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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Nursing

Board of Nursing regulations re: LPN, CNA, Dementia, Medication, Triage (12 AAC 44.290 - .990)

Attorney General File:	2024200163
Regulation Filed:	4/8/2025
Effective Date:	5/8/2025
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April 7, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: *12 AAC 44.290-.990: Board of Nursing - LPN, CNA, Dementia,
Medication, Triage*
Our file: 2024200163

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Nursing against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Nursing after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations update various standards under 12 AAC 44 concerning applications for nurse licensure or nurse aide certification, retired or lapsed license renewal, and nurse aide classroom curriculum. Additionally, the regulations add certified medical assistants to the list of professionals authorized to be delegated medication administration tasks and add a definition for the term "cognitively impaired individual."

The October 20, 2024 public notice and the March 25, 2025 order certifying changes each state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

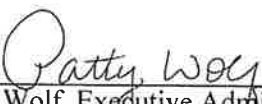
The attached 18 pages of regulations, dealing with applications for licensure and certification, classroom curriculum, delegation authority, and definitions, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Nursing adopted at its February, 5-6, 2025 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.68.100, AS 08.68.805, AS 08.68.190, AS 08.68.200, AS 08.68.251, AS 08.68.275, AS 08.68.276, AS 08.68.331, and AS 08.68.805, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Nursing paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 3/25/25



Patty Wolf, Executive Administrator
Alaska Board of Nursing

for April Simpson

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that _____ on _____
April 8, 2025 at 12:15 p.m., I filed the attached regulations
according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

for April Simpson

Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: May 8, 2025

Register: 254, July 2025

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

12 AAC 44.290(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) provide to the board [WITH], if the applicant is

(A) a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program that is not taught in English

(i) verification that the applicant has passed an English proficiency examination that includes components on reading, speaking, writing, and listening;

(ii) an evaluation of the applicant's nursing education by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service, including a full education, course-by-course report that indicates the applicant's nursing education was taught in English; or

(iii) an official International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate that verifies that the applicant has successfully completed the VisaScreen: Visa Credential Assessment Service

[GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL OF NURSING IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, A COMPLETE CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION, SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD FROM THE SCHOOL OF NURSING];

(B) a practical nurse applicant who is a United States military servicemember on active duty or reserve status, or discharged by means other than a dishonorable discharge not more than five years from the date of application, who has completed a nursing education program provided by the United States military that is equivalent to an accredited practical nurse education program under

AS 08.68.170

(i) a complete certified transcript of the applicant's military education, submitted directly to the board from the appropriate military service branch;

(ii) verification of employment on a form provided by the board that the applicant has, within the last five years, worked in the United States military in a nursing role for which the applicant received training equivalent to an accredited practical nurse education program; and

(iii) an attestation that the applicant is familiar with the licensed practical nurse scope of practice set out under 12 AAC 44.136 [IS A REGISTERED NURSE APPLICANT WHO GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL OF NURSING OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA, AN EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, WITH A FULL EDUCATION, COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT;

(C) IS A PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICANT WHO GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL OF NURSING OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA, AN EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, WITH A FULL EDUCATION, COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT

(D) GRADUATED FROM A PRE-LICENSURE NURSING PROGRAM

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA,

(i) VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS)
EXAMINATION - OVERALL SCORE OF 6.5 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6.0 ON
ALL MODULES;

(ii) VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE TEST
OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, INTERNET-BASED TEST
(TOEFL IBT) - OVERALL SCORE OF 84 WITH A SPEAKING SCORE OF 26;

(iii) A VALID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S
NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF
FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE,
WITH A FULL EDUCATION, COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT THAT
INDICATES THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION WAS TAUGHT IN
ENGLISH; OR

(iv) AN OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS (ICHP) CERTIFICATE VERIFYING
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE VISASCREEN: VISA CREDENTIAL
ASSESSMENT SERVICE;

(E) IS A PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICANT WHO HAS COMPLETED
THE UNITED STATES PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM OR AIR FORCE BASIC
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CORPSMAN PROGRAM (BMTCP) 4N051 (5 SKILL
LEVEL) AND WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY OR HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FOR
NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION,

(i) A COMPLETE CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF THE
APPLICANT'S MILITARY EDUCATION, MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE
BOARD FROM THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY PROGRAM;

(ii) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ON A FORM
PROVIDED BY THE BOARD, CONFIRMING THE APPLICANT HAS
WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS WORKED IN THE UNITED STATES
ARMY OR AIR FORCE IN THE NURSING ROLE FOR WHICH THE
APPLICANT WAS TRAINED IN EITHER THE U.S. ARMY PRACTICAL
NURSE PROGRAM OR THE AIR FORCE BASIC MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
CORPSMAN PROGRAM (BMTCP) 4N051 (5 SKILL LEVEL)

(iii) AN ATTESTATION AFFIRMING THE APPLICANT IS
FAMILIAR WITH THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SCOPE OF
PRACTICE ADVISORY OPINIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD];

(Eff. 10/14/72, Register 43; am 4/27/83, Register 86; am 8/2/86, Register 99; am 7/28/95,
Register 135; am 4/27/97, Register 142; am 9/25/98, Register 147; am 6/16/2002, Register 162;
am 10/9/2002, Register 164; am 11/23/2003, Register 168; am 10/15/2004, Register 172; am
5/18/2006, Register 178; am 3/4/2007, Register 181; am 5/7/2010, Register 194; am 10/3/2011,
Register 200; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 4/14/2021, Register
238; am 6/12/2022, Register 242; am 8/19/2022, Register 243; am 8/25/2023, Register 247; am
5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.190 AS 08.68.280
AS 08.68.170 AS 08.68.270

Editor's note: [INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(i) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.IELTS.ORG.

THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL-IBT) EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 305(a)(1)(H)(ii) IS ADMINISTERED BY EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES, P.O. BOX 6151, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08541; TELEPHONE (609) 771-7100 OR (877) 863-3546; WEBSITE AT WWW.ETS.ORG/TOEFL.]

Information regarding the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service **described in 12 AAC 44.290(a)(3)(A)(ii)** and the International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate described in **12 AAC 44.290(a)(3)(A)(iii)** [12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(iii) AND (iv)] is available at CGFNS International, 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2651; Telephone: (215) 222-8454; website at www.cgfns.org.

The licensed practical nurse scope of practice advisory opinions referenced in **12 AAC 44.290(a)(3)(B)(iii)** [12 AAC 24.290(a)(3)(E)(iii)] are available at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/NUR_AdOp_Scope.pdf.

12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H) is amended to read:

(H) if the applicant **is a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program not taught in English** [GRADUATED FROM A PRE-LICENSURE NURSING PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA, VERIFICATION OF PASSING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS, WITH AT LEAST THE

FOLLOWING MINIMUM SCORES:]

(i) verification that the applicant has passed an English proficiency examination that includes components on reading, speaking, writing, and listening [INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) ACADEMIC EXAMINATION - OVERALL SCORE OF 6.5 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6.0 ON ALL MODULES];

(ii) an evaluation of the applicant's nursing education by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service, including a full education, course-by-course report that indicates the applicant's nursing education was taught in English [TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, INTERNET-BASED TEST (TOEFL - IBT) - OVERALL SCORE OF 84 WITH A SPEAKING SCORE OF 26]; or

(iii) an official International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate that verifies that the applicant has successfully completed the VisaScreen: Visa Credential Assessment Service;

(Eff. 4/27/83, Register 86; am 8/2/86, Register 99; am 4/29/91, Register 118; am 4/27/97, Register 142; am 9/25/98, Register 147; am 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 6/16/2002, Register 162; am 3/4/2007, Register 181; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 4/14/2021, Register 238; am 4/21/2022, Register 242; am 6/12/2022, Register 242; am 8/19/2022, Register 243; am 8/25/2023, Register 247; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.200 AS 08.68.270
AS 08.68.170

Editor's Note: [INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(i) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.IELTS.ORG.

THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL-IBT) EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(ii) IS ADMINISTERED BY EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES, P.O. BOX 6151, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08541; TELEPHONE: (609) 771-7100 OR (877) 863-3546; WEBSITE AT WWW.ETS.ORG/TOEFL.]

Information regarding the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service described in 12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(ii) and the International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate described in 12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(iii) [12 AAC 44.305(a)(1)(H)(iii) AND (iv)] is available at CGFNS International, 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2651; Telephone (215) 222-8454; website at www.cgfns.org.

This section has been made permanent effective April 24, 2022.

12 AAC 44.317(b)(1)(B) is amended to read:

(B) the applicant's international nursing license history;
(Eff. 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 10/15/2004, Register 172; am 3/4/2007, Register 181; am 3/28/2008, Register 185; am 11/19/2008, Register 188; am 12/23/2009, Register 192; am 10/3/2011, Register 200; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 8/25/2023, Register 247; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.68.251 AS 08.68.276

AS 08.68.100

12 AAC 44.400(a)(6)(E) is amended to read:

(E) if the applicant **is a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program not taught in English** [GRADUATED FROM AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA],

(i) **verification that the applicant has passed an English proficiency examination that includes components on reading, speaking, writing, and listening** [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) - OVERALL SCORE OF 6.5 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6.0 ON ALL MODULES];

(ii) **an evaluation of the applicant's nursing education by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service, including a full education, course-by-course report that indicates the applicant's nursing education was taught in English** [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, INTERNET-BASED TEST - OVERALL SCORE OF 84 WITH A SPEAKING SCORE OF 26]; **or**

(iii) **an official International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate that verifies that the applicant has successfully completed the VisaScreen: Visa Credential Assessment Service** [A VALID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, WITH A FULL EDUCATION,

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COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT THAT INDICATES THE APPLICANT'S
NURSING EDUCATION WAS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH; OR

(iv) AN OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS (ICHP) CERTIFICATE VERIFYING
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE VISASCREEN: VISA CREDENTIAL
ASSESSMENT SERVICE]; and

(Eff. 1/13/80, Register 73; am 5/16/81, Register 78; am 12/1/84, Register 91; am 11/7/87,
Register 104; am 4/27/97, Register 142; am 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 11/16/2002, Register
164; am 3/28/2008, Register 185; am 11/19/2008, Register 188; am 4/16/2010, Register 194; am
10/3/2011, Register 200; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am
8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 10/20/2018, Register 228; am
4/14/2021, Register 238; am 1/19/2022, Register 241; am 6/12/2022, am 8/25/2023, Register
247; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.850

Editor's note: Information on the Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist
examination and the Adult or Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner examination
referred to in 12 AAC 44.400 may be obtained from the American Nurses Credentialing Center,
8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3492; telephone: (800) 284-2378.

In 2010 the revisor of statutes, acting under AS 01.05.031, renumbered former
AS 08.68.410 as AS 08.68.850. As of Register 196 (January 2011), the regulations attorney
made a conforming technical revision under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), to 12 AAC 44.400(a), so that
the cross-reference to former AS 08.68.410(1) now refers to the renumbered statute,
AS 08.68.850(1). In addition, the regulations attorney made a conforming technical revision to

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the authority citation that follows 12 AAC 44.400, so that the citation to former AS 08.68.410 now refers to AS 08.68.850.

As of Register 228 (January 2019), the regulations attorney made a technical correction under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), to the introductory language of 12 AAC 44.400(a).

[INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.400(A)(6)(E)(I) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.IELTS.ORG.

THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL-IBT) EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.400(A)(6)(E)(II) IS ADMINISTERED BY EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES, P.O. BOX 6151, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08541; TELEPHONE: (609) 771-7100 OR (877) 863-3546; WEBSITE AT WWW.ETS.ORG/TOEFL.]

Information regarding the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service **described in 12 AAC 44.400(a)(6)(E)(ii)** and the International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate described in **12 AAC 44.400(a)(6)(E)(iii)** [12 AAC 44.400(a)(6)(E)(iii) AND (iv)] is available at CGFNS International, 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2651; Telephone: (215) 222-8454; website at www.cgfns.org.

12 AAC 44.800(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) **applies** [IF APPLYING] under (1)(A), (B), (C), or (E) of this subsection [,] **is a graduate of a foreign prelicensure education program not taught in English or if the applicant's native language is not English, and submits** [IF THE APPLICANT

GRADUATED FROM A CNA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA],

(A) verification that the applicant has passed an English proficiency examination that includes components on reading, speaking, writing, and listening [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) ACADEMIC EXAMINATION - OVERALL SCORE OF 6.5 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6.0 ON ALL MODULES];

(B) an evaluation of the applicant's nursing education by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service, including a full education, course-by-course report that indicates the applicant's nursing education was taught in English [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, INTERNET-BASED TEST (TOEFL - IBT) - OVERALL SCORE OF 84 WITH A SPEAKING SCORE OF 26]; or

(C) an official International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP) certificate that verifies that the applicant has successfully completed the VisaScreen: Visa Credential Assessment Service [A VALID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, WITH A FULL EDUCATION, COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT THAT INDICATES THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION WAS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH; OR

(D) AN OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS (ICHP) CERTIFICATE VERIFYING SUCCESSFUL

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COMPLETION OF THE VISASCREEN: VISA CREDENTIAL ASSESSMENT
SERVICE].

(Eff. 2/14/99, Register 149; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 5/29/2005, Register 174; am
12/27/2012, Register 204; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am
4/14/2021, Register 238; am 6/12/2022, Register 242; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.331 AS 08.68.334

Editor's note: A list of nursing schools that have been approved by a state or territory of the United States may be obtained by contacting the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001; telephone (202) 887-6791; website at www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; telephone (404) 975-5000; website at www.acenursing.org, or the National League of Nursing, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006.

[INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.800(A)(2)(A) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.IELTS.ORG.

THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL-IBT) EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.800(A)(2)(B) IS ADMINISTERED BY EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES, P.O. BOX 6151, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08541; TELEPHONE: (609) 771-7100 OR (877) 863-3546; WEBSITE AT WWW.ETS.ORG/TOEFL.]

Information regarding the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service described in 12 AAC 44.800(a)(2)(B) and the International

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Commission on Healthcare Professions (IHP) certificate described in 12 AAC 44.800(a)(2)(C) [12 AAC 44.800(a)(2)(C) AND (D)] is available at CGFNS International, 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2651; Telephone: (215) 222-8454; website at www.cgfns.org.

12 AAC 44.805(4) is amended to read:

(4) if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program not taught in English [GRADUATED FROM A CNA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA, EXCEPT QUEBEC, CANADA], submission of

(A) verification that the applicant has passed an English proficiency examination that includes components on reading, speaking, writing, and listening [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) ACADEMIC EXAMINATION - OVERALL SCORE OF 6.5 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6.0 ON ALL MODULES];

(B) an evaluation of the applicant's nursing education by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service, including a full education, course-by-course report that indicates the applicant's nursing education was taught in English [VERIFICATION OF HAVING EVER PASSED THE TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, INTERNET-BASED TEST (TOEFL - IBT) - OVERALL SCORE OF 84 WITH A SPEAKING SCORE OF 26]; or

(C) an official International Commission on Healthcare Professions

(ICHP) certificate that verifies that the applicant has successfully completed the

VisaScreen: Visa Credential Assessment Service [A VALID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION BY THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS CREDENTIALS EVALUATION SERVICE, WITH A FULL EDUCATION, COURSE-BY-COURSE REPORT THAT INDICATES THE APPLICANT'S NURSING EDUCATION WAS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH; OR

(D) AN OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS (ICHP) CERTIFICATE VERIFYING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE VISASCREEN: VISA CREDENTIAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE]. (Eff. 2/14/99, Register 149; am 3/28/2008, Register 185; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 4/14/2021, Register 238; am 1/19/2022, Register 241; am 6/12/2022, Register 242; am 8/25/2023, Register 247; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.331

Editor's note: [INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS) DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 44.805(4)(A) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.IELTS.ORG.

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Information regarding the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Credentials Evaluation Service **described in 12 AAC 44.805(4)(B)** and the International Commission on Healthcare Professions QCHP) certificate described in **12 AAC 44.805(4)(C)** [12 AAC 44.805(4)(C) AND (D)] is available at CGFNS International, 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2651; Telephone: (215) 222-8454; website at www.cgfns.org.

12 AAC 44.810 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 44.810. Application for certification. (a) An applicant for certification as a nurse aide shall submit

(1) a completed application, on a form provided by the department, that verifies that the applicant meets the requirements of 12 AAC 44.800(a) or 12 AAC 44.805; the application must include

(A) the applicant's signature that certifies that the information in the application is correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge;

(B) the applicant's personal identification information requested on the form;

(C) an attestation that the applicant has completed or is eligible to complete a state approved nurse aide training program;

(D) information related to the grounds for license denial, suspension, or revocation set out in AS 08.68.270;

(2) the applicable fees established in 12 AAC 02.282;

(3) the applicant's fingerprint information required by 12 AAC 44.812;

(4) an additional application fee and fingerprint processing fee, if the submitted application has remained dormant for over one year from the original date of application;

(5) the nurse aide program verification form, completed by an official of the program attended; the form must be submitted directly to the department from the nurse aide training program; and

(6) at the written request of the board, additional information that is necessary to demonstrate that the applicant has met the licensing requirements of AS 08.68 and this chapter.

(b) An application for certification under 12 AAC 44.800 is also the application to take the competency evaluation required under 12 AAC 44.800(b).

(c) If an applicant applies for certification by endorsement under 12 AAC 44.805, the applicant shall provide certificate verification on a form provided by the department. The certificate verification must be completed by an official of the certifying jurisdiction in which the applicant was certified by examination and from the jurisdiction in which the applicant is currently certified. The jurisdiction that certified the applicant by examination must verify that the applicant obtained certification by successfully completing

(1) a state-approved nurse aide training program that meets the requirements set out under 42 C.F.R. 483.152; and

(2) a nurse aide competency evaluation that meets the requirements set out under 42 C.F.R. 483.154. (Eff. 2/14/99, Register 149; am 6/16/2002, Register 162; am 10/9/2002, Register 164; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am

5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.331

12 AAC 44.845(7) is amended to read:

(C) care of the cognitively impaired, including [;]

(i) techniques for addressing the unique needs and behaviors of an individual with dementia such as Alzheimer's or another neurodegenerative disease;

(ii) communicating with a cognitively impaired individual;

(iii) understanding the behavior of a cognitively impaired individual;

(iv) appropriate responses to the behavior of a cognitively impaired individual; and

(v) methods for reducing the effects of a cognitive impairment.

(Eff. 2/14/99, Register 140; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.331

12 AAC 44.965(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) certified medical assistant.

(Eff. 10/14/2004, Register 172; am 11/4/2004, Register 172; am 12/23/2009, Register 192; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 2/26/2021, Register 238; am 7/18/2021, Register 239; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.805 AS 08.68.850

((Publisher: Please shift the conjunction “or” that follows 12 AAC 44.965(b)(3) to follow 12 AAC 44.965(b)(4) and change the period at the end of 12 AAC 44.965(b)(4) to a semicolon.)))

Register 254, July 2025 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

12 AAC 44.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(34) “cognitively impaired individual” means an individual who has been diagnosed with dementia, Alzheimer’s, or another neurodegenerative disease.

(Eff. 1/13/80, Register 73; am 10/8/81, Register 80; am 12/1/84, Register 91; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 4/29/91, Register 118; am 7/28/95, Register 135; am 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 6/16/2002, Register 162; am 11/10/2002, Register 164; am 10/14/2004, Register 172; am 2/9/2007, Register 181; am 11/19/2008, Register 188; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 8/10/2016, Register 219; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 5/7/2020, Register 234; am 5 / 8 / 2025, Register 254)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.275 AS 08.68.805

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