

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**LCB File No. R018-22**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 632.120.

A REGULATION relating to nursing; revising the facilities where an apprentice nurse may practice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the State Board of Nursing to adopt regulations establishing standards of professional conduct for the practice of nursing. (NRS 632.120) Existing law authorizes the practice of nursing by students enrolled in accredited schools of nursing and certain graduates of those schools. (NRS 632.316) Existing regulations authorize a nursing student, as an apprentice nurse, to perform tasks which the student has successfully demonstrated in his or her program of education if the student works as an apprentice nurse: (1) in a licensed hospital for acute care, a licensed hospital for long-term care or a community health clinic or for a health maintenance organization; and (2) under the supervision of a registered nurse who is at the site where care is provided. (NAC 632.252) This regulation additionally authorizes an apprentice nurse to practice at other medical facilities licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS.

**Section 1.** NAC 632.252 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.252 1. A nursing student may, as an apprentice nurse, perform those tasks which the nursing student has successfully demonstrated in his or her program of education if:

(a) The nursing student works as an apprentice nurse in a ~~licensed hospital for acute care, a licensed hospital for long-term care,~~ *medical facility*, a community health clinic or *for* a health maintenance organization and works under the supervision of a registered nurse who is at the site where care is provided;

(b) The nursing student presents to his or her employer satisfactory evidence from his or her school of nursing of successful demonstration of his or her skills;

(c) The nursing student has been evaluated by the chief nurse as safe to perform those tasks in the health care facility employing him or her;

(d) The description of the position of apprentice nurse provided by the health care facility employing the nursing student identifies the roles and responsibilities of the position;

(e) The tasks delegated to the nursing student acting as an apprentice nurse are identified in the health care facility's description of the position and have been approved by the Board as tasks that are delegable to the nursing student;

(f) There is a formal procedure for the nursing student to refuse to perform any task until he or she is comfortable with his or her ability to do so safely; and

(g) The nursing student, acting as an apprentice nurse, identifies himself or herself as an apprentice nurse on his or her name tag when recording patients' records and in his or her introduction to patients.

2. While performing nursing functions as an apprentice nurse, the nursing student is subject to the provisions of the Nurse Practice Act and regulations adopted by the Board.