

By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to certification of clinical nurse
3 specialists; amending s. 464.0115, F.S.; revising the
4 requirements for obtaining certification as a clinical
5 nurse specialist; requiring an applicant to submit proof
6 to the Department of Health that he or she has the
7 required academic and clinical experience to be certified
8 as a clinical nurse specialist; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 464.0115, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 464.0115 Certification of clinical nurse specialists.--

16 (1) Any nurse seeking certification as a clinical nurse
17 specialist must apply to the department and submit proof that he
18 or she holds a current license to practice professional nursing,
19 a master's degree in a clinical nursing specialty, and either:

20 (a) Proof of current certification in a specialty area as a
21 clinical nurse specialist from a nationally recognized certifying
22 body as determined by the board; or-

23 (b) Proof that he or she holds a master's degree in a
24 specialty area for which there is no certification within the
25 clinical nurse specialist role and specialty and proof of having
26 completed 1,000 hours of clinical experience in the clinical
27 specialty for which he or she is academically prepared, with a
28 minimum of 500 hours of clinical practice after graduation. The
29 applicant for certification as a clinical nurse specialist must

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30 submit an affidavit to the Board of Nursing affirming the
31 required hours of clinical experience. Falsification of the
32 affidavit constitutes grounds for discipline in accordance with
33 s. 464.018(1)(f).

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.