§ 6910. Certificates for nurse practitioner practice. 1. For issuance of a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner under subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of this article, the applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) License: be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the state;

(c) Education: (i) have satisfactorily completed educational preparation for provision of these services in a program registered by the department or in a program determined by the department to be the equivalent; or

(ii) submit evidence of current certification by a national certifying body, recognized by the department; or

(iii) meet such alternative criteria as established by the commissioner's regulations;

(d) Fees: pay a fee to the department of fifty dollars for each initial certificate authorizing nurse practitioner practice in a specialty area and a triennial registration fee of thirty dollars. Registration under this section shall be coterminous with the nurse practitioner's registration as a professional nurse.

2. Only a person certified under this section shall use the title "nurse practitioner".

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any act or practice authorized by any other law, rule, regulation or certification.

4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any activity authorized, pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, to be performed by a registered professional nurse in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of the public health law.

5. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section.