

## ADVANCED EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



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Alabama	Yes	<p>“The applicant for approval to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall have . . . [e]arned at least a <b>master's degree, or post-master's certificate</b> in advanced practice nursing from an accredited graduate program in nurse anesthesia recognized by the Board [of Nursing].... The applicant for approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an accredited school of nurse anesthesia prior to December 31, 2003, is exempt from the master's degree requirement.” [Alabama Board of Nursing rules, sec. 610-X-9-.01(1)(c) and (2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Alaska	Yes	<p>“Except as provided in (e) and (f) of this section, an applicant for initial licensure to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) as defined in AS 08.68.850</p> <p>(1) must have satisfactorily completed</p> <p>(A) a formal accredited <b>graduate educational course of study preparing in one of the APRN roles</b> ... accredited by a nursing accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor organization....</p> <p>(f) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the graduate degree requirements of (a) of this section are satisfied by a ... (3) certificate-prepared certified registered nurse anesthetist who completed an accredited program before January 1, 2001.” [12 AAC 44.400]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated</p>

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Arizona	No	
Arkansas	Yes	<p>CRNAs are required to show “[s]uccessful completion of a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate APRN education program that prepares nurses to perform as nurse anesthetists....” [Arkansas State Board of Nursing Regulations, Chapter Four, Section II]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “Applicants for advanced practice licensure by endorsement shall have met the educational and certification requirements set forth in Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations at the time of their initial licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in another jurisdiction.” [Arkansas State Board of Nursing Regulations, Chapter Four, Section II]</p>
California	No	
Colorado	No (optional)	<p>“A professional nurse may be included in the advanced practice registry by endorsement if the professional nurse meets one of the following qualifying standards:</p> <p>(I) The professional nurse is recognized as an advanced practice nurse in another state or jurisdiction and has practiced as an advanced practice nurse for at least two of the last five years immediately preceding the date of application for inclusion in the advanced practice registry; or</p> <p>(II) The professional nurse holds national certification ... and possesses an <b>appropriate graduate degree</b> as determined by the board.” [Colorado Rev. Stat., 12-38-111.5(4)(e)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> The above provisions appear to apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>

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Connecticut	Yes	<p>"The department of public health and addiction services may issue an advanced practice registered nurse license . . . to an applicant who satisfies the following requirements . . . if first certified by one of the foregoing certifying bodies [including the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists] after December 31, 1994, holds a <b>masters degree in nursing or in a related field</b> recognized for certification as either a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse anesthetist by one of the foregoing certifying bodies." [Conn. Gen. Stat., ch. 378, sec. 20-94a(a)(4)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Delaware	Yes	<p>"“Advanced practice registered nurse (“APRN”)” means an individual with knowledge and skills acquired in basic nursing education; licensure as an RN; and graduation from or completion of a <b>graduate level APRN program</b> accredited by a national accrediting body and current certification by a national certifying body in the appropriate APRN role and at least one population focus.” [Delaware Code, Title 24, ch. 19, sec. 1902(b)(1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “ ‘Scope of Specialized Practice’ That area of practice in which an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse has a Master’s degree or a post-basic program certificate in a clinical nursing specialty with national certification.” [Delaware Administrative Code, Title 24, sec. 8.4]</p> <p>“ ‘Post Basic program’ A combined didactic and clinical/preceptored program of at least one academic year of full time study in the area of advanced nursing practice with a minimum of 400 clinical/preceptored hours. The program must be one offered and administered by an approved health agency and/or institution of higher learning. Post basic means a program taken after licensure is achieved.” [Delaware Administrative Code, Title 24, sec. 8.4]</p>

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District of Columbia	No	
Florida	Yes	<p>Requirements for APRN licensure applicants include: “1. For applicants graduating on or after October 1, 2001, graduation from a <b>master's degree program</b> is required for initial licensure as a certified registered nurse anesthetist ....” [Florida Statutes, sec. 464.012(1)(b)(1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Georgia	Yes	<p>" 'Advanced practice registered nurse' means a registered professional nurse licensed under this chapter who is recognized by the board as having met the requirements established by the board to engage in advanced nursing practice and who holds <b>a master's degree or other graduate degree</b> from an approved nursing education program and national board certification in his or her area of specialty, or a person who was recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse by the board on or before June 30, 2006. This paragraph shall not be construed to require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an approved nurse anesthetist educational program prior to January 1, 1999, to hold a master's degree or other graduate degree." [Official Code of Georgia Annotated, sec. 43-26-3(1.1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Hawaii	Yes	<p>“[T]he board shall grant recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse to a nurse who has ... [c]ompleted an accredited graduate-level education program preparing the nurse for one of the four recognized advanced practice registered nurse roles....”</p>

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		<p>“Any person recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse prior to October 1, 2009, whose recognition was granted based on a master's degree in nursing or a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the board shall be eligible to renew that recognition; provided that all nurse licenses, recognitions, and prescriptive authorities or similar designations held by the person in any jurisdiction are unencumbered.” [Hawaii Rev. Stat., ch. 457, sec. 457-8.5(a) and (b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “Any person applying for advanced practice registered nurse recognition by endorsement shall be granted recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse; provided that ... [a]ll nurse licenses, recognitions, and prescriptive authorities or similar designations held by the person under the laws of this state, another state, or a United States territory are unencumbered, and the originating state's requirements were <b>equal to or greater than the board's advanced practice registered nurse requirements which were in effect prior to October 1, 2009.</b>” [Hawaii Rev. Stat., ch. 457, sec. 457-8.5(c)]</p> <p>Prior to October 1, 2009, the APRN requirements were as follows:</p> <p>"The board shall grant recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse provided the nurse has . . . [a] master's degree in nursing as specified in rules adopted by the board <b>or</b> a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the board . . . ." [Emphasis added; Hawaii Rev. Stat., ch. 457, sec. 8.5(a)(3) as effective prior to October 1, 2009]</p>
Idaho	Yes	<p>“To qualify as an advanced practice registered nurse, an applicant shall provide evidence of ...</p> <p>02. Completion of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Program. Successful completion of a <b>graduate or post-graduate advanced practice registered nurse program</b> which is accredited by a national organization recognized by the</p>

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		<p>Board....” [IDAPA 23.01.01.285]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “03. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Educated Prior to January 1, 2016.</p> <p>a. An applicant for APRN licensure who completed a nationally accredited undergraduate or certificate APRN program prior to January 1, 2016, does not need to meet the APRN graduate or post-graduate educational requirements for initial licensure contained within Section 285 of these rules.</p> <p>b. A person applying for APRN licensure in Idaho who: holds an existing APRN license issued by any nursing jurisdiction, completed his formal APRN education prior to January 1, 2016, and who meets all of the requirements for initial licensure contained within Sections 285 and 286 of these rules <b>except for the APRN graduate or post-graduate educational requirement</b>, may be issued an APRN license by endorsement if at the time the person received his APRN license in the other jurisdiction he would have been eligible for licensure as an APRN in Idaho.” [IDAPA 23.01.01.305]</p>
Illinois	Yes	<p>Qualifications for licensure as an advanced practice nurse include obtaining "a <b>graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master’s certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty.</b>" [225 ILCS 65/65-5(b)(4)]</p> <p>“The Department shall issue a certified registered nurse anesthetist license to an APN who (i) <b>does not have a graduate degree</b>, (ii) applies for licensure before July 1, 2023, and (iii) submits all of the following to the Department:</p> <p>(1) His or her current State registered nurse license number.</p> <p>(2) Proof of current national certification, which includes the completion of an</p>

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		<p>examination from either of the following:</p> <p>(A) the Council on Certification of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists; or</p> <p>(B) the Council on Recertification of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.</p> <p>(3) Proof of the successful completion of a post-basic advanced practice formal education program in the area of nurse anesthesia prior to January 1, 1999.</p> <p>(4) His or her complete work history for the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of his or her application.</p> <p>(5) Verification of licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse from the state in which he or she was originally licensed, current state of licensure, and any other state in which he or she has been actively practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse within the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of his or her application....” [225 ILCS 65/65-5(b)(10)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provisions, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Indiana	No	
Iowa	No (Optional)	<p>"The general educational and clinical requirements necessary for recognition by the board as a specialty area of nursing practice [which includes nurse anesthesia practice] are as follows:</p> <p>(1) Graduation from a program leading to a <b>master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area</b> with preparation in specialized practitioner skills as approved by the board; or</p>

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		(2) Satisfactory completion of a formal advanced practice educational program of study in a nursing specialty area approved by the board and appropriate clinical experience as approved by the board." [Iowa Admin. Code sec. 655-7.2(3), subsec. (a)]
Kansas	Yes	<p>"Qualifications of advanced practice registered nurses. (a) To be issued a license as an advanced practice registered nurse in any of the roles of advanced practice . . . each applicant shall meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program located or offered in Kansas that has been approved by the board and prepares the nurse to function in the advanced role for which application is made;</li> <li>(2) complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program that is not located or offered in Kansas but is determined by the board to meet the standards for program approval established by [board of nursing regulations];</li> <li>(3) have completed a formal, post-basic nursing education program that may be no longer in existence but is determined by the board to meet standards at least as stringent as those required for program approval by the board at the time of graduation;</li> <li>(4) hold a current license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role for which application is made and that meets the following criteria: (A) Was issued by another board of nursing; and (B) required completion of a program meeting standards equal to or greater than those established by [board of nursing regulations];</li> <li>(5) complete a formal educational program of post-basic study and clinical experience that can be demonstrated by the applicant to have sufficiently prepared the applicant for practice in the role of advanced practice for which application is made....</li> </ol>



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		<p>(c) Each applicant for license as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of anesthesia shall meet one of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation before July 1, 2002; or</p> <p>(2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation are met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a <b>master's degree in nurse anesthesia or a related field.</b>" [Kansas State Board of Nursing, Administrative Regulations, sec. 60-11-103 (a) and (c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Included in above provision.</p>
Kentucky	Yes	<p>" If the applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse completed a postbasic program of study after January 1, 2005, the applicant shall hold a <b>master's degree, or doctorate, or postmaster's certificate awarding academic credit by a college or university related to the advanced practice registered nurse designation.</b>"</p> <p>"If the applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse completed a postbasic program of study before January 1, 2005, the program shall be evaluated by the board on an individual basis to determine if the program sufficiently prepares a student for advanced practice registered nursing by complying with the requirements of this section." [Kentucky Board of Nursing Administrative Regulations, 201 KAR 20:056, sec. 2(2)(a) and (b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provisions, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Louisiana	Yes	<p>"Advanced practice registered nursing' means nursing by a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse</p>

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		<p>practitioner which is based on knowledge and skills acquired in a basic nursing education program, licensure as a registered nurse, and a minimum of a <b>master's degree with a concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty . . . .</b>" [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 913, para. (3)(a)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "The board may by endorsement issue a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse if the applicant has practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse under the laws of another state and, in the opinion of the board, has met the requirements of Paragraph (A)(2)" [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 920, para (B)(2)]</p> <p>Paragraph (A)(2) requires APRNs who "completed or enrolled in a formalized post-basic education program" prior to December 31, 1995, (1) to have completed a "formal education program preparing graduates to practice specialized and advanced nursing practice," and (2) to hold current certification. Applicants who enrolled in an APRN program after January 1, 1996, are required to have "a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty. . . ." [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 920, para (A)(2)]</p> <p><u>Additional provisions:</u> The Louisiana Board of Nursing adopted the following rule (c) to allow the BON to review and approve an APRN applicant who graduated without a graduate degree after December 31, 1995. This is beneficial for CRNAs, since all nurse anesthesia programs were not required to be at the master's degree level until December 31, 1998.</p> <p>"4507. Licensure as Advanced Practice Registered Nurse</p> <p>A. Initial Licensure</p> <p>1. The applicant shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. completion of a minimum of a graduate degree with a concentration in the</p>

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		<p>respective advanced practice nursing role and population focus or completion of a post master's concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing role and population focus from a program accredited by a nursing or nursing related accrediting body that is recognized by the U.S. secretary of education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and otherwise approved by the board. Exception to the graduate degree may be granted to those applicants who provide documentation as requested by the board that, prior to December 31, 1995, the applicant completed or was continuously enrolled in a formalized post-basic education program preparing for the advanced practice nursing role and population focus as approved by the board prior to December 31, 1995 as follows ...</p> <p><b>c. any deviation from Clause 1.b shall be submitted to the board for review and approval....</b>" [Louisiana Board of Nursing rules, LAC 46:XLVII.4507]</p>
Maine	Yes	<p>"As of January 1, 2006, an applicant for initial approval as an advanced practice registered nurse [includes CRNAs] in Maine must hold at least a <b>master's degree with preparation in the specialty area</b> for which application is made." [Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, ch. 8, sec. 1(2)(C)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "As of January 1, 2006, an applicant from another U.S. jurisdiction seeking approval by endorsement as an advanced practice registered nurse in Maine must have met requirements comparable to what was current Maine law at the time of graduation." [Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, ch. 8, sec. 1(2)(D)]</p>
Maryland	Yes	<p>"If the applicant's nurse anesthetist program was completed after January 1, 2008, the applicant for certification as a CRNA shall also provide to the Board documentation that the applicant graduated from a graduate level accredited nurse anesthetist program with a <b>master's degree or higher.</b>" [COMAR 10.27.06.02]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however,</p>

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Massachusetts	Yes	<p>“Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). (a) To be eligible for initial Board authorization to practice as CRNA an applicant must provide proof satisfactory to the Board of the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Compliance with the following academic requirements: a. Graduation from a <b>graduate degree program</b> designed to prepare the graduate for practice as a CRNA that is approved by a national accrediting organization for academic programs acceptable to the Board; and b. Successful completion of, at minimum, core content at the graduate level in advanced assessment, advanced pathophysiology and advanced pharmacotherapeutics....” [244 CMR 4.05(1)(a)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “Initial Authorization of CRNA by Reciprocity. To be eligible for reciprocal Board authorization to practice as a CRNA from another jurisdiction an applicant must provide proof satisfactory to the Board of the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Compliance with the following academic requirements: a. Graduation from a <b>graduate degree program</b> designed to prepare the graduate for practice as a CRNA that is approved by a national accrediting organization for academic programs acceptable to the Board; <b>or b. Satisfactory completion of a formal education program in addition to generic nursing preparation which meets the standards of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs</b> and which has as its objective the preparation of nurses to perform as a CRNA; and c. Successful completion of, at minimum, core content at the</p>

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		graduate level in advanced assessment, advanced pathophysiology and advanced pharmacotherapeutics....” [244 CMR 4.05(1)(d)]
Michigan	No	
Minnesota	Yes	<p>Applicants for APRN licensure “(i) must have completed a <b>graduate level APRN program</b> accredited by a nursing or nursing-related accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as acceptable to the board. For APRN programs completed on or after January 1, 2016, the program must include at least one graduate-level course in each of the following areas: advanced physiology and pathophysiology; advanced health assessment; and pharmacokinetics and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents; or</p> <p>(ii) must demonstrate compliance with the advanced practice nursing educational requirements that were in effect in Minnesota at the time the applicant completed the advanced practice nursing education program....” [Minnesota Statutes, sec. 148.211(1a)(c)(3)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Mississippi	Yes	<p>“APRN [includes CRNAs] applicants graduating from an APRN program after December 31, 1998, will be required to submit official evidence of graduation from a <b>graduate program with a concentration in the applicant’s respective advanced practice nursing specialty.</b>” [Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, Title 30, Part 2840, Rule 1.2(A)(6)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>

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Missouri	Yes	<p>Certified registered nurse anesthetists must "[p]rovide evidence of having successfully completed an advanced nursing education program . . . ." [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (3)(B)(2)]</p> <p>"Advanced nursing education program" is defined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to July 1, 1998, completion of a formal postbasic educational program . . . leading to a graduate degree or certificate with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area.</li> <li>2. From and after July 1, 1998, completion of a <b>graduate degree from an accredited college or university with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area</b>, which includes advanced nursing theory and clinical nursing practice." [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (1)(B)]</li> </ol> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> ". . . [R]egistered professional nurses seeking licensure by endorsement and recognition as advanced practice nurses in Missouri may receive such recognition . . . if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to July 1, 1998, they had completed a formal postbasic education program from or formally affiliated with an accredited college, university, or hospital, of at least one (1) academic year, which included advanced nursing theory and clinical nursing practice, leading to a graduate degree or a certificate with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area, and</li> <li>2. Prior to July 1, 1998, they were certified by a nationally recognized certifying body . . . and have continuously maintained active, up-to-date recertification status." [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (7)(C)]</li> </ol>
Montana	Yes	<p>"Applicants seeking APRN licensure in the specialties of CNM, NP, CRNA, or CNS must possess the following educational and certification qualifications:</p> <p>(a) for those licensed in 2008 or after, a <b>master's degree or post-graduate</b></p>

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		<p><b>certificate</b> from an accredited APRN program that provided a minimum of 250 hours of didactic instruction and a minimum of 500 hours of preceptorship;</p> <p>(b) for those licensed between 1995 and 2007, <b>a master's degree from an accredited nursing education program, or a certificate from an accredited post master's program</b> as defined in (1)(c), which prepares the RN for the APRN recognition sought; and, individual certification from a certifying body. APRNs who completed an accredited APRN program and obtained national certification prior to June 30, 1995, may be recognized in Montana; or</p> <p>(c) for those licensed prior to 1995, a degree from a post-basic professional nursing education program in an APRN specialty with the minimum length of one academic year consisting of at least 250 hours of didactic instruction and 400 hours under a preceptor; and, individual certification from a certifying body.” [Montana Board of Nursing Rules, sec. 24.159.1414(1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Nebraska	Yes	<p>“An applicant for initial licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse shall ... [b]e a graduate of or have completed a <b>graduate-level advanced practice registered nurse program in a clinical specialty area</b> of certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, or nurse practitioner, which program is accredited by a national accrediting body ...” [Neb. Rev. Stat., 38-208(1)(b)]</p> <p>“A person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse or certified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist or a certified nurse midwife in this state on July 1, 2007, shall be issued a license by the department as an advanced practice registered nurse on such date.” [Neb. Rev. Stat., 38-208(3)]</p>

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		<p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: "The department may issue a license by endorsement under this section to an applicant who holds a license from another jurisdiction if the licensure requirements of such other jurisdiction meet or exceed the requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Act." [Neb. Rev. Stat., APRN Licensure Act, sec. 71-17,137(2)]</p> <p>"An applicant for a license under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Act to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall ... [s]ubmit evidence of <b>successful completion of a course of study in anesthesia in a school of nurse anesthesia accredited or approved by or under the auspices of the department or the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia and Educational Programs</b> ..." [Neb. Rev. Stat., CRNA Act, sec. 71-1730(b)]</p>
Nevada	Yes	<p>"An applicant for initial approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . [after] (a) June 1, 1988, must submit evidence that he has received a baccalaureate degree in nursing; or (b) June 1, 2005, must submit evidence that he has received a <b>master's degree in nursing or anesthetic care.</b>" [Nevada Admin. Code (NAC), sec. 632.515, subsec. 2]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: "Any person seeking to be approved as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in this state and who is approved as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, or its equivalent, in another jurisdiction must comply with all the requirements set forth in NAC 632.500 to 632.550 [board of nursing regulations regarding CRNAs], inclusive." [Nevada Admin. Code (NAC), sec. 632.520]</p>
New Hampshire	Yes	<p>"An applicant for initial APRN [Advanced Practice Registered Nurse], which includes CRNAs] licensure shall ... [h]ave graduated with a <b>graduate degree earned in an accredited advanced registered nurse practitioner education</b></p>



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		<p><b>program</b> or have graduated before July 1, 2004 from an APRN education program accredited by a national accrediting body... ." [N.H. Rev. Stat., sec. 326-B:18(l)(b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
New Jersey	Yes	<p>Requirements for recognition as an advanced practice nurse include "[p]roof that the applicant has successfully completed the educational requirements of an advanced practice nurse as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.2 or, when the advanced practice nurse specializes in anesthesia and does not hold a master's degree, the certification requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.5...." [NJAC 13:37-7.1(2)]</p> <p>13:37-7.2 Educational requirements for certification            "(a) An applicant for certification as an advanced practice nurse shall possess;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A <b>master's degree in nursing</b> from a school accredited by a nursing accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; or</li> <li>2. A masters degree in nursing and shall have completed a post-masters program that focuses on an advanced practice nursing specialty from a school accredited by a nursing accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education." [NJAC 13:37-7.2(a)(1)-(2)] [Please note that this requirement does not appear to be limited to a degree "in nursing" only (i.e., an MSN), as the New Jersey Board of Nursing has indicated in comments published with its rules that <b>"any master's degree that is related to nursing will be acceptable to the Board. A master's degree obtained from a nurse anesthesia program would be a master's degree in nursing for Board purposes."</b>]</li> </ol> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Per the New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists,</p>

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		New Jersey does not intend to grandfather out-of-state applicants who do not have master's degrees after June 16, 2009.
New Mexico	Yes	<p>"The board [of nursing] may license for advanced practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist an applicant who . . . has successfully completed a nurse anesthesia education program accredited by the council on accreditation of nurse anesthesia education programs; provided that if the applicant is initially licensed by the board or a board in another jurisdiction after January 1, 2001, the program shall be at a <b>master's level or higher</b>. . . ." [New Mexico Stat. Ann. sec. 61-3-23.3, subsec. (A)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Included in above provision.</p>
New York	No	
North Carolina	No	
North Dakota	Yes	<p>Applicants for advanced practice registered nurse licensure "must have a <b>graduate degree with a nursing focus</b> or must have completed the educational requirements in effect when the applicant was initially licensed." [North Dakota Century Code, ch. 43-12.1-09(2)(c)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse who completed an advanced nursing education program and was licensed or certified in advanced practice before December 31, 2015, may apply for and receive an advanced practice license if that applicant meets the requirements that were in effect at the time the applicant qualified for initial advanced practice licensure." [North Dakota Century Code, ch. 43-12.1-09(2)(d)]</p>
Ohio	Yes	An applicant to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist must, "[e]xcept as provided in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section . . . [s]ubmit documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has earned a

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		<p><b>graduate degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field</b> that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination of a national certifying organization . . . ." [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (A)(2)]</p> <p>"On or before December 31, 2000, the board shall issue to an applicant a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . if the applicant complies with all requirements of this section, other than the requirement that the applicant has earned a graduate degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination of a national certifying organization . . . ." [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (B)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "A certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . who is practicing as such in another jurisdiction may apply for a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . in this state if the nurse meets the requirements for a certificate of authority set forth in this section . . . . The application shall include evidence that the applicant . . . holds a license or certificate to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . in good standing in another jurisdiction . . . . If the applicant is a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . who, on or before December 31, 2000, met the requirements of this section to practice as such and has maintained certification in the applicant's nursing specialty with a national certifying organization. . . [then] division (B) of this section [see above] shall apply." [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (E)]</p>
Oklahoma	Yes (eff. 2016)	<p>"An applicant for an initial license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall ... Have completed an advanced practice registered nursing education program in one of the four advanced practice registered nurse roles and a specialty area recognized by the Board. Effective January 1, 2016, the applicant shall have completed an accredited <b>graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education program</b> in at least one of the following</p>

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		<p>population foci: family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, neonatal, pediatrics, women's health/gender-related, or psychiatric/mental health...." [Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act sec. 567.5a]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Oregon	Yes	<p>"Applicants who graduate from an approved anesthesia educational program on or after January 1, 2001 shall be required to hold a <b>Master's degree in anesthesia practice, or in a related practice area approved by the board.</b>" [Oregon State Board of Nursing Rules, OAR sec. 851-052-0020(4)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Pennsylvania	No	
Puerto Rico	Yes	<p>The definition of "specialized female/male nurse," (the nursing practice category which includes nurse anesthetists) is "[A] person with a <b>Masters degree in nursing</b> from an institution of higher learning accredited or recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico." [Act No. 9 of October 11, 1987, sec. 2, subsec. (e)(1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: "The Board may issue a license without an examination to those nurses who hold a license issued by the government of any state, possession or territory of the United States of America if, in the Board's judgment, these candidates meet Puerto Rico's requirements to practice nursing or those of the states or territories of the United States of America with which the Board has established reciprocity." [Act No. 9 of October 11, 1987, sec. 14]</p>

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Rhode Island	Yes	<p>“Licensure of APRNs. -- (a) An applicant for initial licensure to practice as an APRN shall ...</p> <p>(3) Have completed <b>an accredited graduate or post-graduate level APRN program in one of the three roles (RNP, CRNA, or CNS) and at least one population focus....</b></p> <p>(d) The board of nursing may issue a <b>license by endorsement to an APRN licensed under the laws of another state if, in the opinion of the board of nursing, the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure in this jurisdiction.</b> An applicant for APRN licensure by endorsement shall...</p> <p>(4) Have completed an <b>accredited graduate or post-graduate level APRN program in one of the three roles (CNP, CRNA or CNS) and at least one population focus or meets the standards for grandfathering</b> as described in this chapter....” [Rhode Island General Laws, sec. 5-34-45]</p> <p>“Status of current licensees. -- (a) Any person holding a license to practice nursing as a certified nurse practitioner ,psychiatric clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetist, as defined in this chapter and chapter 5-34.2, in this state that is valid upon passage of this chapter shall be deemed to be licensed as an APRN, with his or her current privileges and shall be eligible for renewal of such license as defined under the provisions of this chapter and chapter 5-34-2</p> <p>(b) Any person holding a valid license to practice nursing having graduated from an accredited course of study, actively practicing in an advanced role, and holding a national certification related to his or her current practice setting as of (effective date of this act), as defined in chapters 5-35 or 5-34.2, shall be deemed to be eligible for to license as an APRN.</p> <p>(c) After August 1, 2013, all new applicants for APRN licensure must meet the</p>

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		stipulated licensure requirements as stated in this chapter.” [Rhode Island General Laws, sec. 5-34-46]
South Carolina	Yes	<p>“An advanced practice registered nurse applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant . . . has earned a master’s degree from an accredited college or university, except for those applicants who . . . graduated before December 31, 2003, from an advanced, organized formal education program for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accrediting organization of that specialty. CRNAs who graduate after December 31, 2003, must graduate with a <b>master’s degree from a formal CRNA education program</b> for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accreditation organization of the CRNA specialty.” [Code of Laws of South Carolina, sec. 40-33-34(A)(3)(b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “An applicant for a license who holds a current authorization to practice in another state or jurisdiction in this country or territory or dependency of the United States may be licensed by the board by endorsement, without examination, if the applicant . . . has completed all requirements for graduation from a nursing education program approved by the state or jurisdiction in this country or territory or dependency of the United States in which the program is located, as evidenced by a graduation transcript or other proof of education satisfactorily demonstrating graduation as determined by the board. The applicant’s education must be equivalent to that required in this State at the time of the applicant’s initial licensure in the other jurisdiction. An applicant shall comply with these educational requirements for basic RN licensure and satisfy the requirements of Section 40-33-34.” [Code of Laws of South Carolina, sec. 40-33-35(7)]</p>
South Dakota	No	
Tennessee	Yes	" 'Advanced practice nurse' means a registered nurse with a <b>Master's degree or</b>

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		<p><b>higher in a nursing specialty</b> and national specialty certification as a nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist."</p> <p>An advanced practice nurse "who holds a Tennessee registered nurse license in good standing and current national specialty certification in the advanced practice specialty shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse upon passage of this act, and shall be exempt from the requirement of a Master's degree or higher in the nursing specialty if licensed in Tennessee and holding national specialty certification prior to July 1, 2005."</p> <p>"Notwithstanding the previous requirements, a nurse anesthetist shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse if the nurse anesthetist graduated prior to January 1, 1999 from a nurse anesthesia educational program approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Accreditation."</p> <p>[Tenn. Code Ann., Title 63, Chapter 7, sec. 63-7-126 (a) and (d)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Texas	Yes	<p>An advanced practice registered nurse "has completed a <b>graduate-level education program</b> accredited by an organization recognized by the Board that prepares him/her for one of the four following recognized advanced practice roles [including "nurse anesthetist"]...." [Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations § 221.1(4)] The Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists has confirmed with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) that the BON will grandfather both in-state and out-of-state CRNAs without master's degrees after the implementation date.</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference. However, the Texas Association</p>

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		of Nurse Anesthetists has confirmed with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) that the BON will grandfather both in-state and out-of-state CRNAs without master's degrees after the implementation date.
Utah	No (Optional)	“Applicants for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse shall: ... (i) have earned a graduate degree in: (A) an advanced practice registered nurse nursing education program; or (B) a related area of specialized knowledge as determined appropriate by the division in collaboration with the board; or (ii) have completed a nurse anesthesia program ... which is approved by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.” [Utah Code Section 58-31b-302(4)]
Vermont	Yes	<p>“To be eligible for an APRN license, an applicant shall:</p> <p>(a) have a degree or certificate from a Vermont <b>graduate nursing program</b> approved by the Board <b>or a graduate program</b> approved by a state or a national accrediting agency that includes a curriculum substantially equivalent to programs approved by the Board. The educational program shall meet the educational standards set by the national accrediting board and the national certifying board. Programs shall include a supervised clinical component in the role and population focus of the APRN’s certification. The program shall prepare nurses to practice advanced nursing as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health nursing and shall include, at a minimum, graduate level courses in:</p> <p>(1) advanced pharmacotherapeutics;                      (2) advanced patient assessment; and                      (3) advanced pathophysiology.</p> <p>(b) hold a degree or certificate from an <b>accredited graduate-level educational program preparing the APRN for one of the four recognized</b></p>



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		<p><b>APRN roles</b> and have educational preparation consistent with the APRN's certification, role, population focus, and specialty practice." [Vermont Administrative Rules, Part 15, sec. 15.6]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "(a) Applicants with an active unencumbered APRN license in good standing in another U.S. jurisdiction may be issued a Vermont APRN license provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) they are certified as outlined in these rules;</li> <li>(2) they meet the practice requirement; and</li> <li>(3) they have successfully completed the courses listed in section (b) of this rule.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Applicants from another jurisdiction must have the following graduate level courses before they will be eligible for an APRN license</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) advanced pharmacotherapeutics;</li> <li>(2) advanced patient assessment; and</li> <li>(3) advanced pathophysiology.</li> </ol> <p>(c) Applicants shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15.14 regarding transition to practice and collaborative provider agreements." [Vermont Administrative Rules, Part 15, sec. 15.40]</p>
Virginia	Yes	<p>"An applicant for initial licensure as a nurse practitioner [includes CRNAs] shall ... [s]ubmit evidence of a <b>graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty</b> from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program as defined in [these regulations]." [Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, 18 VAC 90-30-80(A)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a nurse practitioner shall:</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide verification of licensure as a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse in another U.S. jurisdiction with a license in good standing, or, if lapsed, eligible for reinstatement;</li> <li>2. Submit evidence of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant’s educational preparation issued by an agency accepted by the boards as identified in [these regulations]; and</li> <li>3. Submit the required application and fee as prescribed in [these regulations].”</li> </ol> <p>[Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, 18 VAC 90-30-85]</p>
Virgin Islands	No	
Washington	Yes	<p>“An applicant for licensure as an ARNP must have the following qualifications:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) A <b>graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body</b> recognized by the United States Department of Education....” [WAC 246-840-340]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “An applicant for interstate endorsement for Washington state licensure as an ARNP must meet the following requirements:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Have a <b>graduate degree</b> from an advanced nursing education program as identified in WAC 246-840-340 (1)(b)....” [WAC 246-840-342]</p> <p>The Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists reports that the Washington Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (i.e., the board of nursing) will evaluate applicants who do not have a graduate degree and may waive the graduate degree requirement. Please note that this may increase the time needed to become licensed in Washington.</p>

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West Virginia	Yes	<p>"The practice of "advanced practice registered nurse" is a registered nurse who has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and skills preparing him or her to provide direct and indirect care to patients, who has completed a board-approved <b>graduate-level education program</b> and who has passed a board-approved national certification examination." [Code of West Virginia, sec. 30-7-1(a)]</p> <p>"An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse as set forth in section one of this article who completed an advanced nursing education program and was recognized, licensed or certified in an advanced practice or a certified nurse midwife by West Virginia or another state before December 31, 2012, may apply for and receive an advanced practice registered nurse license if that applicant meets the requirements that were in place in West Virginia at the time the applicant qualified for initial advanced practice licensure." [Code of West Virginia, sec. 30-7-1a]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Included in above provision.</p>
Wisconsin	Yes	<p>"Advanced practice nurse' means a registered nurse who possesses the following qualifications . . . For applicants who receive national certification as a . . . certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . after July 1, 1998, the registered nurse holds a <b>master's degree in nursing or a related health field</b> granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the board of education in the state in which the college or university is located." [Wisconsin Admin. Code, ch. N 8, sec. N 8.02 (1)(c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Wyoming	Yes	<p>" 'Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)' means a nurse who ... [h]as a <b>master's degree in nursing, or an advanced practice registered nurse</b></p>

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		<p><b>specialty</b> or has completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse educational program prior to January 1, 1999 ....” [Wyoming Statutes, sec. 33-21-120(a)(1)(C)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>

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### SUMMARY TABLE: MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

States that have adopted a master's degree requirement:

Alabama	Nebraska
Alaska	Nevada
Arkansas	New Hampshire
Connecticut	New Jersey*
Delaware	New Mexico
Florida	North Dakota
Georgia	Ohio
Hawaii	Oklahoma*
Idaho	Oregon
Illinois*	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Carolina
Kentucky	Tennessee
Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Vermont
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	Washington*
Minnesota	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming
Montana	

\*States with an application deadline for grandfathering eligibility; see chart for deadline date.

Total: 39 states have adopted master's degree requirements