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Apply Online for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Certification

Who can apply online for a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Certification?	 Applicants who have completed an accredited Nurse Practitioner program, who are currently certified as a nurse practitioner from a Board-recognized national certification organization, and who hold an active, unrestricted Registered Nurse license in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can apply online at https://www.pals.pa.gov. If you previously held an RN license in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it is either expired or inactive, contact the State Board of Nursing for a reactivation application. If you have never held licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, apply online at https://www.pals.pa.gov.
How do I apply online?	Step 1: Click on the link "Login" at https://www.pals.pa.gov .
	 Step 2: Login with your "User ID" and "Password." If you do not have one or have forgotten your information, follow the options on the menu to the right side of the page. Step 3: Once you are logged into your PALS Dashboard, click on "Apply for New License" located at the bottom of the page. The screens that follow will be a series of questions to assist with obtaining the correct application. Step 4: Complete all sections. The required documents include: Application complete and correct (legal name, DOB, SSN) Fee(s) All fees are non-refundable and must be paid by credit or debit card. Education Verification (Proof from school of program completion) National Certification Verification Court Documents (If applicable) Criminal History Records Check (If applicable) Educational Transcripts Transcripts from out-of-state programs must be sent directly to the Board from the CRNP education program Non-official transcripts are not acceptable. Transcripts must designate the degree or certificate awarded and must indicate the month, day and year the program was completed. Letter of Good Standing (LOGS) - Verification of Licensure/Certification Required only for Nurse Practitioners who are licensed/certified in another jurisdiction. Other information as requested (i.e., course syllabi, course descriptions, etc.)

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Requirement for approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), in conjunction with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is providing notice to all health-related licensees and funeral directors that are considered "mandatory reporters" under section 6311 of the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) (23 P.S. § 6311), as amended, that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, all persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of DHS-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. Please review the Board website for further information on approved CE providers. Once you have completed a course, the approved provider will electronically submit your name, date of attendance, etc., to the Board. Child Abuse Continuing Education Providers Information can be found here.