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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.



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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