

283—26.3(261) Eligibility requirements.**26.3(1)** An eligible applicant must be:

a. A student in the final year of a degree program leading to a license to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse who signs an agreement to practice in a service commitment area for five consecutive years; or

b. A licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse who signs an agreement to practice in a service commitment area for five consecutive years; or

c. A nurse educator who signs an agreement to teach full-time during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, for five consecutive years; or

d. A nurse educator who teaches at least part-time during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent. The individual must also be employed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or registered nurse in Iowa, and the total hours worked between these occupations must equate to full-time employment. An advanced registered nurse practitioner or registered nurse who signs an agreement to teach at least part-time as a nurse educator is not required to be employed in a service commitment area but is required to work at least part-time as a nurse educator for five consecutive years.

26.3(2) An eligible applicant must complete and file an application for the program by the deadline established by the commission. If funds remain available after the application deadline, the commission will continue to accept applications.

26.3(3) An eligible applicant must annually complete and return to the commission an affidavit of practice verifying full-time employment, as defined by the employer, in a service commitment area during the entire year as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse, or full-time employment, as defined by the employer, as a nurse educator. A nurse educator who teaches part-time during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, and is also employed as a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner in Iowa must annually complete and return an affidavit of practice verifying that the total hours worked equates to full-time employment.

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