

**RCW 18.79.160 Applicants—Required documentation—Criteria—  
Rules. (Effective until June 30, 2027.)**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2026 \*\*\* (SEE 2339-S.SL) \*\*\*

- (1) An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse shall submit to the board:
  - (a) An attested written application on a department form;
  - (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful completion of an approved program of nursing; and
  - (c) Any other official records specified by the board.
- (2) An applicant for a license to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner shall submit to the board:
  - (a) An attested written application on a department form;
  - (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful completion of an advanced registered nurse practitioner program meeting criteria established by the board; and
  - (c) Any other official records specified by the board.
- (3) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board:
  - (a) An attested written application on a department form;
  - (b) Written official evidence that the applicant is over the age of eighteen;
  - (c) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful completion of an approved practical nursing program, or its equivalent; and
  - (d) Any other official records specified by the board.
- (4) At the time of submission of the application, the applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse must not be in violation of chapter 18.130 RCW or this chapter.
- (5) The board shall establish by rule the criteria for evaluating the education of all applicants. [2025 c 58 s 5012; 2004 c 262 s 6; 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 416.]

**Expiration date—2025 c 58 ss 5004, 5005, 5006, 5010, 5012, 5013, 5014, 5016, 5017, 5018, 5019, 5020, 5024, 5029, 5030, 5043, 5044, 5045, 5047, 5048, 5049, 5051, 5052, 5053, and 5055:** See note following RCW 18.79.040.

**Explanatory note—2025 c 58:** See note following RCW 1.16.050.

**Findings—2004 c 262:** See note following RCW 18.06.050.

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**Effective date—2024 c 239:** See note following RCW 18.79.030.

**Findings—2004 c 262:** See note following RCW 18.06.050.