



April 27, 2020

Amended July 8, 2020

On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The North Carolina Board of Nursing (“Board”) is vested with the authority to waive the requirements of Article 9A Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to allow emergency health services to the public if the Governor declares a state of emergency.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-171.49 in response to Executive Order 116 (2020), the Board hereby waives the following rules and requirements:

- **Emergency Temporary Graduate CNS Recognition**

21 NCAC 36 .0228 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE

- (g) A registered nurse seeking recognition by the Board as a clinical nurse specialist shall:
- (1) complete the appropriate application that includes the following:
 - (A) evidence of a master's or doctoral degree or a post-master's certificate, as set out in Subparagraph (b)(3) or Paragraph (d) of this Rule; and either
 - (B) evidence of current certification in a clinical nursing specialty from a national credentialing body, set out in Part (b)(4)(A) of this Rule; or
 - (C) meet requirements set out in Part (b)(4)(B) of this Rule;

Waive the provisions requiring certification for new graduates so an applicant for a first-time recognition as a CNS may practice until they are able to take the certification exam in accordance with the rule. The holder of a temporary recognition shall identify themselves as a Graduate CNS. This recognition shall expire 6 months from the date of issuance.

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on April 27, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2020, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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