**20:48:05:01.  Licensure of registered nurse anesthetist.** An applicant for licensure as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall file with the board an application that contains:

 (1)  Evidence that the applicant has completed an advanced practice program in nurse anesthesia that awards or confers a graduate degree, post-graduate degree, or post-graduate certificate, and is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education. If the program does not have national accreditation, the program must be board-approved in order to meet licensure requirements. An applicant who does not meet the requirement but holds an active, unencumbered license as a nurse anesthetist in another state, may request review of educational qualifications to meet licensure qualifications in this state;

 (2)  Evidence that the applicant has passed a board-approved, nationally recognized certification examination that is specific to nurse anesthesia, and maintains current certification;

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

 (4)  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 release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure. A permanent license may not be issued until the criminal background check is complete.

 The application must be accompanied by the fee required in § 20:48:06:01.

 **Source:** 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 9 SDR 151, effective May 30, 1983; 12 SDR 109, effective January 9, 1986; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 14 SDR 118, effective March 22, 1988; 33 SDR 43, effective September 12, 2006; 41 SDR 12, effective July 31, 2014; 48 SDR 40, effective October 5, 2021.

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