

## Military Member Licensure

### A 'uniformed service member' means:

- An active or reserve component member of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Space Force or National Guard
- An active component member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Commissioned Officer Corps
- An active or reserve component member of the United States Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service

### A 'uniformed service veteran' means:

- A former member of the United States uniformed services discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

## Initial Nurse Aide Licensure Routes

### Criteria to Waive Nursing Assistant Certification Education

To qualify to waive nursing assistant certification education and be eligible to apply to take the Arkansas nursing assistant competency exam for certification as a nursing assistant in Arkansas, you must be:

- A uniformed service member; or
- A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within one (1) year of your discharge from uniformed service.

You will need to provide proof of service documentation. Proof of service documentation includes:

- *Department of Defense Identification Card (active, retired or TDRL).*
- *DD214 Military Discharge Certificate indicating disposition of discharge.*
- *Report of Separation from the national archives at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri.*
- *Veterans Identification Card from the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

You will need to show proof of military occupational training or a service-issued credential toward nurse aide licensure qualifications or requirements and experience in health care in a nursing-related capacity (i.e.: Medical Specialist, Healthcare Specialist, Hospital Corpsman).

You are required to provide relevant and applicable documentation that you have completed at least 90 hours of military health care education, training or service-issued credential toward nurse aide qualifications or requirements, as evidenced by military records. The documentation can include official training documents.

Documentation of military health care training includes:

- *Official military health care education, training or service-issued credential toward nurse aide qualifications or requirements documents.*

You will need to fill out the **AR Military Waiver Form** found on the D&SDT-Headmaster Arkansas webpage at [www.hdmaster.com](http://www.hdmaster.com), and submit the required proof of service and military health care education, training or service-issued credential toward nurse aide qualifications or requirements documents. Once received by D&SDT-Headmaster, your request will be expedited and you will receive priority of service on test day (see below). You will be required to take both the knowledge and the skills exams.

## Military Spouse Applying to take the Arkansas Nurse Aide Competency Exam

If you are a spouse of a uniformed service member (see qualifications below) applying to take the Arkansas nursing assistant competency exam, you will need to have:

- Completed an Arkansas approved training program, or
- Completed a training program of at least 90 hours in another state but have not successfully completed a nurse aide competency exam that is the same or substantially similar to the Arkansas examination (please see information under 'Out-of-State Reciprocity Process'), or
- Qualified for training as a currently enrolled student nurse (SN) or graduate nurse (GN), please see information under 'Student Nurse/Graduate Nurse Training'.

You will be required to successfully complete the Arkansas competency examination within one (1) year of your successful completion of an Arkansas approved training program or of your documented completion of comparable training. You will be required to take both the knowledge and skills exams. Your request will be expedited and you will receive priority of service on test day (see below).

Qualifications as a spouse of a uniformed service member:

- *The spouse of a uniformed service member or veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas;*
- *The spouse of a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to the State of Arkansas;*
- *Or the spouse of a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty, if the spouse establishes residency in the State of Arkansas.*

You will also need to fill out the **AR Military Spouse Expedited Application to Test Form** found on the D&SDT-Headmaster Arkansas webpage at [www.hdmaster.com](http://www.hdmaster.com), and submit the required military member proof of service.

### ***Priority of Service on Test Day***

If you qualify to test under one of the applicable means listed above, you are eligible to receive priority of service on testing day.

You must meet all the required qualifications listed above and you must provide the following additional proof of service documentation to the RN Test Observer at check-in on test day:

- *Department of Defense Identification Card (active, retired or TDRL).*
- *DD214 Military Discharge Certificate indicating disposition of discharge.*
- *Report of Separation from the national archives at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri.*
- *Veterans Identification Card from the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

### ***Eligibility Requirements for Expedited Nurse Aide Licensure***

**NOTE:** You will need to follow the steps needed to complete your request for placement on the ARNAR and submit the required completed forms and documentation found under the '**Nurse Aide Registry Requirements**' section:

- Registry Maintenance
- Registry Renewal
- Registry Reciprocity
- Student Nurse/Graduate Nurse Training

Applicability for expedited nurse aide licensure applies to the following members who complete one of the eligibility routes listed under the **Nurse Aide Registry Requirements** section, submit the applicable completed forms and provide images/copies of the applicable required documentation:

- A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
- A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas;
- The spouse of a uniformed service member or veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas;
- The spouse of a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to the State of Arkansas;
- Or the spouse of a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty, if the spouse establishes residency in the State of Arkansas.

If you qualify under one of the applicable means listed above, once D&SDT-Headmaster receives your applicable correctly completed forms and documentation, the processing of your request for licensure in the State of Arkansas will be expedited.

You must fill out the **AR Military Expedited Licensure Form** available on the D&SDT-Headmaster Arkansas webpage at [www.hdmaster.com](http://www.hdmaster.com) and provide an image/copy of your proof of service documentation.