**20:62:02:02.  Application for licensure.** An applicant for licensure as a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife shall file with the Board of Nursing an application containing the following:

(1)  Evidence that the applicant has completed an approved educational program that meets the requirements of § 20:62:02:01.01. An applicant who does not meet the requirements in § 20:62:02:01.01 who holds an active, unencumbered license as a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife in another state may request review of educational qualifications to meet licensure qualifications in this state;

(2)  An official transcript documenting date of completion, credential received, advanced practice registered nurse role and population focus area, completion of 500 clinical hours in the role and population focus area, and completion of advanced graduate level courses in physiology and pathophysiology, health and physical assessment, and pharmacology;

(3)  Evidence that the applicant has passed a nationally recognized certification examination approved by the board which is specific to the applicant's advanced practice registered nurse role and educational preparation, and maintains current certification;

(4)  The fee required in subdivision 20:62:01:11(1);

(5)  Evidence of holding an unencumbered South Dakota registered nurse license or privilege to practice;

(6)  A set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the criminal background check and must accompany the application for licensure. A permanent license may not be issued until the criminal background check is complete; and

(7)  Verification of having completed one thousand forty practice hours as a licensed nurse practitioner or nurse midwife in the preceding five years; or submission of a collaborative agreement with a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or physician licensed in South Dakota for the applicant's first one thousand forty hours of practice. The collaborator shall hold an unencumbered license to practice and have a minimum of two years of licensed practice in a comparable area of practice as the applicant's role and educational preparation. Upon meeting the required one thousand forty hours of licensed practice, a licensee may submit evidence to the Board of Nursing to request inactivation of the agreement.

The title, Certified Nurse Practitioner, or Certified Nurse Midwife, shall be designated on the new license. For the certified nurse practitioner, the focus area of practice shall be designated on the renewal certificate and in the licensure verification database.

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