

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES  
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Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5(b) and  
41-22-6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy  
as promulgated and adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 610-X-12-.01ER Definitions

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: September 18, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days):

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The COVID-19 crisis has exposed timing  
issues with transition to practice for recipients following  
graduation. The changes are necessary to accommodate these  
issues.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **Code of Alabama, 1975**, § 34-21-2(c)(1)

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS  X  YES    
NO

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**CHAPTER 610-X-12  
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**

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**610-X-12-.01 ER     Definitions.**

(1)           Participant: Any person who applies for and is awarded a loan, as provided in Article 6 of Title 34, Chapter 21, Code of Ala. 1975.

(2)           Eligible Person:

(a)           Students in accredited nursing education programs approved by the Board who is pursuing a graduate degree to become a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP), a certified nurse midwife (CNM), or a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or

(b)           Approved CRNP, CNM, OR CRNA who, within the five (5) years immediately preceding the loan period, completed a graduate degree as described in subsection (a).

(3)           Full-Time: 36-40 hours per week

(4)           Immediate: Within three months (90 days) six months of graduation or receipt of loan. The Executive Officer may extend the time line, in adverse circumstances, according to established Board staff guidelines.

(5)           Area of Critical Need: An area of critical need shall be an area in Alabama with a critical need, as determined by the Board, for advanced practice nurses and shall not be a

part of, or within five miles of, an urbanized area, as defined most recently by the U.S. Census Bureau.

(6) Period of Obligation: period during which a participant is obligated to work in an area of critical need; eighteen (18) months per loan received.

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