

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to clinical nurse specialists; amending s.  
 3           464.0115, F.S.; revising requirements for certification as  
 4           a clinical nurse specialist; providing an effective date.

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

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

10           464.0115 Certification of clinical nurse specialists.--

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

15           (a) Proof of current certification in a specialty area as  
 16   a clinical nurse specialist from a nationally recognized  
 17   certifying body as determined by the board.

18           (b) Proof that he or she holds a master's degree in a  
 19   specialty area for which there is no certification within the  
 20   clinical nurse specialist role and specialty and proof of having  
 21   completed 1,000 hours of clinical experience in the clinical  
 22   specialty for which he or she is academically prepared, with a  
 23   minimum of 500 hours of clinical practice after graduation. The  
 24   applicant for certification as a clinical nurse specialist must  
 25   submit an affidavit to the Board of Nursing affirming the  
 26   required hours of clinical experience. Falsification of the  
 27   affidavit constitutes grounds for discipline in accordance with  
 28   s. 464.018(1)(f).

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