least two hundred fifty hours of advanced clinical practice as an ARNP, or in an advanced practice role, within the two years prior to the date of application. The two hundred fifty hours may include teaching advanced nursing practice if providing direct patient care as a faculty member or serving as a preceptor in a clinical setting.</p> <p>(3) Internationally educated ARNP applicants who do not meet advanced clinical practice requirements shall complete two hundred fifty hours of supervised advanced clinical practice for every two years the applicant may have been out of practice, not to exceed one thousand hours.</p> <p>(4) An ARNP applicant needing to complete supervised advanced clinical practice shall obtain an ARNP interim permit consistent with the requirements for supervised practice defined in WAC 246-840-340 (4) and (5).</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-360 Renewal of ARNP licensure.</p> <p>(1) An applicant applying for ARNP license renewal, shall <u>meet the following requirements</u> have:</p> <p>(a) An <u>Have an</u> active Washington state RN license, without sanctions or restrictions;</p> <p>(b) Hold a <u>current</u> certification from a <u>board-approved</u> certifying body. <u>The applicant shall submit evidence of current certification by the board-approved certifying body for each designation as identified in WAC 246-840-302; and</u></p> <p>(c) Have thirty <u>30</u> contact hours of continuing education obtained during the renewal period in each ARNP designation <u>and 15 contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics related to the licensee's scope of practice if the licensee has prescriptive authority.</u> An ARNP who has certification in more than one area of practice may count the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidates renewal requirements. • Requires 30 CE hours plus 15 hours pharmacotherapeutics for those with prescriptive authority (total 45). • Removes duplication with separate prescriptive authority renewal section. • Workshop 9/3/25: Feedback supported streamlined renewal; community confirmed requirement for additional 15 CE hours in pharmacotherapeutics is consistent with national best practices.

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<p>continuing education hours for more than one certification when applicable to each area of practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) An applicant for ARNP licensure renewal shall comply with the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2 and submit: (da) Submit the renewal license fee as specified in WAC 246-840-990; (b) Evidence of current certification by the commission approved certifying body for each designation; (ec) Submit a written declaration, on forms provided by the commissionboard attesting to: Completion of thirty 30 contact hours of continuing education during the renewal period for each ARNP designation and 15 hours in pharmacotherapeutics for ARNPs with prescriptive authority; and (fd) Provide evidence of completion of continuing education contact hours and advanced clinical practice hours when requested by the commissionboard. 	
<p>WAC 246-840-361 Continuing education for ARNP license renewal.</p> <p>The 45thirty contact hours of continuing education required for the two-year renewal of ARNP licensure must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Be acceptable to the board-approved certifying body identified in WAC 246-840-302(3); (2) Be obtained from courses in which the contact hour is at least fifty 50 minutes; (3) Not include the fifteen hours of continuing education required for an ARNP with prescriptive authority as identified in WAC 246-840-450 (1)(b); and (4) Not include the same course taken more than once during the renewal cycle. (3) Include 15 hours of pharmacotherapeutic continuing education required for an ARNP, which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Relate to the ARNP's scope of certification and scope of practice; (b) Be obtained from continuing education courses in which the contact hour time is not less than 50 minutes; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies CE structure: 30 hours general + 15 pharmacotherapeutics if ARNP has prescriptive authority. • Prohibits double-counting courses. • Workshop 9/3/25: Agreement to consolidate CE into one section; aligns with national standards; simplifies compliance for licensees. • ARNP CC hours count towards RN hours

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<p><u>(c) Not include the same course taken more than once during the reporting cycle.</u></p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-365 Inactive and reactivating an ARNP license: To apply for an inactive ARNP license, an ARNP shall comply with WAC 246-12-090 or 246-12-540, if military related: (1) An ARNP may apply for an inactive license if he or she holds an active Washington state ARNP license without sanctions or restrictions: (2) To return to active status the ARNP: (a) Shall meet the requirements for an inactive credential for nonmilitary practitioners identified under WAC 246-12-090 through 246-12-110; (b) Must hold an active RN license under chapter 18.79 RCW without sanctions or restrictions; (c) Shall submit the fee as identified under WAC 246-840-990; (d) Shall submit evidence of current certification by the commission approved certifying body identified in WAC 246-840-302(1); and (e) Shall submit evidence of 30 contact hours of continuing education for each designation within the past two years: (3) To regain prescriptive authority after inactive status, the applicant must meet the prescriptive authority requirements identified in WAC 246-840-410.</p> <p><u>Reactivation of ARNP License</u> <u>(1) An individual who applies for ARNP licensure reactivation and who has been out of practice for more than five years shall provide evidence of successfully completing 250 hours of a reorientation in the appropriate advanced practice role and population focus, which includes a supervised clinical component by a qualified preceptor.</u> <u>(2) Preceptor must meet the requirements in WAC 246-840-533.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes new section requiring applicants out of practice >5 years to complete 250 hours of reorientation, including supervised clinical component by qualified preceptor Workshop 8/20/25: Identified gap for reactivation; community supported requiring structured reentry to ensure competency and public safety.
<p>WAC 246-840-367 Expired license. When an ARNP license is not renewed, it is placed in expired status and the nurse must not practice as an ARNP. (1) To return to active status when the license has been expired for less than fivetwo years, the nurse shall:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends timeframe before “expired” status requires requalification from 2 years to 5 years. Clarifies requirements for returning to practice. Workshop 8/20/25: Broad support to reduce administrative burden; rationale: prior 2-year limit

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<p>(a) Meet the requirements for initial and renewal credentialing of practitioners as identified under WAC 246-12-020 through 246-12-051;</p> <p>(b) Meet ARNP renewal requirements identified in WAC 246-840-360; and</p> <p>(c) Meet the prescriptive authority requirements identified in WAC 246-840-450, if renewing prescriptive authority.</p> <p>(2) If the ARNP license has expired for two five years or more, the applicant shall:</p> <p>(a) Meet the requirements for initial and renewal credentialing of practitioners as identified under WAC 246-12-020 through 246-12-051;</p> <p>(b) Submit evidence of current certification by the commission board- approved certifying body identified in WAC 246-840-302(3);</p> <p>(c) Submit evidence of 30 contact hours of continuing education for each designation within the prior two years; and</p> <p>(d) Meet the prescriptive authority requirements identified in WAC 246-840-410 if requesting prescriptive authority, which may be granted once the ARNP license is returned to active status.</p>	<p>unnecessarily restrictive compared to other license types.</p>
<p>WAC 246-840-400 ARNP prescriptive authority.</p> <p>(1) An ARNP licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW when authorized by the board nursing commission may prescribe drugs and medical devices pursuant to applicable state and federal laws.</p> <p>(2) The ARNP when exercising prescriptive authority is accountable for competency in:</p> <p>(a) Problem identification through appropriate assessment;</p> <p>(b) Medication and device selection;</p> <p>(c) Patient education for use of therapeutics;</p> <p>(d) Knowledge of interactions of therapeutics;</p> <p>(e) Evaluation of outcome; and</p> <p>(f) Recognition and management of side effects, adverse reactions, and complications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retained, but substantive application/renewal requirements moved to licensure sections. Workshops 8/20 & 9/3/25: Feedback to integrate prescriptive authority into licensure rules, reducing duplication and confusion.
<p>WAC 246-840-410 Application requirements for ARNP prescriptive authority.</p> <p>(1) An ARNP who applies for prescriptive authority must:</p>	

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~~(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~~

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<p>(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:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(6) An ARNP who applies for a new or additional ARNP designation must send proof of advanced pharmacology educational content appropriate to each designation.</p> <p>(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.</p>	
<p>WAC 246-840-420 Authorized prescriptions by ARNP with prescriptive authority.</p> <p>Prescriptions for drugs and medical devices must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and be within the ARNP's scope of practice.</p> <p>(1) An ARNP must sign prescriptions and include the initials ARNP or NP.</p> <p>(2) An ARNP may not, under RCW 18.79.240(1) and chapter 69.50 RCW, prescribe controlled substances in Schedule I.</p> <p>(3) An ARNP with prescriptive authority who prescribes controlled substances must be registered with the drug enforcement administration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor clarifications • Workshop 9/3/25: Agreement to maintain clarity for enforcement purposes; no substantive concerns.
<p>WAC 246-840-450 Renewal of ARNP prescriptive authority:</p> <p>(1) ARNP prescriptive authority must be renewed at the time of renewal of the ARNP license. For renewal of ARNP prescriptive authority, the licensee must:</p> <p>(a) Meet the requirements of WAC 246-840-360; and</p> <p>(b) Provide a written declaration on forms provided by the commission of fifteen contact hours of continuing education during the renewal period in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repealed / consolidated. Renewal requirements were folded into WAC 360 and 361.

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~~pharmacotherapeutics related to the licensee's scope of practice that are in addition to the thirty contact hours of continuing education required for renewal of the ARNP license as identified in WAC 246-840-360 (1)(c) and (2)(c) and 246-840-361; and~~
~~(c) Submit evidence of completion of continuing education contact hours when requested by the commission.~~
~~(2) If the licensee fails to renew his or her prescriptive authority prior to the expiration date, then the individual may not prescribe until the prescriptive authority is renewed and is subject to the late renewal fee specified in WAC 246-840-990 and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.~~

~~WAC 246-840-451 Continuing education requirements for ARNP prescriptive authority:~~

~~(1) The fifteen hours of pharmacotherapeutic continuing education must:~~
~~(a) Relate to the ARNP's scope of certification and scope of practice; and~~
~~(b) Be obtained from continuing education courses in which the contact hour time is not less than fifty minutes.~~
~~(2) The same course taken more than once during a reporting cycle shall be only counted once.~~

- **Repealed / consolidated.** CE requirements folded into WAC 361.