

**481—621.2(152) Requirements for licensure as an ARNP.**

**621.2(1) Qualifications.** An applicant for an ARNP license shall:

*a.* Hold an active unrestricted license as a registered nurse in accordance with 481—Chapter 617.  
*b.* Graduate from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational program in one of the following roles, except as provided by subrule 621.2(2):

- (1) Certified nurse-midwife.
- (2) Certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- (3) Certified nurse practitioner.
- (4) Clinical nurse specialist.

*c.* Hold current certification issued by a national professional certification organization as a certified nurse-midwife or certified registered nurse anesthetist, or as a certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in at least one of the following population foci:

- (1) Women's health/gender-related.
- (2) Family (individual across the lifespan).
- (3) Psychiatric mental health.
- (4) Adult/gerontology.
- (5) Pediatrics.
- (6) Neonatal.

**621.2(2) Exception.** An applicant who has completed a formal advanced practice educational program but has not graduated from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational program may be licensed as an ARNP provided that the applicant possesses a current certification from a national professional certification organization as described in paragraph 621.2(1) "c." This exception is intended to allow for the grandfathering of ARNPs who completed educational programs before the board required graduation from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational program.

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