

# Nevada State Board of NURSING

## Application Instructions for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Dispensing Privileges Examination

### Requirements:

- You must have a permanent APRN license with prescribing privileges. You **cannot** be issued dispensing privileges with a temporary APRN license.
- You must pass a dispensing exam issued by the Board of Nursing and have been granted a dispensing license by the Board of Pharmacy.
- In-person exam is available, please advise when scheduling your appointment.

### Online Testing Exam Policies and Procedures:

- Exam Recording: To ensure the security of all users during the testing of your audio, webcam, (built-in or external), and the screen will be recorded for introductions and the exam duration.
- Testing Area:
  - You must use a desktop computer or laptop (no tablet or phone).
  - You are highly encouraged to use a wired network and may not access the internet during the exam.
  - You must find an enclosed, quiet, and private space where you can take your exam without interruptions.
  - You are required to scan your location with a webcam to ensure no materials are on or around the desk area.
  - Throughout your exam, you must stay in your designated testing space, in view of your webcam. Your eyes must always face forward, and you may not cover your webcam. Additionally, unless prompted by the proctor, do not move your webcam once the exam has started. (Test your webcam, before exam begins)
  - Once you've started the exam, nobody may enter or even pass through your testing space, and you may not communicate with anyone other than the proctor.
  - Speaking aloud: You may not read the test questions aloud, nor may you cover your mouth, attempt to hide your face, or move out of view of the webcam.
  - The following items are not allowed during the exam: mobile phones, PDAs, or any other electronic devices, books, or notes, writing instruments, paper, and notepads.
  - If the proctor stops the exam for unusual behavior, you may not complete the exam, and this incomplete exam will count as one attempt.
- Personal Items:
  - The testing space must be cleared of all items. If the tester refuses to clear the space as directed by the proctor, the exam will be canceled and will need to be rescheduled.
- Violations
  - Once you have started the exam, any disruptive, threatening, or fraudulent behavior may be grounds for terminating the exam, invalidating the exam, or disqualifying the tester from taking an exam at a future date. If any of the above policies or procedures are not followed, the proctor may pause the exam to remind you of the policies. If the behavior continues, the proctor may stop the exam, and the incomplete exam will count as one attempt.

### Application steps:

1. Submit your initial APRN application to the Board and complete all requirements OR have a current APRN license in Nevada.
2. Apply for dispensing privileges to the Board of Nursing by submitting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Dispensing Privileges Application and the \$150 exam fee (this fee is not refundable; therefore, you must determine if you require dispensing privileges **before** submitting this application).
3. Once your payment is processed, Board staff will contact you to schedule your exam. It may take up to one week from the date your application is received for board staff to contact you to schedule your exam. The Nevada Pharmacy Laws are available on the Board of Pharmacy's website under the tab "Nevada Statutes & Regulations." The "Nevada Statutes & Regulations" are the only study guide available for the dispensing exam. <http://bop.nv.gov/board/ALL/Regulations/>. Once you pass the exam, the Board of Nursing will notify the Board of Pharmacy that you are eligible for dispensing privileges.
4. Apply for dispensing privileges with the Nevada State Board of Board of Pharmacy.
5. You must have applied and have been issued a dispensing license by the Nevada Board of Pharmacy before you may begin dispensing in Nevada.

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## Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Dispensing Privileges Application

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

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Social Security # Date of Birth Telephone #

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Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Yes  No  I affirm (swear) I will only dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or devices, which are within the standard of my identified APRN role and population focus.

Yes  No  I affirm (swear) that I have read and agree to abide by the online exam policies and procedures.

Yes  No  I affirm (swear) that I have read this application and the statements made are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

If paying by credit or debit card, please complete the additional information below.

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$150 (nonrefundable)

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional information for applicants:

- The exam is multiple-choice and consists of 25 questions. You may not use any study materials during the exam and will be given one hour to complete the exam.
- You must provide a valid government-issued ID at the time of your exam. We do not accept work-issued identification.
- You may retake the exam without an additional application fee.
- Applicants must contact the Nevada Board of Pharmacy at 800-364-2081 for details regarding obtaining a certificate of registration before dispensing any medications after passing the exam and for any further information regarding dispensing laws in Nevada.
- It may take up to one week from the date you passed the exam for the Board of Pharmacy to be notified that you are eligible for dispensing privileges.
- NRS 639.0065 "Dispense" defined. (1) "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance or dangerous drug to an ultimate user, patient, or subject of research by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing by a practitioner, administering, packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery. (2) The term does not include the furnishing of a controlled substance by a hospital pharmacy for inpatients. (Added to NRS by [1995, 287](#))

You may send this completed form to the Board through the message center in your Nevada Nurse Portal account, fax to: 702-486-5803 or 775-687-7707, or email to [nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us](mailto:nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us).

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## **The legend below provides details related to the statuses for APRNs licensed in Nevada.**

**APRNs may only practice within their designated role and population focus. Practicing as an APRN beyond your role or population focus may result in an investigation and possible disciplinary action for practicing beyond your scope.**

**Active:** Ascribed to APRNs who meet the requirements for licensure but do not meet the requirements or have not applied for prescribing privileges.

**Active Prescribing:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe all legend drugs and may include Schedule CIII-V

**Active Prescribing–CII:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe within the Schedule CII-V category and are not required to obtain a protocol with a collaborative physician.

**Active Prescribing-CII-COLL:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe within the Schedule CII-V category and have provided a copy of their current protocol with a collaborative physician.

**Active Prescribing–D:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe and dispense all legend drugs and may include Schedule CIII-V

**Active Prescribing–CII–D:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe and dispense within the Schedule CII-V category and is not required to obtain a protocol with a collaborative physician.

**Active Prescribing-CII-COLL–D:** Ascribed to all APRNs who have been granted authority to prescribe and dispense within the Schedule CII-V category and have provided a copy of their current protocol with a collaborative physician.

APRNs must also apply with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy and DEA before prescribing or dispensing in Nevada.

If an APRN wishes to remove the protocol requirement, they must submit a letter on letterhead from their employer to the Nevada State Board of Nursing verifying that they have worked a minimum of 2 years or 2,000 hours as an APRN and submit a request to terminate the agreement. This request must be in writing and may be submitted via the message center, email, or fax below.