

# Georgia Board of Nursing – Initial Authorization as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Please follow these easy steps to ensure that your application is processed as quickly as possible.**

1. Complete the application in its entirety. Indicate N/A for any blanks that are not applicable.
2. Include a check or money order payable to the Georgia Board of Nursing in the amount of \$75.00+ \$10.00 processing fee = \$85. Please note that application fees are non-refundable.
3. Board rules chapter 410-11 require applicants for authorization as an APRN to be currently licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Georgia.
4. Board rules chapter 410-11 require applicants for authorization as an APRN to be certified by one of the national certifying bodies recognized in Board Rule 410-11-.12. Please request your national certifying body to submit verification of national certification to the Georgia Board of Nursing at [nursing@sos.ga.gov](mailto:nursing@sos.ga.gov).
5. Submit official transcripts from your nursing education program which document graduation from an accredited APRN program. To avoid processing delays please submit your transcripts as part of your application packet. To be considered official, the school should place the transcript in a sealed envelope. Transcripts submitted electronically should be sent directly by the school or a transcript exchange service to [nursing@sos.ga.gov](mailto:nursing@sos.ga.gov).
6. Board rules chapter 410-11 require applicants for authorization as an APRN to document one of the following: 1) Graduation from an advanced practice nursing education program within four years of the date of application; 2) Five hundred (500) hours of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse (based on the definition of “Advanced Nursing Practice” found in O.C.G.A. §43-26-3) within the four years preceding the date of this application; or, 3) Completion of a Board approved advanced practice reentry program as described in Board Rule 410-4-.04. Have your employer complete the attached “Verification of Employment Form” or submit a copy of your transcripts documenting graduation from an accredited APRN education program to provide documentation of active practice within the four years preceding the date of this application. To avoid processing delays please submit verifications of employment or transcripts as part of your application packet.
7. The Board requires applicants to disclose all previous arrests, history of treatment for substance abuse or dependence and discipline by other regulatory boards. If you have ever been arrested, received treatment, or been disciplined by any other regulatory board or agency please provide a certified copy of the official documents showing the final disposition or order relevant to the incident as well as a personal, detailed letter of explanation regarding each incident. If you are required to submit treatment information, please include all information relevant to your diagnosis, prognosis, treatment plan, practice recommendations and discharge summary. To avoid processing delays please submit all documentation as part of your application packet.
8. Georgia law requires applicants to submit secure and verifiable documentation regarding their United States citizenship status. Submit a copy of your driver’s license, United States passport or other document as indicated on page 3 of the application packet. To avoid processing delays please submit the required documentation as part of your application packet.
9. Have your completed and signed application notarized.
10. Mail your completed application to the Georgia Board of Nursing for processing. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. To avoid processing delays please be sure to include all required documentation with your application packet. Applications are valid for one year from the date of submission. When mailing your application please use a 9x12 envelope and do not fold or staple any of the documents.

You must not engage in practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in Georgia until you are authorized by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Any person practicing or offering to practice nursing or using the title “advanced practice registered nurse,” as defined in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 et.seq. within the State of Georgia, shall be authorized as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 et.seq.

## Georgia Board of Nursing - Information for APRNs Seeking Prescriptive Authority

If you plan to seek prescriptive authority in Georgia under O.C.G.A. S 43-34-25 you must first have a nurse protocol agreement approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Please use the following guide to complete the process:

1. Submit your application for authorization as an APRN to the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. After you have been authorized as an APRN by the Georgia Board of Nursing please visit the Georgia Composite Medical Board's website at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/> click on "Professional Resources," select "Applications Center" and select the link for "Nurse Protocol (APRN) Agreement." Follow the online instructions to submit your application for approval.
3. After your nurse protocol agreement has been approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board please contact the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg) for information on submitting your application for a DEA number.

Please note, you must be authorized as an APRN by the Georgia Board of Nursing and have a nurse protocol agreement approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board prior to seeking a DEA number.

4. Georgia law requires all prescribers to register with the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Please visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/pdmp> for information regarding the registration process.



# Georgia Board of Nursing

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**Application for Initial Authorization as an  
 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
 Non-Refundable Application Fee: \$75.00 +  
 \$10.00 Processing Fee**

Date Entered _____
Receipt # _____
Submitted \$ _____
Certificate # _____
Date Issued _____

Please check this box if you are a military spouse or a transitioning service member of the United States armed forces including the National Guard.

### Demographic Information

Please Print Legibly or Type all Information

Last Name:	First Name:
Middle Name:	Previous Name(s):
Social Security Number:	Date of Birth:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Email:

Physical Address Information – Applicants must provide a physical address of record.  
 A post office box is not acceptable for this field.

Physical Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
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Mailing Address Information - Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), if issued a license, your mailing address and license number are public information and will appear on the Board's website. A post office box may be used for this field.

Mailing Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Alternate Phone:	

### Georgia Licensure and Authorization Information

Applicants must provide information regarding their registered nursing license issued by the Georgia Board of Nursing

Georgia RN License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I declare \_\_\_\_\_ as my primary state of residency. (If you did not declare Georgia as your primary state of residency, you are completing the wrong application).

Please select the APRN role for which you are seeking authorization.  
 You must submit a separate application for each authorization.

Certified Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatric/Mental Health, Family, Pediatric, Neonatal, Women's Health, or Adult Gerontology)  
 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  Clinical Nurse Specialist-Psychiatric/Mental Health  
 Clinical Nurse Specialist  Certified Nurse Midwife

### APRN Certification Information

Applicants must provide verification of national certification from one of the certifying bodies listed in Board Rule 410-11-.12.

Name of National Certifying Body: \_\_\_\_\_

National Certification Number:	Date of Certification:

**APRN Nursing Education Information**

To ensure that our licensure records contain all information regarding your APRN education please complete the section below.

APRN School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of APRN Education Program:	City:	State:	Zip:
Date of Graduation:	Degree Awarded: <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

**Active Practice Information**

Board Rules Chapter 410-11 require that applicants document one of the following:

I have graduated from an advanced practice nursing education program within the four (4) years preceding the date of this application:

No  Yes

I have practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse (based on the definition of "Advanced Practice Nursing" found in O.C.G.A. §43-26-3) at least five hundred (500) hours within the four (4) years preceding the date of this application and have provided the employment information on the grid below:

No  Yes

Employer Name and Address	Location (City/State)	Position/Title	Dates of Employment (Month/Year to Month/Year)	APRN Licensure Required	Number of Hours Worked

A completed verification of employment form must be submitted for each employer listed on this grid.  
If your employer uses a third party to verify employment it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the employment documentation and submit it with the application packet.

Any applicant practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse without authorization will be subject to Board review. The Board requires a personal, detailed, letter of explanation and detailed employment information from the employer's human resources department for any advanced nursing practice in Georgia without a valid authorization.

Applicants that have not met the active practice requirement with the previous four years by graduating from an advanced practice nursing education program or practicing at least five hundred hours must complete a Board approved reentry program as defined in Board Rule 410-4-.04.

### **Criminal and Disciplinary Information**

Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation may subject your license to a disciplinary order and fine.

Have you ever been arrested?  No  Yes

If yes, please submit with your application a certified copy of the court records showing the final disposition of all charges and letter of explanation which addresses each charge.

Note: The answer to this question is "Yes" if an arrest or conviction has been pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred, you pled and completed probation under First Offender and/or your civil rights have been restored and/or you have received legal advice that the offense will not appear on your criminal record.

Has any licensing authority in Georgia or any other jurisdiction ever refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?  No  Yes

Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?  No  Yes

Are you currently under investigation or is a disciplinary action pending against your nursing license or any other license or certification you hold in any state or territory of the United States?  No  Yes

Are you currently a participant in a state board/designee monitoring program including alternative to discipline, diversion or a peer assistance program?  No  Yes

Have you ever been terminated from an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program due to unsuccessful completion?  No  Yes

Do you currently possess any condition which may in any way impair your ability to practice or otherwise alter your behavior as it relates to the practice of nursing?  No  Yes

### **Citizenship and Immigration Information**

Georgia law requires applicants to submit a copy of your Secure and Verifiable Document. This includes a copy of your driver's license, United States Passport or a copy of your current immigration document(s) which includes your alien identification number, I-94 number and SEVIS ID if required.

A complete list of secure and verifiable documents published under the authority of O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status. This list may be found on the Board's website at this address:

<https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/forms/27%20Secure%20and%20Verifiable%20Documents%20Under%20O.C.G.A.%20%A7%2050-36-2.pdf>

### **Applicant Affidavit**

I hereby swear and affirm that all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further swear and affirm that I have read and understand the current state laws and rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Nursing and I agree to abide by these laws and rules, as amended from time to time.

By signing this application, electronically or otherwise, I hereby swear and affirm one of the following to be true and accurate pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a United States citizen 18 years of age or older. Please submit a copy of your current Secure and Verifiable Document(s) such as driver's license, passport, or other document as indicated on page 9 of the application packet.
  
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a United States citizen, but I am a legal permanent resident of the United States 18 years of age or older, or I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency. Please submit a copy of your current immigration document(s) which includes either your Alien number or your I-94 number and, if needed, SEVIS number.

Under penalties of perjury, I understand that any false or misleading information in, or in connection with my application, may be cause for denial or revocation of licensure. In making the above attestation, I understand that any failure to make full and accurate disclosures may result in disciplinary action by the Georgia Board of Nursing and/or criminal prosecution.

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration Date

### Application Checklist

To ensure that your application is complete, please use the following checklist:

Enclose a check or money order payable to the Georgia Board of Nursing in the amount of \$90 + \$10 = \$100. Remember—application fees are nonrefundable.

Enclose a copy of your nursing education transcripts.

Enclose a completed verification of employment (if required).

Enclose secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or legal immigration status.

Request your national certifying body to provide verification of national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse to the Board for review. Verification of certification should be submitted electronically from the certifying body to [nursing@sos.ga.gov](mailto:nursing@sos.ga.gov).

Submit your completed application to:  
Georgia Board of Nursing  
237 Coliseum Drive  
Macon, Georgia 31217

You may check your application status by visiting the Board's website at [www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing](http://www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing) and click on "Application Status."

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**VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL AUTHORIZATION**

**Section I (To be completed by applicant)**

Submit this form to your employer to verify your employment and the numbers of hours worked. The name and address of your employer on this form must match the name and address you listed under "Employment History" on your application. Ask the employer to complete this form and place it in a sealed envelope for you to submit with your application or submit it by email to [nursing@sos.ga.gov](mailto:nursing@sos.ga.gov).

Last Name:		First Name:	
Physical Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:	
I do hereby consent to and authorize the release of any and all records and information concerning my employment to the Georgia Board of Nursing. I understand this information is required as part of the application for licensure process.			
_____		_____	
Applicant Signature		Date	

**Section II (To be completed by employer)**

Please complete the form in its entirety. Be sure to accurately document the employee's position/title and whether or not licensure as a registered nurse was required. The completed and notarized form may be provided to the applicant or submitted directly to the Georgia Board of Nursing by email to [nursing@sos.ga.gov](mailto:nursing@sos.ga.gov).

Facility/Business/Employer Name:			
Physical Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:	
Employer Information:			
Is this a federal agency of the United States Government? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is this an acute care inpatient hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is this a long-term acute care facility (LTAC)? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is this an ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility as defined in O.C.G.A. §31-6-2? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is this a skilled nursing facility which has at least one hundred (100) beds and provides health care to patients with similar health care needs as those patients in a long term acute care facility? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee's Position/Title:			
Is an APRN license a qualification/requirement for employment in this position? <input type="checkbox"/> No    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			

If different location of the employer listed on the first page, please identify the physical location where the employee practiced

Facility/Business/Employer Name:

Physical Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

Dates of Employment:

Employed From \_\_\_\_\_(Month/Year) to \_\_\_\_\_(Month/Year)

Were there any periods of extended absence during employment?  No  Yes

If yes, please provide dates \_\_\_\_\_(Month/Year) to \_\_\_\_\_(Month/Year)

Please complete the grid below:

Year	Hours Worked	Job Title/Description

Name and title of individual verifying employment information:

I hereby certify that I am the custodian of records at the facility listed on this form and the information submitted on this form are true and correct statements of this applicant's employment with our facility.

Signature Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Notary Public Commission Expiration Date