

Continuing Education in Cultural Competency

The Oregon State Board of Nursing is committed to the principle that Oregon citizens should receive high quality health care delivered in a culturally competent way. This principle is reflected in the Nurse Practice Act (NPA), which requires nurses to provide healthcare that recognizes cultural values, beliefs and customs; and to consider the training, experience and cultural competence of any person to whom nursing tasks may be delegated.

The Board recognizes that curricula in Oregon schools of nursing now incorporate instruction in culturally competent health care, and that employers and providers throughout Oregon regularly include such ongoing education to their staff.

It is the Board's position to support these efforts, and to maintain adherence to the principles set forth in the NPA. In addition, through individual interaction with Licensees, and through its print and electronic publications, the Board will continue to share educational opportunities, including on-line continuing education opportunities offered by State or National organizations, to assist nurses to maintain their competence in this important area.

Adopted _____

References

House Bill 2611, relating to continuing education for health care professionals, and amending ORS 675.140, 675.330, 675.597, 675.805, 676.625, 677.290, 678.170, 679.260, 681.480, 683.290, 684.171, 685.201, 687.071, 688.201 and 688.585; Chapter 240 (2013 Laws), eff. May 28, 2013

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is authorized by Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 678 to exercise general supervision over the practice of nursing in Oregon to include regulation of nursing licensure, education, and practice in order to assure that the citizens of Oregon receive safe and effective care.

The OSBN further interprets statute and rule and issues opinions in the form of Board Policies, Policy Guidelines and Position Statements. Although they do not have the force and effect of law, these opinions are advisory in nature and issued as guidelines for safe nursing practice.