

Louisiana State Board of Nursing Guidelines for Interpreting Scope of Practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Louisiana

STEP ONE: Describe the act to be performed.

STEP TWO: Review the scope of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) practice in the [Louisiana Nurse Practice Act](#) (i.e. Louisiana Revised Statutes), and [LSBN Rules and Regulations](#) (i.e. Louisiana Administrative Code)

STEP THREE: Answer the questions below and follow the guidelines.

1. Do you hold a current, active Louisiana RN as well as Louisiana APRN license in the specific advanced practice (AP) role and population foci in which you plan to practice?

YES



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NO



**OBTAIN LOUISIANA
RN AND APRN LICENSES !**

**LICENSURE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH
AP ROLE AND POPULATION FOCI**

2. Is your national certification in the specific AP role and population foci in which you plan to practice current/active?

YES



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NO



APPLY FOR RECERTIFICATION !

**LSBN MUST RECEIVE PROOF OF
RECERTIFICATION DIRECTLY FROM
YOUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION !**

3. Is the act expressly permitted or prohibited by the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act or other Louisiana statute or rule (e.g. declaring death, signing an emergency certificate, etc.)? Click [here](#) to see Louisiana Revised Statutes R.S. 37: 913 and 37:930.

PERMITTED or UNSURE



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PROHIBITED BY RULE AND/OR STATUTE



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4. Is the act consistent with the nursing practice rules in the Louisiana Administrative Code, [declaratory statements](#), and [practice opinions](#) of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN)? Click [here](#) to review the following LSBN rules:

- Chapter 37 - Nursing Practice
- Chapter 39 - Legal Standards of Nursing Practice
- Chapter 45 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

YES



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NO



5. Do you personally possess the depth and breadth of knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the act safely and effectively as acquired from a graduate APRN program or through other formal, documented education that meets local and national standards? *

YES



Go to # 6

NO



**UNTIL ADDITIONAL
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS &
ABILITIES ARE GAINED**

* **NOTE:** Although there may be an overlap of services provide by APRNS of differing roles and populations, if the act or services are commensurate with competencies of another advanced practice title (role and population) recognized by LSBN which requires additional formal education and legal recognition, then the APRN must not provide the service and must obtain additional licensure.

6. Is the performance of the act by an APRN within the appropriately established facility/agency policies and procedures at the clinical site where you practice?

YES



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NO



**PERFORMANCE OF ACT
MAY PLACE PATIENT,
NURSE, AND/OR
EMPLOYER AT RISK !**

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7. Is the performance of the act consistent with the clinical practice guidelines signed by you and your collaborating physicians on the collaborative practice agreement (CPA) submitted to LSBN – **AND** - have you already received an approval letter from LSBN for the CPA and collaborating physicians associated with this practice site?

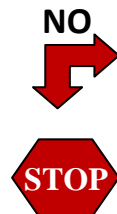
YES

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**LSBN APPROVAL OF CPA
MUST BE OBTAINED AND
COPY KEPT AT PRACTICE SITE**

8. Are you prepared to accept accountability and liability for your action? Is the act prudent and defensible based on current standards of care?

YES

PERFORM THE ACT



**THE ACCOUNTABILITY IS
NOT ASSUMED !
NOTIFY APPROPRIATE PERSONS
AND COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN(S)**

Resources:

[Louisiana Nurse Practice Act](#) (i.e. Louisiana Revised Statutes)

- see R.S. §37:913 and §37:930 for statutory definitions regarding APRN practice

[LSBN Rules and Regulations](#) (i.e. Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46:XLVII - Nurses)

- see Chapter 37 for rules defining scope of RN practice, also applicable to APRNs
- see Chapter 39 for rules regarding legal standards of nursing practice
- see Chapter 45 for rules regarding advanced practice nursing in Louisiana