

6310.2600 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Acceptable continuing education activity.** "Acceptable continuing education activity" means a learning experience which meets the criteria established in part 6310.2800, subpart 3.

Subp. 1a. **Acceptable nursing practice.** "Acceptable nursing practice" means employment or volunteer nursing in any setting. Employment includes those positions for which the individual is required to be a nurse. For professional nursing practice, the practice must have included one or more of the functions defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 15. For practical nursing practice, the practice must have included one or more of the functions defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 14.

Subp. 1b. [Repealed, 24 SR 1884]

Subp. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Subp. 3. **Contact hour.** "Contact hour" means 50 consecutive minutes, except in reference to the class period of an educational institution. Class periods of no less than 45 minutes will be accepted as a contact hour. The number of contact hours for a course are determined by the number of class credits assigned to the course multiplied by the number of full weeks in the term.

Subp. 4. **Continuing education participation period.** "Continuing education participation period" means the 24-month interval of time immediately before the registration expiration date during which a licensee must fulfill the continuing education requirements for registration renewal. The length varies for a licensee's first registration period after licensure or reregistration, beginning on the date of licensure or reregistration and ending on the registration expiration date.

Subp. 5. **Continuing education report.** "Continuing education report" means the evidence submitted to the board to officially authenticate that the applicant has fulfilled all continuing education requirements for licensure.

Subp. 5a. **Deferment.** "Deferment" means postponement of participation in and reporting of all or part of the continuing education activities required for renewal.

Subp. 5b. [Repealed, 24 SR 1884]

Subp. 6. **Instructor.** "Instructor" means a presenter, preparer, guide for a continuing education activity, or written programmed instruction.

Subp. 6a. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 7. **License.** "License" means the authority issued by the board to an individual who meets for the first time the requirements to practice professional or practical nursing in Minnesota.

Subp. 7a. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means either a professional or practical nurse who has been granted a license by the board to practice professional or practical nursing in Minnesota.

Subp. 8. **Licensure.** "Licensure" means the process by which the board confers legal authority upon an individual authorizing the person to engage in professional or practical nursing, thereby certifying that those licensed have attained the minimal degree of competency necessary to ensure that the public health, safety, and welfare will be reasonably well protected.

Subp. 8a. [Repealed, 15 SR 838]

Subp. 8b. [Repealed, 15 SR 838]

Subp. 8c. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 9. **Participation.** "Participation" means to be present at or in any other manner taking part in an acceptable continuing education activity.

Subp. 9a. [Renumbered subp 17]

Subp. 9b. **Practical nurse.** "Practical nurse" means a person authorized by the board to engage in the practice of practical nursing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 14.

Subp. 9c. **Professional nurse.** "Professional nurse" means a person authorized by the board to engage in the practice of professional nursing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, subdivision 15.

Subp. 9d. **Refresher course.** "Refresher course" for the applicant for licensure by endorsement under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.211, subdivision 2, or for reregistration under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.231, subdivision 5, means a planned program of study with a clinical component that provides a review and evaluation of basic nursing knowledge and abilities to enhance clinical competency within the professional or practical scope of practice. The criteria for a refresher course is identified in Program Requirements: Appendices to Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 6310, in part 6310.3800 as incorporated by reference in part 6310.3800.

Subp. 10. **Registration.** "Registration" means the process by which the names and original license numbers of individuals licensed by the board are listed as individuals authorized to engage in professional or practical nursing during a registration period.

Subp. 11. **Registration renewal.** "Registration renewal" means the periodic process whereby a licensee who is licensed and registered with the board requests and obtains registration for the next registration period.

Subp. 12. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 13. [Repealed, 37 SR 403]

Subp. 14. **Registration expiration date.** "Registration expiration date" means the last calendar day of a registration period.

Subp. 15. **Registration period.** "Registration period" means the interval of time during which the individual is authorized to engage in professional or practical nursing during a registration period. The initial registration period following licensure, endorsement, or reregistration is from six to 29 full calendar months starting on the day of licensure, endorsement, or reregistration and ending on the last day of the licensee's month of birth in an even-numbered year if the year of birth was an even-numbered year or in an odd-numbered year if the year of birth was in an odd-numbered year. Subsequent registration periods are 24-month periods. For registration renewal, the period starts on the first day of the month following expiration of the previous registration period. The period ends the last day of the licensee's month of birth in an even- or odd-numbered year according to the licensee's year of birth.

Subp. 16. **Reregistration.** "Reregistration" means the process whereby a licensee regains the authority to practice professional or practical nursing after one or more days without current registration.

Subp. 17. **Temporary permit.** "Temporary permit" means the authority issued by the board to an applicant for reregistration that authorizes practice of professional or practical nursing in Minnesota during participation in the clinical portion of a refresher course.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 62A.15; 147.235; 148.191; 148.231; 214.12*

History: *12 SR 102; 15 SR 838; 18 SR 468; 19 SR 2223; L 1999 c 172 s 18; 24 SR 1884; 37 SR 403*

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