



Facts Regarding Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Education and Practice in Louisiana:

- The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) establishes and publishes curriculum requirements and standards for individuals seeking to be licensed as APRNs as do national accrediting and certifying bodies. All nursing schools approved by LSBN to offer APRN education must have national nursing program accreditation.
- APRN students are educated by qualified faculty who have earned doctoral or master's degrees in nursing and who are academically and experientially qualified and nationally certified advanced practice nurses in the role and population they teach.
- APRN faculty in Louisiana must demonstrate competence in clinical practice and teaching, which includes continued national certification or annual continuing education requirements.
- APRN faculty teaching in Louisiana must maintain currency in clinical practice.
- All graduate nursing education degree programs and clinical experiences in the state of Louisiana preparing persons for advanced practice licensure and/or certification as an advanced practice registered nurse must be approved by the LSBN.
- No program based in Louisiana and approved by the LSBN to educate APRNs offers the program in a 100% online format.
- Programs based in Louisiana and approved by the LSBN to educate APRNs accept only qualified applicants to the educational program which does not equate to 100% acceptance rate for most programs.
- Programs in Louisiana approved to educate APRNs must provide evidence of direct patient care supervised clinical experiences in the APRN role and population. APRN students enrolled in clinical courses must be supervised by qualified faculty and approved and qualified preceptors.
- APRN students must successfully pass a national certifying exam prior to applying for licensure to practice in Louisiana.

Endorsed by the Board of Directors, Louisiana Council of Administrators in Nursing Education (LaCANE). LaCANE is comprised of 72 member deans and directors of 29 Louisiana-based schools and colleges of nursing.

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