

GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETATION OF LAC 46:XLVII.3705.A.1 and .2

In response to numerous questions regarding the interpretation of rules setting forth the educational requirements for recognition as a Primary Nurse Associate (Nurse Practitioner) in Louisiana, the Board of Nursing took the following action at its meeting on August 26, 1994:

As a response to Agenda Item #4.4, the Board adopted the following interpretation: That the guidelines utilized in the recognition/designation of registered nurses as Primary Nurse Associates (PNAs)/(Nurse Practitioners) be amended by adding the following:

1. That an individual requesting recognition as a Primary Nurse Associate must have successfully completed a formal program of study, which includes didactic content and clinical experiences, and which is specifically designed to prepare the registered nurse for the role of nurse practitioner.
2. That each registered nurse who seeks recognition as a PNA, following the successful completion of the program of study, submit a letter from the program head which documents her/his eligibility for national practitioner certification.
3. That an official transcript and a copy of a certificate of completion (or an official letter certifying completion) of the program be submitted with the request for recognition as a PNA.

Further, all pending requests for recognition as a primary nurse associate by LSBN be subject to review under the revised guidelines adopted August 26, 1994.

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