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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to recognize  
2 advanced practice public health nurses as advanced practice  
3 registered nurses by the state board of nursing.

4           The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recently  
5 changed the recognition of the advanced public health nurse as a  
6 specialty in its own right with its own credential of advanced  
7 public health nurse-board certified, replacing its prior status  
8 as a sub-specialty of nursing. In light of this national  
9 credentialing change and the importance of population-based  
10 preventive health care and education, this Act recognizes  
11 advanced public health nurses as advanced practice registered  
12 nurses.

13           SECTION 2. Section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

15           "(a) Effective October 1, 2009, the board shall grant  
16 recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse to a nurse  
17 who has:



- 1           (1) A current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse  
2                    in this State;
- 3           (2) An unencumbered license as a registered nurse in all  
4                    other states in which the nurse has a current and  
5                    active license;
- 6           (3) An unencumbered recognition as an advanced practice  
7                    registered nurse or similar designation in all other  
8                    states in which the nurse has a current and active  
9                    recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse;
- 10          (4) Completed an accredited graduate-level education  
11                    program leading to a master's degree as a certified  
12                    registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a  
13                    clinical nurse specialist, [~~or~~] a nurse  
14                    practitioner[~~+~~], or, effective October 1, 2011, an  
15                    advanced public health nurse;
- 16          (5) A current, unencumbered certification of having passed  
17                    a national certification examination that measures  
18                    role and population-focused competencies and is  
19                    recognized by the board;
- 20          (6) Maintained continued competencies through  
21                    recertification in role and population-focused



- 1           competencies through a national certification program
- 2           recognized by the board;
- 3       (7)   Acquired advanced clinical knowledge and skills
- 4           preparing the nurse to provide direct care to patients
- 5           through a significant educational and practical
- 6           concentration on the direct care of patients;
- 7       (8)   Demonstrated a greater breadth of knowledge, a greater
- 8           synthesis of data, greater complexity of skills and
- 9           interventions, and greater role autonomy than
- 10          demonstrated by a registered nurse;
- 11       (9)   Been educationally prepared to assume responsibility
- 12           and accountability for health promotion and
- 13           maintenance and to assess, diagnose, and manage
- 14           patient problems through the use and prescription of
- 15           pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions;
- 16       (10)  Acquired clinical experience of sufficient depth and
- 17           breadth to reflect the intended license; and
- 18       (11)  Paid the appropriate fees."

19       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Qualifications

**Description:**

Grants advanced public health nurses recognition as advanced practice registered nurses as of 10/01/2011.

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