

NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Unless exempted by A.R.S. § 41-1005, each agency shall begin the rulemaking process by first submitting to the Secretary of State's Office a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening followed by a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that contains the preamble and the full text of the rules. The Secretary of State's Office publishes each Notice in the next available issue of the *Register* according to the schedule of deadlines for *Register* publication. Due to time restraints, the Secretary of State's Office will no longer edit the text of proposed rules. We will continue to make numbering and labeling changes as necessary. Under the Administrative Procedure Act (A.R.S. § 41-1001 et seq.), an agency must allow at least 30 days to elapse after the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Register* before beginning any proceedings for adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule. A.R.S. §§ 41-1013 and 41-1022.

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TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 19. BOARD OF NURSING

PREAMBLE

- 1. Sections Affected**
R4-19-501
- Rulemaking Action**
Amend
- 2. The specific authority for the rulemaking, including both the authorizing statute (general) and the statutes the rules are implementing (specific):**
Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 32-1606(B)(12)
- 3. A list of all previous notices appearing in the Register addressing the proposed rule:**
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 7 A.A.R. (insert page number), February 16, 2001
- 4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rulemaking:**
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Nurse Practice Consultant

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- 5. An explanation of the rule, including the agency's reasons for initiating the rule:**
The Board of Nursing is initiating rulemaking on R4-19-501 to allow nursing programs the opportunity to develop and implement courses of study to prepare acute care nurse practitioners. Currently one program in the state offers an adult nurse practitioner course of study that includes curriculum appropriate to the acute care nurse practitioner role. In the past graduates of this program were able to receive national certification as acute care nurse practitioners through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). A recent policy change at ANCC requires that a nurse graduate from an approved acute care nurse practitioner course of study to qualify for certification. The Board of Nursing is seeking to add acute care nurse practitioner to the list of specialty areas of registered nurse practitioners in order to have the authority to approve the current course of study and certify future graduates.
- 6. A reference to any study that the agency proposed to rely on in its evaluation or justification for the proposed rule and where the public may obtain or review the study, all data underlying each study, any analysis of the study and other supporting material:**
None
- 7. A showing of good cause why the rule is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rule will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:**
Not applicable

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8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The Board does not anticipate a significant economic impact due to this rule amendment. There will be a positive economic impact on nurses seeking national and state certification in that they will be certified in their specialty area of study and be able to practice in this area. Employers will be able to hire these nurses knowing that they graduated from a course of study approved by the Board preparing them for this particular role. Schools of nursing wishing to apply to have programs approved in this area may have some costs associated with preparing an application for Board approval. Because acute care nurse practitioners will perform some functions that physicians currently perform, consumers will have a positive impact by having a less costly provider available in the acute care area. It is not anticipated that small businesses will be affected by the rule.

9. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the accuracy of the economic, small business, and consumer impact statement:

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10. The time, place and nature of the proceedings for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the rule, or if no proceeding is schedule, where, when, and how many persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

The Board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed amendment to R4-19-501 for March 23, 2001. The Board will accept written comments submitted to the Nurse Practice Consultant identified in Paragraph 4 until the close of record on March 23, 2001.

11. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules:

Not applicable

12. Incorporation by reference and their location in the rules:

None

13. The full text of the rule follows:

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ARTICLE 5. ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

R4-19-501.

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R4-19-501. Specialty Areas of Registered Nurse Practitioner

The Board shall grant approval of courses of study and certify the following specialty areas for registered nurse practitioners:

1. Nurse midwife;
2. Pediatric nurse associate/practitioner;
3. Family nurse practitioner;
4. Adult nurse practitioner;
5. Woman's health care nurse practitioner/obstetrical-gynecological nurse practitioner;
6. Neonatal nurse practitioner;
7. School nurse practitioner;
8. Psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner; ~~and~~
9. Geriatric nurse practitioner; and
10. Acute care nurse practitioner.