

6305.0300 AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE NURSING.

Subpart 1. **Required authorization.** A Minnesota license and current registration or a temporary permit is required if an individual practices professional nursing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 15, or practical nursing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 14, whether for monetary compensation or as a volunteer, or if an individual is a faculty member for an out-of-state nursing or nursing assistant program and is supervising nursing students or nursing assistant students in Minnesota except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.271. If the temporary permit is revoked or expires, whichever occurs first, an applicant must not practice nursing until a license has been issued.

Exceptions as identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.271, include the following:

A. Nursing assistance in an emergency as referenced in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.271, clause (1), is interpreted to include nursing service as follows:

(1) to patients during transport into, through, or out of Minnesota including during flights and while at airports or depots or during the period of stabilization in preparation for transport;

(2) for disaster relief during a period not to exceed seven days; and

(3) providing nursing services at the scene of an accident.

B. Formal, structured course of study as referenced in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.271, clause (6), is interpreted to mean that the course is sponsored by an educational institution or the educational department of a health care facility; has written, measurable objectives; has an organized plan of study which includes instructors and, when appropriate, clinical supervisors; uses a formalized method of evaluating student performance; and issues a document which verifies completion of the course.

C. Nursing program approved by the board as referenced in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.271, clause (7), is interpreted to include any nursing program in the United States or Canada which is approved by the state or province in which the program is located. However, the supervising instructor must hold a Minnesota registered nurse license and current registration.

Subp. 1a. **Authorized abbreviations.** The categories of nursing personnel listed below may use abbreviations as follows:

A. Public health nurse, abbreviated "PHN."

B. Registered nurse, abbreviated "RN," may only be used by a registered nurse who is currently registered in Minnesota or an applicant for licensure in Minnesota who holds a temporary permit as authorized in subpart 9.

C. Licensed practical nurse, abbreviated "LPN," may only be used by a licensed practical nurse who is currently registered in Minnesota or an applicant for licensure in Minnesota who holds a temporary permit as authorized in subpart 9.

D. Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who are licensed in Minnesota but who are not currently registered may use the abbreviation "RN" and "LPN" respectively for personal identification provided it is not used for monetary gain.

E. Nursing assistants who are on the long-term care registry are nursing assistants/registered, abbreviated "NA/R."

Subp. 2. **License.** The board shall license an applicant to practice when the applicant has met all requirements of applicable statutes and rules. The license must bear the seal of the board, date of issue, license number, and type of licensure.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 6. **Temporary permit to practice nursing without direct supervision.** The board shall grant an applicant who is not the subject of a pending investigation or disciplinary action a temporary permit to practice nursing that does not require direct supervision if the applicant:

- A. submits the licensure application and licensure fee;
- B. is licensed in another jurisdiction or Canadian province by an examination acceptable to the board;
- C. applies for a temporary permit to practice;
- D. submits evidence of licensure and current eligibility to practice in another jurisdiction or Canadian province. Evidence of licensure and eligibility to practice may include, but is not limited to, an official statement from another jurisdiction or Canadian province that the applicant is currently authorized to practice, or an official statement from another jurisdiction or Canadian province that the licensure examination was passed and that the applicant is authorized to practice pending licensure; and
- E. has graduated from a nursing program approved for the type of license for which the application has been submitted.

Subp. 7. **Length of temporary permits.** The temporary permit authorizing practice without direct supervision expires 60 days after the date of issue. The board may extend the temporary permit if the applicant has come under investigation by the board after the issuance of the initial temporary permit until the matter is resolved for the applicant.

Subp. 8. **Revocation of temporary permit.** The board shall revoke a temporary permit in the following situations:

A. an applicant for licensure by endorsement presented fraudulent evidence of licensure in another jurisdiction or Canadian province; or

B. an applicant has engaged in conduct which constitutes grounds for denial of a license.

Subp. 9. **Designated titles.** The temporary permit holder who is an applicant for registered nurse licensure by endorsement shall use the title registered nurse, abbreviated "RN." The temporary permit holder who is an applicant for licensed practical nurse licensure by endorsement shall use the title "licensed practical nurse," abbreviated "LPN."

Statutory Authority: *MS s 148.191; 148.211; 148.231; 148.271; 148.291; 148.295; 148.296*

History: *9 SR 765; 15 SR 838; 18 SR 2195; 22 SR 973; L 1999 c 172 s 18; 37 SR 403*

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