

## Occupational Authorizations

### Arkansas State Board of Nursing

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#### MEDICATION ASSISTANT (MA-C)

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-705. Scope of work.

(a)(1) A certified medication assistant may perform the delegated nursing function of medication administration and related tasks in accordance with rules promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) A certified medication assistant shall perform medication administration and related tasks only:

- (A) At a designated facility; and
- (B) Under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

(3)(A) Medication administration shall be limited to the administration of nonprescription and legend drugs ordered by an authorized prescriber by the following methods:

- (i) Orally;
- (ii) Topically;
- (iii) Drops for eye, ear, or nose;
- (iv) Vaginally;
- (v) Rectally;
- (vi) Transdermally;
- (vii) Inhalation; and
- (viii) Subcutaneous injections of insulin.

(B) Medication administration by a certified medication assistant shall not include controlled substances.

(b) A certified medication assistant shall not:

- (1) Receive, have access to, or administer any controlled substance;
- (2) Administer parenteral, enteral, or injectable medications, except as authorized under this subchapter;
- (3) Administer any substances by nasogastric or gastrostomy tubes;
- (4) Calculate drug dosages;
- (5) Destroy medication;
- (6) Receive orders, either in writing or verbally, for new or changed medications;
- (7) Transcribe orders from the medical record;
- (8) Order initial medications;

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- (9) Evaluate medication error reports;
- (10) Perform treatments;
- (11) Conduct patient assessments or evaluations; or
- (12) Engage in patient teaching activities.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-704. Qualifications.

- (a) To be certified as a certified medication assistant, an applicant shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that:
  - (1) The applicant meets all of the following requirements:
    - (A) Is currently listed in good standing on the state's certified nurse aide registry;
    - (B) Is currently employed at a designated facility;
    - (C) Has a high school diploma or the equivalent;
    - (D) Has successfully completed a literacy and reading comprehension screening process approved by the board;
    - (E) Has successfully completed a certified medication assistant training course of not less than one hundred fifteen (115) hours approved by the board; and
    - (F) Has successfully passed an examination on subjects the board determines; or
  - (2) The applicant has:
    - (A) Completed a portion of a nursing education program equivalent to the certified medication assistant training course; and
    - (B) Passed the certified medication assistant examination.
- (b) The board may issue a certification as a certified medication assistant by endorsement to an applicant who has been licensed or certified as a certified medication assistant under the laws of another state or territory, if:
  - (1) In the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications of a certified medication assistant in this state; and
  - (2) The board recommends certification.
- (c) A person holding a certification as a certified medication assistant may use the title "certified medication assistant" or "medication assistant — certified" and the abbreviation "C.M.A." or "M.A. — C."
- (d) The training courses for a certified medication assistant may be provided by a postsecondary educational institution, a hospital, or a consortium of five (5) or more skilled nursing facilities.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

**Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$35.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$65.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal Penalty	\$50.00	Once

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Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Renewal	\$40.00	Biennially
Fee	Certification Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement Fee	\$10.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Final.17ADH-SBN_127MedAsst.pdf</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**APRN: CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (CNM)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102

(5) "Practice of certified nurse midwifery" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a certified nurse midwife that are relevant to the management of women's health care, focusing on pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn, family planning, and gynecological needs of women within a healthcare system that provides for consultation, collaborative management, or referral as indicated by the health status of the client;

Title 17. Professions, Occupations, and Businesses  
Chapter XXII. Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Department of Health  
Part 123. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
Subpart 1. Scope of Practice

17 CAR § 123-101. Scope of practice.

(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in a manner consistent with the definition of the practice of advanced practice registered nursing set forth in Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(4) – (8) and in accordance with the scope of practice defined by the appropriate national certifying body and the standards set forth in this part.

(b) The advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) may provide health care for which:

- (1) The APRN is educationally prepared; and
- (2) Competence has been attained and maintained.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203.

17 CAR § 123-402. Standards for all categories of advanced practice registered nursing.

(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall:

- (1) Assess clients at an advanced level;
- (2) Identify health status, including abnormal conditions;
- (3) Establish a diagnosis;
- (4) Develop and implement treatment plans; and
- (5) Evaluate client outcomes.

(b) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.

(c) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his or her practice category.

(d) The advanced practice registered nurse shall:

- (1) Have knowledge of the statutes and rules governing advanced nursing practice; and

- (2) Function within the legal boundaries of the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing category.
- (e) The advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign the following official documents:
  - (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle;
  - (2) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic activities;
  - (3) Physicals for bus drivers;
  - (4) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
  - (5) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness;
  - (6) Death certificate;
  - (7) Workers' compensation forms;
  - (8) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; and
  - (9) Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
- (f) The advanced practice registered nurse shall recognize the APRN's limits of knowledge and experience, planning for situations beyond expertise and collaborating with or referring clients to other healthcare providers as appropriate.
- (g) The advanced practice registered nurse shall retain professional accountability for advanced practice nursing care when delegating interventions.
- (h) The advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge and skills in the advanced practice nursing category.
- (i) Rules that apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.
- (j)(1) The APRN shall comply with the standards for registered nurses as specified in General Provisions, 17 CAR pt. 120.
- (2) Standards for a specific role and population focus of APRN supersede standards for registered nurses where conflict between the standards, if any, exists.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-101. License required — Purpose.

- (a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing as listed in this subsection for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:
  - (1) Professional nursing;
  - (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;
  - (3) Registered practitioner nursing;
  - (4) Practical nursing; or
  - (5) Psychiatric technician nursing.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person not licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:
  - (1) To practice or offer to practice professional nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, registered practitioner nursing, practical nursing, or psychiatric technician nursing; or
  - (2) To use any sign, card, or device to indicate that the person is a professional registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, or a licensed psychiatric technician nurse.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

**APRN: CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (CNM) (Continued)****Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial Licensure	\$125.00	Once
Fee	Certificate of Prescriptive Authority	\$160.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$65.00	Biennially
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

Document Type	Document
Rules	<a href="#">Final.17ADH-SBN_123AdvPracRegNur.pdf</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**APRN: CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102  
(6) "Practice of certified nurse practitioner nursing" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a registered nurse who, as demonstrated by national certification, has advanced knowledge and practice skills in the delivery of nursing services;

Subpart 1. Scope of Practice

17 CAR § 123-101. Scope of practice.

(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in a manner consistent with the definition of the practice of advanced practice registered nursing set forth in Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(4) – (8) and in accordance with the scope of practice defined by the appropriate national certifying body and the standards set forth in this part.

(b) The advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) may provide health care for which:

- (1) The APRN is educationally prepared; and
- (2) Competence has been attained and maintained.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203.

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(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall:

- (1) Assess clients at an advanced level;
- (2) Identify health status, including abnormal conditions;
- (3) Establish a diagnosis;
- (4) Develop and implement treatment plans; and
- (5) Evaluate client outcomes.

(b) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.

(c) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his or her practice category.

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- (d) The advanced practice registered nurse shall:
  - (1) Have knowledge of the statutes and rules governing advanced nursing practice; and
  - (2) Function within the legal boundaries of the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing category.
- (e) The advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign the following official documents:
  - (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle;
  - (2) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic activities;
  - (3) Physicals for bus drivers;
  - (4) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
  - (5) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness;
  - (6) Death certificate;
  - (7) Workers' compensation forms;
  - (8) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; and
  - (9) Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
- (f) The advanced practice registered nurse shall recognize the APRN's limits of knowledge and experience, planning for situations beyond expertise and collaborating with or referring clients to other healthcare providers as appropriate.
- (g) The advanced practice registered nurse shall retain professional accountability for advanced practice nursing care when delegating interventions.
- (h) The advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge and skills in the advanced practice nursing category.
- (i) Rules that apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.
- (j)(1) The APRN shall comply with the standards for registered nurses as specified in General Provisions, 17 CAR pt. 120.
- (2) Standards for a specific role and population focus of APRN supersede standards for registered nurses where conflict between the standards, if any, exists.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-101. License required – Purpose.

- (a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:
  - (1) Professional nursing;
  - (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;
  - (3) Registered practitioner nursing;
  - (4) Practical nursing; or
  - (5) Psychiatric technician nursing.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person not licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:
  - (1) To practice or offer to practice professional nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, registered practitioner nursing, practical nursing, or psychiatric technician nursing; or
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spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

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Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
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**Administrative Rules Documents**

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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**APRN: CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)**

Authorization Type:	Licensure	# of Individuals Regulated:	1012
Entity Division Name:	Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions		
Scope of Practice:	<p>17-87-102</p> <p>(6) "Practice of certified nurse practitioner nursing" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a registered nurse who, as demonstrated by national certification, has advanced knowledge and practice skills in the delivery of nursing services;</p> <p>Subpart 1. Scope of Practice</p> <p>17 CAR § 123-101. Scope of practice.</p> <p>(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall practice in a manner consistent with the definition of the practice of advanced practice registered nursing set forth in Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(4) – (8) and in accordance with the scope of practice defined by the appropriate national certifying body and the standards set forth in this part.</p> <p>(b) The advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) may provide health care for which:</p> <p>(1) The APRN is educationally prepared; and</p> <p>(2) Competence has been attained and maintained.</p> <p>Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203.</p> <p>17 CAR § 123-402. Standards for all categories of advanced practice registered nursing.</p> <p>(a) The advanced practice registered nurse shall:</p> <p>(1) Assess clients at an advanced level;</p> <p>(2) Identify health status, including abnormal conditions;</p> <p>(3) Establish a diagnosis;</p> <p>(4) Develop and implement treatment plans; and</p> <p>(5) Evaluate client outcomes.</p> <p>(b) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.</p>		

- (c) The advanced practice registered nurse shall use critical thinking and decision making at an advanced level, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of his or her practice category.
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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**APRN: CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 

135

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: 17-87-102

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(5) Psychiatric technician nursing.

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Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive Status	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once
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Fee	Certificate of Prescriptive Authority	\$160.00	Once

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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 13937

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
 (9) "Practice of licensed practical nursing" means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a licensed practical nurse that are relevant to the care of the ill, injured, or infirm, or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board, under the direction of a registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician, or a licensed dentist that do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in professional nursing;

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-304. Licensed practical nurses.

(a) Qualifications. An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:

- (1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and
- (2) Has completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of

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practical nurses and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom. However, the board may waive this requirement if the board determines the applicant to be otherwise qualified.

(b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a practical nurse may be issued:

(1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successful completion of the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse; or

(2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice practical nursing by endorsement to any applicant who has duly been licensed or registered as a licensed practical nurse or to a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.

(c) Person Licensed Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license to practice as a practical nurse issued by the board and which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a practical nurse under the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice practical nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N."

(e) Educational Program. The educational program for the preparation of licensed practical nurses may be provided by a postsecondary educational institution, a hospital, or a consortium of five (5) or more skilled nursing facilities.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

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**Fees & Penalties**

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Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$125.00	Once
Fee	International Licensure	\$200.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$90.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	PN Equivalency Licensure	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Reactivation from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

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Rules	<a href="#">Final.17ADH-SBN_121Licensure.pdf</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN NURSE (LPTN)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 46

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

**LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN NURSE (LPTN) (Continued)**

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
(11) "Practice of psychiatric technician nursing" means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a licensed psychiatric technician nurse that are relevant to the care of the physically and mentally impaired, injured, or infirm or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board, and the carrying out of medical orders under the direction of a professional registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician, or a licensed dentist, when such activities do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in professional nursing"

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-305. Licensed psychiatric technician nurses.

(a) Qualifications. An applicant for a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:

(1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and

(2) Has completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of psychiatric technician nurses and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom. However, the board may waive this requirement if the board determines the applicant to be otherwise qualified.

(b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a psychiatric technician nurse may be issued:

(1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral examination. Upon successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a psychiatric technician nurse. All such examinations shall be conducted by an examiner, who shall be a registered nurse, and by an assistant examiner, who shall be a licensed psychiatric technician nurse; or

(2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing by endorsement to an applicant who has duly been licensed or registered as a licensed psychiatric technician nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed psychiatric technician nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.

(c) Person Licensed Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license to practice as a psychiatric technician issued by the board in accordance with Acts 1953, No. 124 [repealed], and which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a psychiatric technician nurse under the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice psychiatric technician nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title "licensed psychiatric technician nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.T.N.".

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

**Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$100.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$90.00	Biennially

**LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN NURSE (LPTN) (Continued)**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**REGISTERED NURSE (RN)**

Authorization Type:	Licensure	# of Individuals Regulated:	47873
Entity Division Name:	Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions		
Scope of Practice:	ACA 17-87-102 (10) "Practice of professional nursing" means the performance by a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse for compensation of any acts involving:  (A) The observation, care, and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm;  (B) The maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others;  (C) The supervision and teaching of other personnel;  (D) The delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in rules established by the board; or  (E) The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by practitioners authorized to prescribe and treat in accordance with state law when such acts require substantial specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social sciences;		
Statutory Requirement(s):	17-87-301. Registered nurses.  (a) Qualifications. Before taking the examination or before the issuance of a license by endorsement, an applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant: (1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and (2) Has completed the required approved professional nursing education program.  (b) Issuance of License. A license to practice as a registered nurse may be issued: (1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse; or (2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so		

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recommends.

(c) Nurses Registered Before March 29, 1971. Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which was valid on March 29, 1971, shall be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Title and Abbreviation. Any person who holds a license to practice professional nursing in this state shall have the right to use the title “registered nurse” and the abbreviation “R.N.”.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

**Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure by Examination	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Licensure by Endorsement	\$125.00	Once
Fee	International Licensure	\$200.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal	\$100.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once
Fee	Temporary Permit	\$30.00	Once

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**Supporting Evidence Documents**

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**REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER (RNP)**

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 298

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: ACA 17-87-102  
(12)

(A) “Practice of registered nurse practitioner nursing” means the performance for compensation of nursing practices by a registered nurse practitioner that are relevant to the delivery of healthcare services in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician or under the direction of protocols developed with a licensed physician.

(B) A registered nurse practitioner is authorized to engage in nursing practices as recognized by the nursing profession and as authorized by the board.

Title 17. Professions, Occupations, and Businesses  
Chapter XXII. Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Department of Health  
Part 122. Registered Nurse Practitioner  
Subpart 1. Scope of Practice

17 CAR § 122-101. Registered nurse practitioner.

- (a) A registered nurse practitioner is a licensed professional nurse prepared in the manner stated herein who provides direct care to individuals, families, and other groups in a variety of settings, including:
  - (1) Homes;
  - (2) Hospitals;
  - (3) Offices;
  - (4) Industry;
  - (5) Schools; and
  - (6) Other institutions and healthcare settings.
- (b) The service provided by the nurse practitioner is directed toward the delivery of primary, secondary, and tertiary care that focuses on the achievement and maintenance of optimal functions in the population.
- (c) The nurse practitioner:
  - (1) Engages in independent decision making about the nursing care needs of clients; and
  - (2) Collaborates with health professionals and others in making decisions about other healthcare needs.
- (d) The practitioner plans and institutes healthcare programs as a member of the healthcare team.
- (e) The nurse practitioner is directly accountable and responsible to the recipient for the quality of care rendered.
- (f) Rules that apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.

17 CAR § 122-102. Acts proper to be performed by a registered nurse practitioner.

- (a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts at the advanced and specialized levels as recognized by the nursing profession and that are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act:
  - (1) Secures, records, and evaluates the health, psychosocial, and developmental history of patients;
  - (2) Performs physical examinations using techniques of observation, inspection, auscultation, palpation, and percussion and uses appropriate diagnostic tests;
  - (3) Discriminates between normal and abnormal findings on the history and physical examination and refers the individuals who need further evaluation or supervision;
  - (4) Documents the processes of nursing care delivery;
  - (5) Contributes to the comprehensive care of the ill in collaboration with the healthcare team;
  - (6) Coordinates healthcare plans to:
    - (A) Enhance the quality of health care; and
    - (B) Diminish both fragmentation and duplication of service;
  - (7) Contributes to the health education of individuals and groups and applies methods designed to increase each person's motivation to assume responsibility for his or her own health care;
  - (8) Facilitates entry into and through the healthcare system by appropriate route;
  - (9) Counsels with families and/or individuals regarding:
    - (A) Family planning;
    - (B) Pregnancy;
    - (C) Child care;
    - (D) Emotional stresses;
    - (E) Long-term illness; and
    - (F) General health problems;
  - (10) Performs periodic health evaluations and plans for health maintenance of clients; and
  - (11) Conducts community clinics for case finding and screening for health problems.
- (b) The board authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction



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of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts recognized by the nursing profession and which are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act:

- (1) Assumes responsibility for ongoing health maintenance and clinical management of stable, chronically ill patients;
- (2) Provides initial care of emergencies and initiates arrangements for continuing definitive care;
- (3) Identifies, manages, and initiates treatment for common medical problems by "protocols" as described in 17 CAR § 122-103; and
- (4) Evaluates progress and manages prenatal and postpartum care.

17 CAR § 122-103. Protocols.

(a) Any nurse practicing as a registered nurse practitioner shall practice in accordance with protocols developed in collaboration with and signed by a licensed physician.

(b) Protocols shall address:

- (1) Established procedures for the management of common medical problems in the practice setting;
- (2) The degree to which collaboration, independent action, and supervision are required; and
- (3) Acts including but not limited to:
  - (A) Assessment;
  - (B) Diagnosis;
  - (C) Treatment; and
  - (D) Evaluation.

(c) Protocols shall not include controlled substances.

(d) Documentation.

- (1) Orders transmitted from protocols shall be documented on the client's medical record.
- (2) Orders transmitted from protocols to inpatient medical records shall contain:
  - (A) Name of medication, therapeutic device, or treatment;
  - (B) Strength;
  - (C) Dose;
  - (D) Length of time or amount prescribed;
  - (E) Directions for use;
  - (F) RNP signature; and
  - (G) Physician's name, printed, followed by notation "protocol".

(e) Any deviation from written protocols shall require:

- (1) A specific written or verbal order from the collaborating physician before the order is transmitted or implemented; and
- (2) Documentation in the medical record as specified in subdivisions (d)(2)(A) – (F) of this section and notation that order was by consultation, to be signed by the RNP.

(f) Review of protocols.

- (1) The RNP shall:
  - (A) Document annual joint review with the licensed physician; and
  - (B) Revise when necessary.
- (2) The RNP shall, upon request, provide the Arkansas State Board of Nursing with current protocols.

(g) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit any registered nurse practitioner from:

- (1) Transmitting a prescription order orally or telephonically; or
- (2) Administering a legend drug pursuant to a lawful direction of a licensed physician, dentist, or advanced practice nurse who holds a certificate of prescriptive authority.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-87-303. Registered nurse practitioners.

(a)(1) Any person holding a license to practice as a registered nurse and possessing the educational

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qualifications required under subsection

(b) of this section to be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner, upon application and payment of necessary fees to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, may be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner and have the right to use the title of “registered nurse practitioner” and the abbreviation “R.N.P.”.

(2) No other person shall assume such a title or use such an abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using them is a registered nurse practitioner.

(b) In order to be licensed as a registered nurse practitioner, a registered nurse must hold a certificate or academic degree evidencing successful completion of the educational program of an accredited school of nursing or other nationally recognized accredited program recognized by the board as meeting the requirements of a nurse practitioner program.

(c) However, any person qualified to receive a license as a registered nurse practitioner may obtain the license upon the payment of a fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the original license. The license fees are to be in addition to the person's registered nurse license fees.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

**Fees & Penalties**

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	License Renewal	\$40.00	Biennially
Fee	License Verification	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement from Inactive	\$10.00	Once
Penalty	Late Renewal	\$100.00	Once

**Administrative Rules Documents**

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Rules	<a href="#">Final.17ADH-SBN_122RegNursePrac.pdf</a>

**Supporting Evidence Documents**

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

**REGISTERED DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN**

Authorization Type: Registration # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions

Scope of Practice: A.C.A. 17-87-904. Tasks performed.

A dialysis patient care technician may administer direct patient care and hemodialysis, including administering associated medications and central venous catheter access and care, under the authority of a registered nurse licensed in this state who may delegate tasks based on nursing judgment to a dialysis patient care technician based on the dialysis patient care technician's education, knowledge, training, and skill.

Statutory Requirement(s): A.C.A. 17-87-905. Registration.

(a) To register as a dialysis patient care technician, an individual shall:

(1) Possess a high school diploma or a general educational development certificate;

- (2) Demonstrate that he or she:
  - (A) Is employed as a dialysis patient care technician;
  - (B) Is enrolled in a training course that follows national recommendations for dialysis patient care technicians and is conducted primarily in a work setting; or
  - (C) Has completed a training course that follows national recommendations for dialysis patient care technicians with verification of competency and a skills checklist signed by the medical director of the facility that employs the person;
- (3)
  - (A) Obtain national certification by successful passage of a national certification examination within eighteen (18) months of becoming employed as a dialysis patient care technician.
  - (B)
    - (i) A dialysis patient care technician shall recertify national certification at intervals required by the organization providing the certification examination.
    - (ii) The intervals required under subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i) of this section shall include no fewer than thirty (30) and no more than forty (40) patient contact hours since the previous certification or recertification;
  - (4) Submit an application with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; and
  - (5) Pay the applicable fee as determined by the board.
- (b)
  - (1) An applicant for registration as a dialysis patient care technician shall report to the board, in writing, any conviction for a felony or misdemeanor.
  - (2) A conviction is not a disqualification for registration under this section unless the conviction relates to the criminal offenses listed in § 17-3-102.
- (c)
  - (1) An applicant or a dialysis patient care technician may report any pardon or setting aside of a conviction to the board.
  - (2) If a pardon or setting aside has been obtained, the conviction for which the pardon or setting aside was obtained shall not be maintained on the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry created under § 17-87-906.
- (d) If a person registered as a dialysis patient care technician becomes licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, his or her registration as a dialysis patient care technician shall terminate as of the date of licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.
- (e)
  - (1) The board shall refuse to register or shall revoke the registration of a person who would be disqualified from employment under § 20-33-213.
  - (2) The board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a registration of a dialysis patient care technician for:
    - (A) Securing a registration under this subchapter through fraud or deceit;
    - (B) Unprofessional conduct, unethical conduct, gross ignorance, or inefficiency in the conduct of his or her practice;
    - (C) Using a false name or an alias in his or her practice;
    - (D) Violating any provision of this subchapter; or
    - (E) Failing to comply with any of the requirements for registration.
  - (3) Proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

17-87-906. Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry — Contents of registry.

- (a)

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(1) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall list each dialysis patient care technician registrant on a registry to be named the "Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry".

(2) A listing in the registry is valid for the term of the registration and upon renewal unless the listing is refused renewal or is removed.

(b) The registry shall contain the following information on each person who is a registered dialysis patient care technician:

- (1) The individual's full name;
- (2) Any conviction of a felony or misdemeanor reported to the board;
- (3) A certificate showing completion of a nationally recognized training program; and
- (4) A certificate of completion of a nationally commercially available dialysis patient care technician certification examination.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

### Fees & Penalties

*No Fees or Penalties Provided*

### Administrative Rules Documents

*No Administrative Rules Documents Provided*

### Supporting Evidence Documents

*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee  
Occupational Entity Questionnaire  
Arkansas Department of Health - Board of Nursing

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year?

**A.C.A. § 17-87-101 states the following:**

**(a) In order to safeguard life and health, a person practicing or offering to practice nursing as listed in this subsection for compensation shall be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed as provided in this chapter:**

- (1) Professional nursing;**
- (2) Advanced practice registered nursing;**
- (3) Registered practitioner nursing;**
- (4) Practical nursing; or**
- (5) Psychiatric technician nursing.**

**(b) It is unlawful for any person not licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:**

- (1) To practice or offer to practice professional nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, registered practitioner nursing, practical nursing, or psychiatric technician nursing; or**
- (2) To use any sign, card, or device to indicate that the person is a professional registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, or a licensed psychiatric technician nurse.**

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2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?  
**In FY2025, we did not receive any complaints regarding “imposters,” or people carrying out the duties of a licensed nurse without holding a license.**
  
3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?  
**While the ADH-ASBN does not collect specific data regarding actual harm of consumers, the potential for harm is a factor in every investigation that we conduct. For FY2025, there were 1,995 complaints received by the ASBN staff. From those complaints, there were 1,349 cases opened for investigation. There have been 118 disciplinary actions taken as a result of those cases, and there are 411 open investigations ongoing from the FY2025 complaints. In each case, due to the nature of the care provided by nurses and certified medication assistants, there was potential or actual harm involved for the consumer.**
  
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? If so, why?  
**No**
  
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves?  
**The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) collects licensing renewal fees on a biennium cycle. The ASBN collected \$3,960,749.62 in FY2025 from licensing fees. Annual expenses totaled \$3,591,718.99. The ASBN had \$8,590,685.30 in reserves as of June 30, 2025.**

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6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? For what purpose?

**The ASBN efficiently manages its expenses and has not recently needed to utilize its fund balance for expenses. It is working to comply with Act 114 of 2023 that stipulates the board maintains a three-year average of its operating expenses other than occasional Pay Plan requests.**

7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded?

**The ASBN receives 97.4% of its revenue from licensing/exam fees. The remaining revenue comes from penalties and fines related to discipline and expired licenses.**

8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities?

**Applicants for nursing licensure are required to pass the National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) registered nurse or practical nurse licensure exam (NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN). NCLEX success is tracked by first attempt only. Applicants may take the exam more than once. The first-time success rate for Practical Nurse (PN) applicants was 92% (767 applicants) in FY2025. The first-time success rate for Registered Nurse (RN) applicants with an associate's degree was 85.5% (1,288 applicants) in FY2025. The first-time success rate for RN applicants with a bachelor's or master's degree was 90.2% (1,004 applicants) in FY2025. Applicants for Medication Assistant Certificates (MA-C) are required to pass a certification exam. Medication Assistance Certificate (MA-C) success is tracked by first-time success rates as well. Applicants for MA-C are allowed to take the certificate exam more than once. The first-time success rate for MA-Cs was 92.9% (288 applicants) for FY2025. The ASBN does not collect demographic data on which of the applicants that were unsuccessful were veterans, women, or minorities.**

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Occupational Entity Questionnaire

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9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships?

**There were no apprenticeship programs in FY2025 for nurses or certified medication assistants in Arkansas.**

10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders?

**If nurses and certified medication assistants were not required to hold occupational licensure or certification, the public would face significant risk for or actual harm. Licensure and certification ensure that healthcare workers have the essential knowledge, skills, and ethical training to deliver safe care. Licensure and certification oversight also enforces accountability. It provides a regulatory system that investigates misconduct, disciplines unsafe practitioners, and protects patients from repeat harm. Without this oversight, the public would have no assurance that caregivers meet minimum competency requirements or adhere to professional standards. Overall, removing licensure and certification requirements would significantly increase medical errors, reduce quality of care, and erode the public trust in the healthcare system.**