

August 31, 1994

Delores Wood, RNC
NICU Nursing Director
St. Francis Medical Center
309 Jackson Street
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a student neonatal nurse practitioner performing advanced nursing functions under the direct supervision of the neonatologist was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 26, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee completed its study of the issue at its July 25 meeting and presented its recommendation to the Board on August 26. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

As a response to Agenda Item #4.5, the Board adopted the opinion that registered nurses who are bona fide students pursuing a program of study for advanced practitioners which leads to eligibility for advanced practice certification by a nationally recognized certifying body may perform advanced practice skills in accordance with Louisiana Law and appropriate to the program of study under the direct supervision of an MD and/or a registered nurse preceptor who is certified in his/her respective advanced practice field and who holds advanced practice recognition by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, provided each program has established guidelines for identification of qualified preceptors. Further, the school shall notify the Board of Nursing in writing prior to initiating the clinical practicum.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your contributions to their discussion of the issue.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Marc Desoler, NICU Medical Director
Brenda Salmeron, RN, BSN, CCRN
Debra C. Davis, RN, DSN, Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Studies

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GUIDELINES FOR ADVANCED PRACTITIONER STUDENTS' CLINICAL PRACTICUM

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Adopted by LSBN 8/26/94
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