

Direct Entry Midwifery

The scope of practice for a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse does not include Direct Entry Midwifery.

If a licensee chooses to work as a "direct entry midwife," the licensee shall not use his/her nursing credentials, i.e., R.N. or L.P.N. when identifying herself/himself as a "direct entry midwife."

If a licensee practices as a "direct entry midwife," and during the practice of "direct entry midwifery," the licensee exceeds the scope of nursing practice for which he/she is licensed, then the licensee may be subject to disciplinary action as stated in ORS 678.

If a licensee practices as a "direct entry midwife," those hours do not count toward meeting the nursing practice hour requirement necessary for license renewal.

The Oregon State Board of Nursing only recognizes the nurse practitioner category of Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioner as stated in 851-050-0002 and OAR 851-050-0005 (9)(c).

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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.