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## AUTHORIZATION AS AN APRN

## **INITIAL AUTHORIZATION**

Before an individual can practice as a certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist - psychiatric/mental health, they must possess an APRN authorization from the State of Georgia. If you have never been authorized as an APRN in Georgia you should seek initial authorization.

- Applicants applying for authorization as an APRN must hold an active Georgia registered nursing license.
- Applicants applying for authorization must submit a paper application.
  - Applicants must submit the following information:
    - Completed application
    - Non-refundable application fee of \$75.00
    - Official college transcripts

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Applicants must have a master's degree or other graduate degree
 approved by the Board

- One of the following:
  - Verification of employment documenting five hundred (500) hours of APRN practice within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application
  - Proof of graduation from an approved nursing education program within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application
- Verification of active national certification in his or her area of specialty

## REINSTATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

If you have been previously authorized as an APRN in Georgia you should seek reinstatement of authorization.

- Applicants applying for authorization as an APRN must hold an active Georgia registered nursing license.
- Applicants applying for authorization must submit a paper application.
  - Applicants must submit the following information:
    - Completed application
    - Non-refundable application fee of \$90.00
    - One of the following:
      - Verification of employment documenting five hundred (500) hours of APRN practice within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application
      - Proof of graduation from an approved nursing education program within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application
    - Verification of active national certification in his or her area of specialty

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