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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 851  
**BOARD OF NURSING**

**FILED**

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FILING CAPTION: Division 6 - Definitions, aligning with HB3044 2025 and combining all definitions into one rule number

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 10/21/2025 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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### HEARING(S)

*Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.*

DATE: 10/21/2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

OFFICER: Brandy Ritter

### REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: Click here to join the meeting

PHONE NUMBER: 669-444-9171

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Presenters: Only those registered to provide testimony will be called to present comments. To register to testify for this hearing, please contact: [brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov](mailto:brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing and provide name, address, and affiliation (This is required per OAR 137-001-0030).

Presenters may also register at the beginning of the hearing but are encouraged to pre-register to reserve time during the hearing for the presentation of testimony.

Each presenter will have 3 minutes to testify. Be prepared to summarize your comments to fit within the allotted time.

The hearing will close no later than 12:00 PM and may close earlier if all individuals that have registered to testify have

had the opportunity to enter their comments into the record.

Submit Written Comments Via email: [brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov](mailto:brandy.ritter@osbn.oregon.gov).

All written comments and materials must be received by the close of the comment period on October 21, 2025, at 5:00PM. Late comments will not be reviewed or considered.

For accommodations or questions, please contact the OSBN Rule Coordinator at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

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#### NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

To align rules with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session; to remove unnecessary definitions; and to clarify existing definitions.

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#### DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Enrolled bill HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/202511>

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#### STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

Adoption of these amendments will not affect racial equity in the state of Oregon.

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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

None. The amendments do not create new regulatory requirements, do not impose additional costs, do not change existing nursing practice authority, and do not change certified nursing assistant work.

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#### COST OF COMPLIANCE:

*(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).*

None. There are no costs to state agencies, units of local government, small businesses, or members of the public. The changes do not require reporting, record keeping, administrative activities, professional services, equipment, supplies, labor, or increased administration.

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#### DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

No impact. The amendments do not create new compliance requirements for small business, nor do they impose new operational or financial obligations.

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#### WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

No. A Rules Advisory Committee was not convened as rule amendments are for compliance with Enrolled bill HB 3044 and to maintain consistency with existing statutes and Chapter 851 Divisions.

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#### RULES PROPOSED:

851-006-0000, 851-006-0010, 851-006-0011, 851-006-0020, 851-006-0030, 851-006-0040, 851-006-0050, 851-006-0060, 851-006-0080, 851-006-0090, 851-006-0120, 851-006-0130, 851-006-0140, 851-006-0150, 851-006-0160, 851-006-0180, 851-006-0190, 851-006-0200, 851-006-0210

REPEAL: 851-006-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0000~~

~~Definitions~~

~~Definitions not found are assumed to be common use as found in Merriam-Webster online: [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com).~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.150~~

REPEAL: 851-006-0010

RULE SUMMARY: 851-006-0011 Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-006-0010

Definitions beginning with the letter A-

- (1) "Abstinence" means the avoidance of all intoxicating substances, including but not limited to prescription or over-the-counter drugs with a potential for abuse or the potential to develop a substance use disorder. Marijuana (either recreational or medical) and alcohol while legal, all monitoring program prohibit the use of either substance. This definition does not include medically appropriate prescriptions. ¶¶
- (2) "Academic Progression", for the purposes of these rules, means the methods used by a program of nursing education to measure the progress of the student in achieving the overall academic goals and standards of the program. ¶¶
- (3) "Accreditation" means a non-governmental peer review process by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. ¶¶
- (4) "Activities of Daily Living" means those self-care activities which a person performs independently, when able, to sustain personal needs and/or to participate in society. Activities of daily living include activities such as bathing, dressing, eating, drinking, ambulating, and toileting. ¶¶
- (5) "Address of Record" means the current home address of a licensee, submitted on the initial application or by written notification of change. ¶¶
- (6) "Administration of Medications" means removal of an individual dose from a previously dispensed, properly labeled container (including a unit dose container), verifying it with the order of the Licensed Independent Practitioner, giving the individual dose to client for which it is ordered with prompt and appropriate documentation. ¶¶
- (7) "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)" means a clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or nurse practitioner licensed by the Board. ¶¶
- (8) "Alternative to Discipline (ATD)" means that in the state of Oregon, the Alternative to Discipline program for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses with diagnosed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Mental Health issues is known as the Health Professionals Services Program Successful completion of this program results in no public discipline being attached to the license. ¶¶
- (9) "Analgesia", for the purposes of these rules, means a neurologic or pharmacologic state in which painful stimuli are moderated such that, although still perceived, they are no longer painful. ¶¶
- (10) "Anesthesia", for the purposes of these rules, means a drug-induced state that causes insensitivity to pain and often loss of consciousness, especially as artificially induced by the administration of gases or the injection of drugs. The client's ability to independently maintain ventilator function is often impaired and may require assistance in maintaining patent airway. Cardiovascular function may also be impaired. ¶¶
- (11) "Anesthesia care" means the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) independent or collaborative performance of any act involving the treatment of a client presenting for a procedure including, but not limited to, sole or concurrent use of sedation, analgesia or anesthesia. ¶¶
- (12) "Anesthesia plan" means a plan of intervention by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) for services and anesthesia care within the CRNA scope of practice. ¶¶
- (13) "Appropriate Resources" means the human and material support necessary to perform the activity, intervention, or role safely, including any necessary emergency management. ¶¶
- (14) "Approval" for the purposes of these rules, means that as authorized in ORS 678.150(3), is the process by which the Board evaluates and grants official recognition and status to nursing education programs that meet Board established uniform and reasonable standards. The status assigned may be Developmental Approval, Initial Approval or Approval. ¶¶
- (15) "Approval by the Office of Degree Authorization" means the approval, under ORS 348.606, to provide any part of a program leading to the award of college credit or to an academic degree. ¶¶
- (16) "Approved certifying body" means a national organization which engages in certification or recertification of Advanced Practice Nurses and is recognized by the Board for purposes of determining qualifications for initial and renewal of licensure. ¶¶
- (17) "Assessment" means the first step in the nursing process. In this phase, subjective and objective data is gathered about the patient, client, family, or community that the nurse is working with. Objective data, or data that can be collected through examination, is measurable. This may include vital signs or observable behaviors.

The data is analyzed and evaluated by the registered nurse (RN) to develop the plan of care. Data may be collected by other healthcare providers; however, the RN is accountable for validating the information in order to develop the plan of care. This definition is also applicable to the term "comprehensive nursing assessment".¶¶

(18) "Assign" means directing and distributing, within a given work period, the work that each health care team member is already authorized by license or certification and organizational position description to perform.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS.678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS.678.150

RULE SUMMARY: Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-006-0011

Definitions

- (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist.¶
- (2) "Appropriate resources" means the human and material support necessary to perform an activity, intervention, or role safely.¶
- (3) "Assessment" means the first step in the practice of nursing in which a registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse, independently collects, validates, and analyzes, data relevant to their client.¶
- (4) "Assign" means the action of directing and distributing the work that each practice team member is already authorized by license or certification and organizational position description to perform.¶
- (5) "Board" means the Oregon State Board of Nursing. The Board is a nine (9) member Governor-appointed public body legislatively authorized to regulate nursing education, licensure and practice per ORS 678.010 through 678.448.¶
- (6) "Client" for the nurse means an individual, family, facility resident or group engaged in a professional relationship with a licensee and the recipient of nursing services. For the certified nursing assistant (CNA) and certified medication aid (CMA), means the person for whom the CNA or CMA is carrying out authorized duties as assigned by a nurse.¶
- (7) "Clinical component" means the component of a nursing education program curriculum where students refine competencies in real practice settings or through the use of simulation. The clinical component can occur in any setting where students may impact a health outcome.¶
- (8) "Clinical direction" means the direction provided to a licensed practical nurse by a registered nurse plan of care, or by a health care provider treatment plan.¶
- (9) "Clinical judgment" means the observed outcome of critical thinking and decision making. It is the result of an iterative process in which the nurse applies nursing knowledge to observe and assess presenting situations, identify a prioritized client concern and generate the best possible evidence-based solution to promote client health and safety.¶
- (10) "Clinical preceptor" means a health care professional who is qualified by specific education and clinical competency to provide supervision of the clinical component of pre-licensure or advanced practice nursing students.¶
- (11) "Cohort placement" means placement of nursing education program students where a nursing faculty member guides the selection of student experiences.¶
- (12) "Community-based setting" means a setting that does not exist primarily for the purposes of providing nursing or medical services, but where nursing services could be required intermittently. These settings include adult foster homes, assisted living facilities, child foster homes, schools, and 24-hour residential care facilities.¶
- (13) "Competency" means possessing specified levels of knowledge, technical skill, ability, ethical principle, and clinical reasoning that are relevant to the practice role, practice setting, prevailing standards, and client safety. For the purposes of these rules this definition is also applicable with the terms "competence" and "competencies".¶
- (14) "Context of care" means the environment where a licensee's practice of nursing occurs. Defining a specific context of care includes factors such as the location where the nurse's client receives nursing services, the licensee's practice role within the setting, regulations of the setting, policies and procedures of the setting, professional and specialty nursing practice standards applicable to the nurse's practice role, and the ability of the client to self-direct the nursing strategies or interventions to which they have given their consent.¶
- (15) "Conviction" means that a court of law has entered a final judgment on a verdict or finding of guilty, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or any determination of guilt entered by a court of law against a subject individual (SI) in a criminal case, unless that judgment has been reversed or set aside by a subsequent court decision.¶
- (16) "Delegation process" means the process used by an RN in a community-based setting to delegate the performance of a plan of care nursing procedure to an unregulated assistive person per OAR Chapter 851 Division 47.¶
- (17) "Facility-based program" means an approved nursing assistant or medication aide training program offered by an Oregon Department of Human Services- licensed nursing facility.¶
- (18) "Focused assessment" means the collection, validation, and analysis of data, by the licensed practical nurse (LPN), as directed by a registered nurse plan of care or health care provider treatment plan, for the purpose of the

LPN identifying their client's priority condition.¶

(19) "Focused plan of care" means the licensed practical nurse's prioritization of interventions from the RN plan of care or the health care provider treatment plan, to be carried out by the LPN with the client.¶

(20) "Full-time" means at least 32 hours of regularly scheduled work each week.¶

(21) "Hand off" means a transfer and acceptance of nursing services responsibility for a client achieved through effective communication. It is a process of passing client-specific information from one nurse to another for the purpose of ensuring continuity of services and the safety of the client.¶

(22) "Health care provider" means a clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO), doctor of podiatric medicine, dentist, naturopathic physician, optometrist, doctor of chiropractic, MD volunteer emeritus, DO volunteer emeritus, and physician associate.¶

(23) "In good standing" means a license or certificate without current discipline, conditions, or restrictions.¶

(24) "Independent third-party evaluator" means an individual who is approved by the Board, who is not an employee or contractor of the Board, to evaluate, diagnose, and offer treatment options for substance use disorders, mental disorders, or co-occurring disorders.¶

(25) "Individual scope of practice" means an individual licensee's known set of activities, interventions, and roles, occurring within their practice of nursing for which they possess the competencies necessary to perform safely in their context of care.¶

(26) "Interim consent order (ICO)" means a voluntary agreement in which a licensee voluntarily steps away from practice during the investigation and until further order of the Board.¶

(27) "Licensee" means the person licensed as a registered nurse (RN), registered nurse emeritus (RN-E), licensed practical nurse (LPN), licensed practical nurse emeritus (LPN-E), nurse practitioner (NP), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), and nurse intern (NI), pursuant to ORS Chapter 678.010 through 678.448.¶

(28) "Limited license" means a registered nurse or practical nurse license with conditions which specifically limit its duration and generally used for short term educational experiences for international nurses.¶

(29) "Monitored practice" means a licensee's practice of nursing under the direct supervision of a worksite monitor by agreement or Board order.¶

(30) "Name of record" means the name to which the applicant is legally entitled, submitted on the initial application, or changed at the written request of the applicant with documentation of the legal basis for the change.¶

(31) "National board certification" means the certificate granted to an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for an APRN role and population focus by a professional nursing practice organization accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies or the American Boards of Nursing Specialties.¶

(32) "Nurse Practice Act" means Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 678.010 through 678.448 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 851 inclusive of all divisions.¶

(33) "Nursing procedure" means a health-related procedure identified within the registered nurse plan of care.¶

(34) "Plan of care" means the plan authored by the registered nurse that communicates the client's prioritized problems or risks, identifies measurable client outcomes related to the problems or risks; and identifies the nursing strategies and interventions chosen to address the identified problems or risks.¶

(35) "Professional boundaries" means the nurse and client therapeutic relationship limitations that guide appropriate and professional interactions. The licensee or certificate holder and the client establish a relationship where the client depends on the licensee or certificate holder to have the knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies to provide the care needed by the client. This relationship has a space between the needs of the client and the ability of the licensee or certificate holder to provide that care. That space is a professional boundary and is applicable in and out of the practice setting. The licensee or certificate holder has power in that the client is dependent upon the provision of care and the client is vulnerable to the influences of this power. Violation of this space between power and vulnerability through the blending of the personal and professional relationship constitutes a boundary violation.¶

(36) "Public discipline" means Board action against a licensee or certificate holder resulting in public reporting of the discipline, including posting on the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) website and in the OSBN publications. Public discipline is a permanent document that remains publicly displayed for the life of the license or certificate even after all requirements of the Board order are met.¶

(37) "Reasoned conclusion" means the registered nurse's interpretation or judgment about a client's needs or risks reached through the application of scientific evidence, clinical experience, and nursing knowledge to assessment data. Reasoned conclusions are also known as nursing diagnostic statements.¶

(38) "Representative of the Board" means a Board staff member or Board designee who has been delegated by the authority of the Board to perform the necessary responsibilities as allowed by statute or rule.¶

(39) "Self-referred licensee" means a licensee who entered participation in the Health Professional Services

Program without referral from the Board.¶

(40) "Stable and predictable condition" means a situation where the client's clinical and behavioral state is known, not characterized by rapid changes, and does not require frequent reassessment and evaluation. This includes clients whose deteriorating condition is expected such as the client receiving hospice services.¶

(41) "Statewide need" means the assessment and documentation of the need for a nursing education program in relation to plans for total state resources and the need for entry level nurses in the state.¶

(42) "Stipulated agreement" means the documented terms and conditions of public discipline agreed to by the licensee and approved by Board order.¶

(43) "Substantial non-compliance" means that a licensee is in violation of the terms of the monitoring agreement or Board Order.¶

(44) "Substantive change" means a significant modification or expansion in the nature or scope of a nursing education program. This may include change in program structure, outcomes, or length; change in method of instructional delivery; opening or closing of new educational tracks at the same level of licensure; or a change that modifies 25% or more of the credit hours of the nursing education program curriculum. ¶

(45) "Total pass rate" means a calculation that includes all first time and repeat test takers. For nursing programs, this includes all graduates who pass the NCLEX® examination within 12 months of program completion.¶

(46) "Unregulated assistive person (UAP)" means the practice team member whose position description or job within an organization does not require licensure or certification by a state of Oregon health related licensing agency. The UAP includes, but is not limited to, the person working as a: medical assistant, certified medical assistant, registered medical assistant, home care worker, emergency department technician, labor and delivery technician, direct care staff, direct support professional, traditional health worker, volunteer. The term applies to those who have state of Oregon issued health-related licensure or certification but who hold a position where their license or certificate is not a requirement. The term does not apply to practice team members who are family members of the client.¶

(47) "Unstable condition" means a situation where the client's clinical and behavioral status is of a serious nature, critical, fluctuating, expected to rapidly change, and in need of the continuous reassessment and evaluation of a licensed nurse.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.150



REPEAL: 851-006-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0020~~

~~Definitions beginning with the letter B.¶~~

~~(1) "Board", for the purposes of these rules, means the Oregon State Board of Nursing. The Board is a nine (9) member Governor-appointed public body legislatively authorized to regulate nursing education, licensure and practice per ORS 678.101 thru 678.448.¶~~

~~(2) "Board Order" means the document describing the terms and conditions of the public discipline imposed by the Board.¶~~

~~(3) "Business Day" means Monday through Friday 0800-1630, except legal holidays as defined in ORS 187.010 or 187.020.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.150~~

RULE SUMMARY: Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

851-006-0030

Definitions beginning with the letter C

- (1) "Certificate of Completion" means a document meeting the standards described in rule and awarded upon successfully completing all requirements of a nursing assistant or medication aide training program.¶¶
- (2) "Certified Medication Aide, (CMA)" means a certified nursing assistant (CNA) who has successfully completed additional training in administration of non-injectable medications, holds current Oregon CMA certification, and performs CMA authorized duties under supervision of a licensed nurse.¶¶
- (3) "Certified Nursing Assistant, (CNA)" means an individual who holds current Oregon certification; whose name is listed on the CNA Registry; and through their position as a CNA assists a licensed nurse in the provision of nursing care. The phrase certified nursing assistant and the acronym CNA are generic and may refer to a CNA 1, a CNA 2 or all CNAs.¶¶
- (4) "Client" means an individual, family, facility resident or group engaged in a professional relationship with a licensee and the recipient of nursing services. For the purposes of these rules the terms "client", "patient" and "resident" are interchangeable and have the same meaning.¶¶
- (5) "Clinical Component" – Refers to the component of a nursing education program curriculum where students refine competencies in real practice settings or through the use of simulation. The clinical component can occur in any setting where students may impact a health outcome.¶¶
- (6) "Clinical Direction" means the communication between the registered nurse (RN) or licensed independent practitioner (LIP) to the licensed practical nurse (LPN) for the implementation of the nursing plan of care or provider treatment plan. The LPN communicates any concerns or issues regarding the plan implementation. The RN or LIP must review the LPN communication to determine if the plan requires revision. Any revisions are communicated to the LPN for implementation. While Clinical Direction does not specifically require supervision of tasks or interventions directed by the plan of care or treatment plan, the LPN may not implement these interventions unless part of the education program preparing the LPN for licensure or competency has been validated.¶¶
- (7) "Clinical Judgement", for the purposes of these rules, means the observed outcome of critical thinking and decision making. It is an iterative (repetitive) process that uses nursing knowledge to observe and assess presenting situations, identify a prioritized client concern and generate the best possible evidence-based solution to deliver safe client care.¶¶
- (8) "Clinical Nurse", for the purposes of these rules, means a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) employed by a healthcare facility who has agreed to serve in this role in a one-day capacity with one student in a faculty-led placement.¶¶
- (9) "Clinical Practicum Evaluator", means for the purposes of these rules, the Oregon licensed advanced practice nurse, other than the faculty of record, who is employed or contracted by the graduate education program to perform clinic practicum site visits to determine the student and preceptor's adherence to and achievement of specific course goals and objectives.¶¶
- (10) "Clinical Preceptor" means a health care provider employed by a healthcare facility, clinic, or in private practice who is qualified by specific education and clinical competency to provide direct supervision of the clinical practice experience of pre-licensure nursing students in a Final Practicum experience or graduate nursing students in an Oregon or out of state based advanced nursing program.¶¶
- (11) "Clinical Teaching Associate" means a licensed nurse who has undergone specific education and training to serve as a role model, resource, and coach. For nursing assistant or medication aide students, the clinical teaching associate functions under the direction of the program director or primary instructor.¶¶
- (12) "Clock Hours" means, for the purposes of these rules, the hours of instruction or clinical hours equated to academic credit as defined and authorized by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).¶¶
- (13) "CNA Abuse Registry" means the list of Oregon-certified nursing assistants who have received a finding of Substantiated Abuse by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Federal law prohibits employment of these individuals in nursing home facilities. The list is maintained by the Board but authority to place or remove an individual from the list lies within the authority of DHS.¶¶
- (14) "CNA Registry" means the listing of Oregon-certified nursing assistants (CNA) maintained by the Board. This list is comprised of CNAs who have successfully completed a state-approved nursing assistant training program and competency evaluation that meet the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA) standards.¶¶
- (15) "Cohort Placement" means placement of nursing education program students where a nursing faculty

member guides the selection of student experiences and provides oversight by being readily available to the students for the entire duration of the clinical shift.¶¶

(16) "Community-Based Setting" means a setting that does not exist primarily for the purposes of providing nursing or medical services, but where nursing services could be required intermittently. These settings include adult foster homes, assisted living facilities, child foster homes, schools, and twenty-four-hour residential care facilities.¶¶

(17) "Competency" means demonstrating specified levels of knowledge, technical skill, ability, ethical principle, and clinical reasoning that are relevant to the practice role, practice setting, prevailing standards, and client safety. All licensees and certificate holders of the Board are expected to have demonstrated competencies prior to accepting an assignment or, for advanced practice nurses, prior to performing an intervention beyond their education program and national certification. For the purposes of these rules this definition is also applicable with the terms "competence" and "competencies".¶¶

(18) "Completed Application" means an application for licensure or certification where all required fields are completed, attestation is validated by the applicant and all appropriate fees are posted by the Board as paid. The application process does not commence until the application is complete. An incomplete renewal application will not be recognized as timely.¶¶

(19) "Context of Care" means the environment where the practice of nursing occurs. Defining a specific context of care includes, but is not limited to, the following variables: the location where the client receives nursing services (e.g., practice setting), the licensee's practice role within the setting, the regulations of the setting that impact nursing services delivery, policies and procedures of the setting, professional and specialty nursing practice standards applicable to the nurse's practice role, and the ability of the client to self-direct the nursing strategies or interventions to which they have given their consent.¶¶

(20) "Continuing Education hours" means contact hours of education. One contact hour is equal to 60 minutes of instruction. Ten contact hours are equal to one Continuing Education Unit (CEU).¶¶

(21) "Conviction", for the purposes of these rules, means that a court of law has entered a final judgment on a verdict or finding of guilty, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or any determination of guilt entered by a court of law against a subject individual (SI) in a criminal case, unless that judgment has been reversed or set aside by a subsequent court decision.¶¶

(22) "Course Progression", for the purposes of these rules, means measurement and evaluation of the student's progress towards fulfilling a specific course's objectives and requirements.¶¶

(23) "Credentials Evaluation" means an independent determination by a Board-approved vendor, through review of transcripts and other relevant material, whether an International educational program is or is not equivalent to nursing education in the United States.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 678.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 678.150

REPEAL: 851-006-0040

RULE SUMMARY: Combines all definitions under a single rule number. Aligns definitions with Enrolled HB 3044 of 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session. Clarifies definitions and removes unnecessary definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0040~~

~~Definitions beginning with the letter D-~~

~~(1) "Delegation Process" means the process utilized by a registered nurse (RN) to authorize an unregulated assistive person to perform a nursing procedure for a client for which the RN retains accountability for the outcome. The delegation process must only occur in those settings that do not mandate the presence of 24/7 nursing services per any law, rule, or regulation.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Delinquent Renewal" means late receipt of a completed renewal application and fee up to 30 days following license expiration. A completed and incomplete application received after the timeline described in ORS 678.101 (1) will be assessed a \$100 delinquent fee for nurses and \$5 for certified nursing assistants. For advanced practice nurses, the delinquent fee will be assessed on both the registered nurse (RN) and the nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified registered nurse anesthetist application. Board system timestamp will be the determiner of a delinquent application.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Dedicated Education Unit" means a client care unit that focuses on teaching nursing students through a partnership between the (1) unit nurse, who has knowledge of current clinical procedures and system functions; (2) the faculty member who provides expertise in educating students; and the nursing student. Unit nurses receive specific education in the curriculum and outcomes expected of the students. Each unit nurse may be responsible for up to two students as a long-term preceptor for the student's clinical experiences. The unit nurse may be referred to as a clinical preceptor.¶¶~~

~~(4) "Diagnosis" for the purposes of these rules, means the formulation by a Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist of the source or nature of a disease or other physical or mental condition.¶¶~~

~~(5) "Discrete pharmacology course" means an advanced pharmacology course with pharmacologically specific requirements, objectives, and content, which is offered for academic or continuing education credit, and is not integrated into other coursework or continuing education offerings.¶¶~~

~~(6) "Dispensing" means to provide medications directly to the client bypassing the pharmacist and pharmacy, in compliance with state and federal rules including, but not limited to, the Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy and the Oregon Health Authority. Dispensing authority may be attached to the license of a Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist through application to the Board.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter E-~~

~~(1) "Education Program Outcomes", means statements of the expected knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and abilities to be gained by students through completion of the nursing education program or segment thereof.¶¶~~

~~(2) "English Language Proficiency" means the ability to use and comprehend spoken and written English at a level sufficient for safety within the scope of practice.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Examination" means the licensing examination endorsed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), which may be the State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE) or the NCLEX-RN® or -PN®. Also means the Board approved examination administered to determine minimum competency for certified nursing assistant and certified medication aide authorized duties.¶¶~~

~~(4) "Expired license or expired certificate" means that the license or certificate has lapsed and is void. The licensee or certificate holder has not renewed Oregon licensure or been granted retired or inactive status and is not authorized to practice nursing but may elect to return to active status by meeting Board requirements.¶¶~~

~~(5) "Extended campus site" means any location of an institution, other than the main campus, at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of a nursing education curriculum.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0060~~

Definitions beginning with the letter F

~~(1) "Facility-Based Program" means an approved nursing assistant or medication aide training program offered by a licensed nursing facility.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Faculty member" means an individual nurse educator or nurse educator associate who are in a program of nursing education and the individual nurse primary instructor or clinical teaching associate in a program educating certified nursing assistants and certified medication aides who are licensed as required by Board rules.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Faculty of Record", for the purposes of these rules, means the faculty member who is actively engaged in delivering course content, has the ability to evaluate students, assign and change grades, and who students will be asked to evaluate at the end of the term. Also referred to as the "instructor of record".¶¶~~

~~(4) "Federal regulations concerning substance abuse testing", for the purposes of these rules means as used in ORS 676.190(4)(l), requiring a "licensee to submit to random drug or alcohol testing in accordance with federal regulations" and refers to licensees who are selected for random testing by a scientifically valid method, such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator that is matched with licensees' unique identification numbers or other comparable identifying numbers. Under the selection process used, each covered licensee shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made, as described in 40 CFR § 199.105(c) (2011). Random drug tests must be unannounced and the dates for administering random tests must be spread reasonably throughout the calendar year, as described in 40 CFR § 199.105(c)(7) (2011).¶¶~~

~~(5) "Final clinical practicum" means the final portion of pre-licensure student's clinical education experience. Nursing education programs may offer this practicum, wherein the student is assigned one-to-one to a clinical preceptor.¶¶~~

~~(6) "Fitness to practice evaluation" means the process a qualified evaluator uses to determine if the licensee can safely perform the essential functions of the licensee's health practice. Fitness to Practice evaluation may be in addition to a Treatment Program Evaluation.¶¶~~

~~(7) "Focused Assessment", for the purposes of these rules, means recognizing the patient's priority condition at the time of the intervention. The nurse collects and validates and records assessment data and demonstrates attentiveness by observing, monitoring, and reporting signs and symptoms, and changes in the patient's condition in an ongoing manner. For the licensed practical nurse (LPN), the focused assessment remains within the parameters of the Registered Nurse (RN) established plan of care or within the parameters of the licensed independent practitioner (LIP's) established treatment plan.¶¶~~

~~(8) "Focused Plan of Care" means the licensed practical nurse (LPN) prioritization of interventions when interacting with a client. The LPN reviews the plan of care and determines, based on their focused assessment what items in the registered nurse or in the licensed independent practitioner treatment plan, are most pertinent during the interaction with the client.. If the LPN determines that the observations may require a change in the plan of care, the LPN must discuss these documented observations with the RN or LIP. Only the RN may author and update the nursing plan of care while only the LIP may author or update the treatment plan.¶¶~~

~~(9) "Full-time" for the purposes of these rules, means at least 32 hours of regularly scheduled work each week.¶¶~~

~~(10) "Functional impairment" means providing care at the authorized level of licensure or certification when unable or unfit to perform procedures or make decisions due to physical, mental, or substance use disorder. This impairment is evidenced by documented deterioration of functioning in the practice setting or by assessment of a health care provider qualified to diagnosis the condition or status.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter H~~

~~(1) "Hand off", means a transfer and acceptance of nursing services responsibility for a client achieved through effective communication. It is a synchronous process of passing client-specific information from one nurse to another for the purpose of ensuring continuity of services and the safety of the client.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Health Care Team" means those working with the client to achieve the client's identified outcomes. The composition of the health care team is appropriate to the context of care and must always include the client. The team is not limited to licensed health professionals.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Holistic Health Care" means an approach to diagnosis and treatment of clients, which considers the status of the whole person: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and environmental.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter I~~

~~(1) "Inactive license or certificate" means that the licensee or certificate holder is not currently authorized to practice in Oregon but may elect to return to active practice by meeting Board requirements. Application for inactive status is required.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Independent third-party evaluator" means an individual who is approved by the Board, but is not an employee or contractor of the Board, to evaluate, diagnose, and offer treatment options for substance use disorders, mental disorders, or co-occurring disorders.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Independent Training Program" means an approved nursing assistant or medication aide training program that is not a facility-based program.¶¶~~

~~(4) "Individual monitoring or compliance record", for the purposes of these rules, means the official permanent documentation, written or electronic, which contains all information required for those licensees or certificate holders who, by Board order or stipulated agreement, have been placed in monitored practice. This record will be the official Board document to determine compliance with the Board order or stipulated agreement.¶¶~~

~~(5) "Individual Scope of Practice" means, for the purposes of these rules, an individual licensee's demonstrated competency that has been developed and maintained through practice experience and through engagement in independent and formal learning experiences. Individual scope of practice is based on the licensee having the knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies necessary to accept a client assignment, perform a procedure or intervention and take on different roles within the practice of nursing. The Scope of Practice Decision Making Framework is used by the Board to establish if a nurse is working in or out of scope. Scope of practice applies only to nurses. Certified nursing assistants and medication aides do not have a scope of practice; they have authorized duties identified in Board rule.¶¶~~

~~(6) "Individualized Re-entry Plan" means a plan developed by the re-entry nurse to utilize formal course work and supervised clinical practice for the purpose of meeting requirements for re-entry. Individualized plans must be approved by the Board prior to implementation by the re-entry nurse.¶¶~~

~~(7) "Instructor-directed" means an online training that is managed, directed, and facilitated through interaction between learners and identified instructor. Learning activities may occur through either synchronous or asynchronous interaction between the instructor and students, and among students.¶¶~~

~~(8) "Interim Consent Order (ICO)" means a voluntary agreement in which a licensee voluntarily steps away from practice during the investigation and until further order of the Board. ICOs are used when the nurse or certificate holders continued practice may be a risk to the public based upon the received complaint or information gathered during the investigation.¶¶~~

~~(9) "International Nurse" means an individual who is credentialed to practice as a nurse in a country other than the United States or its jurisdictions and the nurse has not taken the SBTPE or the English language NCLEX®.¶¶~~

~~(10) "Interprofessional Preceptor", for the purposes of these rules, means an Oregon licensed health care providers who have the necessary expertise to contribute to the goals and outcome of the student's level of practice curriculum.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0120~~

~~Definitions beginning with the letter L-~~

~~(1) "Legend Drug" means a drug that is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration which can be dispensed to the public only with a prescription from an LIP with prescriptive privilege and is not included in the drug schedules for controlled substances.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP)" means a health care professional who is authorized by Oregon statute and permitted by law and regulation to independently diagnose and treat. An individual, as permitted by law and regulation to provide care and services without direction, supervision, or a collaborative agreement within the scope of the individual's license and consistent with clinical privileges.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Licensee" means the Registered Nurse (RN), Registered Nurse Emeritus (RN-E), LicensedvPractical Nurse (LPN), Licensed Practical Nurse Emeritus (LPN-E), Nurse Practitioner (NP),vClinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) as licensedvpursuant to ORS Chapter 678.¶¶~~

~~(4) "Limited License" means a registered nurse or practical nurse license with conditions which specifically limit its duration and generally used for re-entry into practice or for short term educational experiences for international nurses.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

~~851-006-0130~~

~~Definitions beginning with the letter M-~~

~~(1) "Monitored Practice" means practice under the direct supervision of a worksite monitor by agreement or Board order. To perform the role of a worksite monitor requires specific Board approved education and placement on the approved worksite monitoring list maintained by Board compliance staff.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Monitored Supervision" means that a registered nurse assesses and plans for care of the client, assigns or delegates duties to the nursing assistant according to the nursing care plan, and evaluates client outcomes as an indicator of certified nursing assistant or certified medication aide competency.~~

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CHANGES TO RULE:

851-006-0140

Definitions beginning with the letter N

(1) "Name of Record" means the name to which the applicant is legally entitled, submitted on the initial application, or changed at the written request of the applicant with documentation of the legal basis for the change. The licensee or certificate holder shall continue to sign all practiced documents with the name of record until the official name change has been processed by the Board and the name of record reflects the current name used by the licensee or certificate holder.¶¶

(2) "National Board Certification" means current certification as an advanced practice nurse in a role and population focus through testing accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies or the American Boards of Nursing Specialties, as approved by the Board.¶¶

(3) "Non-Oregon Based Program" means an academic program, not located in Oregon, recognized by the United States Department of Education (DOE) or the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) that offers a degree to students in preparation for nursing licensure. The Board has no approval authority over these programs but requires Board approval when these programs have clinical placements in Oregon.¶¶

(4) "Non-Traditional Dispensing" means using automation, such as vending machines, dispensing drugs for therapies greater than 72-hour supply and providing refills at the point of care. The rules regarding these sites fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Pharmacy. This level of dispensing requires registration with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy. Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists registered with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy will be subject to annual fees, inspections, and compliance standards.¶¶

(5) "Non-injectable Medication" means any medication, including controlled substances, which is not administered by the arterial, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraosseous, epidural, intrathecal or intravenous route.¶¶

(6) "Nurse Aide Registry" means the listing of certified nursing assistants maintained by the appropriate state agency in another state or jurisdiction of the United States. In Oregon, this list is referred to as the "CNA registry".¶¶

(7) "Nurse Administrator", for the purposes of these rules, means a registered nurse who is responsible and accountable for the nursing educational department, division or program regardless of the official title assigned by any specific institution.¶¶

(8) "Nurse Educator" means a registered nurse who, as a member of the nursing faculty, is responsible for the development and implementation of the nursing program including curriculum, policies, student advising, and evaluation, mentoring and collaborating with nurse educator associates and clinical teaching associates. This may include a full-time or part-time position. For the purposes of these rule, this includes all nurse faculty members, regardless of rank, who have responsibility for development and implementation of the program.¶¶

(9) "Nurse Educator Associate" or "Adjunct Faculty" means a registered nurse who may contribute to classroom and clinical instruction in collaboration with and under the direction of the nurse educator.¶¶

(10) "Nurse Emeritus" means the licensee retired from practice who has been granted Emeritus Licensure allowing the practice of practical nursing or registered nursing to occur in a volunteer or other non-compensatory basis. The Nurse Emeritus must develop a Board approved plan for showing continued competency with nursing interventions applicable to the practice setting. This license is not renewed but must be applied for every two years to include the continued competency plan for the next two years. This license type is based upon the competency plan and not practice hours.¶¶

(11) "Nurse Practice Act", for the purposes of these rules, means Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 678.010 through 678.448 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 851 inclusive of all divisions.¶¶

(12) "Nurse Practitioner" (NP) means an advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed by the Board to independently assume responsibility and accountability for the care of clients. The title nurse practitioner and population foci of practice shall not be used unless the individual is licensed by the Board.¶¶

(13) "Nurse Practitioner Orders" means written or verbal instructions or directions by the nurse practitioner for interventions, diagnostic tests, evaluations, drugs, or treatment modalities. Nurse practitioners may establish protocols and standing orders.¶¶

(14) "Nursing Judgment" means the intellectual process the nurse exercises in forming an opinion and reaching a clinical decision based on analysis of evidence or data.¶¶

(15) "Nursing Procedure" means a health-related procedure commonly taught in nursing education programs and normally performed by the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse when implementing the nursing plan of

care.¶

(16) "Nursing Process" means the critical thinking model used by nurses that directs the development of or revision of the plan of care. The components of the nursing process are assessment, identification of client needs or risks, identification of expected outcomes, planning how care will be implemented, implementation of the plan, and evaluation of the plan for continuation or revision.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter O-~~

~~(1) "OBRA" means the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, successor legislation and written directives from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This act established the minimum requirements for the training and assessment of certified nursing assistant and delegated to the individual states the authority to implement these requirements.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Official Transcript" means a validation received directly from the school, bearing the official seal or other designation identified by the school, showing the date of graduation or program completion and the degree, diploma or certificate awarded.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Online Program" means an interactive computer-based training program that provides at least the equivalent of the Board required classroom, laboratory, and clinical hours under the supervision of a Board-approved primary instructor. Graduate online programs must be accredited by a national nursing program accrediting body and all online programs must approved by the state in which the program is based.¶¶~~

~~(4) "On-line program provider" means a provider that has a proven track record of successfully providing professional development, training and educational programs in both classroom and on-line environments, either directly or in partnership, in the previous 24 months of application, and meets all Board requirements.¶¶~~

~~(5) "Other medical services" means the services conventionally recognized and agreed to be part of the practice of anesthesia.¶¶~~

~~(6) "Out-of-State Nursing Program" means a program in the United States that is approved or accredited by the licensing board for nurses in the particular state or U.S. territory, or the appropriate accrediting agency for that state or U.S. territory.¶¶~~

~~(7) "Outcomes", for the purposes of these rules, means statements of the expected knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and abilities to be gained by students through completion of the nursing education program or a segment thereof.~~

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Definitions beginning with the letter P

- (1) "Paid Employment", for the purposes of these rules, means performing certified nursing assistant (CNA) authorized duties for pay with supervision by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse or monitoring by an RN who works for the same employer as the CNA.¶¶
- (2) "Physical Impairment", for the purposes of these rules, means the ability to move, coordinate actions, or perform physical activities is significantly limited or delayed and is exhibited by difficulties in one or more of the following areas: physical and motor tasks; independent movement; performing activities of daily living.¶¶
- (3) "Plan of Care" means the comprehensive plan authored by the registered nurse (RN) that communicates the client's prioritized problems or risks; identifies measurable client outcomes related to the problems or risks; and identifies the nursing strategies and interventions chosen to address the identified problems or risks. The plan of care is developed by the nursing process and can only be authored by the RN. The advanced practice registered nurse's care orders are also considered a plan of care.¶¶
- (4) "Post-master's certificate" for the purposes of these rules, means a certificate from an accredited graduate nursing education program that prepares licensed advanced practice nurse to expand their scope to a different population focus which may be in addition to their current license designation. To incorporate the new population, focus into their practice, the nurse must apply and meet the requirements for an additional license from the Board designating the new population.¶¶
- (5) "Practice requirement" means the number of nursing practice hours designated by the Board within a given timeframe to qualify for initial certification; licensure or certification by endorsement; renewal; reactivation or reinstatement.¶¶
- (6) "Pre-licensure Program" means a program of study in which achievement of the educational requirements for nursing licensure are accomplished. A program educates the individual to qualify for initial licensure as a nurse.¶¶
- (7) "Professional Boundaries" means the nurse and client therapeutic relationship limitations that guide appropriate and professional interactions. The licensee or certificate holder and the client establish a relationship where the client depends on the licensee or certificate holder to have the knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies to provide the care needed by the client. This relationship has a space between the needs of the client and the ability of the licensee or certificate holder to provide that care. That space is a professional boundary and is applicable in and out of the practice setting. The licensee or certificate holder has power in that the client is dependent upon the provision of care and the client is vulnerable to the influences of this power. Violation of this space between power and vulnerability through the blending of the personal and professional relationship constitutes a boundary violation.¶¶
- (8) "Protocol", for the purposes of these rules means a medical order for a treatment or a medication that contains pre-identified inclusion or exclusion criteria identified by the prescriber. This includes the symptom-based protocol that directs the administration of an over-the-counter medication to a client based only upon the client's presenting symptoms.¶¶
- (9) "Public Discipline" means Board action against a licensee or certificate holder resulting in public reporting of the discipline, including posting on the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) website and in the OSBN publications. Public discipline is a permanent document that remains publicly displayed for the life of the license or certificate even after all requirements of the Board order are satisfied.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter R-~~

~~(1) "Reactivation" means the process of re-issuing a license or certificate that has expired for 61 days or more provided that the applicant meets all other licensure renewal criteria.¶¶~~

~~(2) "Re-entry" means the process by which a person formerly licensed as a nurse returns to practice.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Reasoned Conclusion" means the RN's interpretation or judgment about a client's needs or risks through the application of scientific evidence, clinical experience, and nursing knowledge to comprehensive assessment data. Reasoned conclusions are also known as nursing diagnostic statements.¶¶~~

~~(4) "Reinstatement" means the process of re-issuing a license when the license or certificate has been subject to disciplinary sanction by the Board in the form of a voluntary surrender or revocation. The application for reinstatement will be considered no sooner than 3 years after surrender or revocation date.¶¶~~

~~(5) "Representative of the Board" means the Board staff member or Board designee who has been delegated by the authority of the Board to perform the necessary responsibilities as allowed by statute or rule.¶¶~~

~~(6) "Retired Nurse" means an honorary title given a nurse previously licensed in good standing in Oregon and does not authorize the nurse to practice nursing as defined in the practice act. The retired nurse must not provide health education, health counseling, develop a plan of care for or with the client, nor is the retired nurse authorized to perform interventions common to the practice of nursing.~~

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter S-~~

- ~~(1) "SARA" means the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, a voluntary agreement among member states and US territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs.¶¶~~
- ~~(2) "Self-referred licensee" means an eligible licensee who entered participation in the Health Professional Services Program (HPSP), an alternative to discipline program, without referral from the Board. The Board will have no knowledge of the entry of the licensee into the HPSP program unless there is substantive non-compliance.¶¶~~
- ~~(3) "Self-Regulation" means the licensee takes personal responsibility and accountability for maintaining safe practice while adhering to legal, ethical, professional practice and performance standards.¶¶~~
- ~~(4) "Stable and Predictable Condition" for the purposes of these rules, means a situation where the client's clinical and behavioral state is known, not characterized by rapid changes, and does not require frequent reassessment and evaluation. This includes clients whose deteriorating condition is expected such as the client receiving hospice services.¶¶~~
- ~~(5) "Statewide Need", for the purposes of these rules, means the assessment and documentation 5of the need for the nursing program in relation to plans for total state resources and the need for entry level nurses in the state.¶¶~~
- ~~(6) "Stipulated Agreement" means the documented terms and conditions of public discipline agreed to by the licensee and approved by Board order. The agreement allows for closure of the investigation and settlement of the compliant against the licensee/certificate holder.¶¶~~
- ~~(7) "Structured contact or continuing education hours" means Continuing Medical Education (CME), Continuing Education Unit (CE) and other activities for which the licensee receives academic or continuing education credit as evidenced by certificate of completion or transcript. Structured hours are evidenced based and relates to the licensee's area of practice, have specific objectives, and measure the attainment of those objectives at the end of the course or presentation. Structured hours are accredited by an authority authorized to accredit continuing education.¶¶~~
- ~~(8) "Symptom Based Protocol", for the purposes of these rules, means a protocol to administer an over-the-counter medication to a client based only upon the client's presenting symptoms.¶¶~~
- ~~(9) "Substance use disorder" means a problematic pattern of use of an intoxicating substance leading to clinically significant impairment or distress which is determined by the number of diagnostic criteria occurring within a 12-month period as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). The symptoms associated with a substance use disorder fall into four major groupings: impaired control, social impairment, risky use, and pharmacological criteria (e.g., tolerance and withdrawal). The severity of a substance use can be specified as mild, moderate, or severe.¶¶~~
- ~~(10) "Substantial non-compliance" means that a licensee is in violation of the terms of the monitoring agreement or Board Order in a way that gives rise to concerns about the licensee's ability or willingness to participate in the HPSP or is in violation of the Board Order. Substantial non-compliance and non-compliance include, but are not limited to, the factors listed in ORS 676.190(1) (f). Conduct that occurred before a licensee entered into a monitoring agreement does not violate the terms of that monitoring agreement, notwithstanding a complaint to the Board regarding conduct related to the reason for entering the monitoring agreement or stipulated Order.¶¶~~
- ~~(11) "Substantive Change" for the purpose of these rules means a significant modification or expansion in the nature or scope of a nursing education program. This may include change in program structure, outcomes, or length; change in method of instructional delivery; opening or closing of new educational tracks at the same level of licensure; or a change that modifies 25% or more of the credit hours of the nursing education program curriculum.¶¶~~
- ~~(12) "Supervision, Direct", for the purposes of these rules, means that the licensed nurse is physically present and accessible in the immediate client care area, is available to intervene if necessary, and periodically observes and evaluates the skills and abilities of the certified nursing assistant or certified medication aide in the performance of authorized duties.¶¶~~
- ~~(12) "Supervision, Indirect", for the purposes of these rules, means the licensed nurse regularly observes, provides guidance, direction, oversight, and evaluation of the skills and abilities of the certified nursing assistant (CNA) or certified medication aide (CMA) to perform authorized duties in care settings when the licensed nurse is not continually present. This is not synonymous with the delegation process because this is supervision of duties the~~



~~CNA/CMA is already authorized to perform.~~  
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CHANGES TO RULE:

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter T~~

~~(1) "Total Pass Rate" means a calculation that includes all first time and repeat test takers. For nursing programs, this includes all graduates who pass the NCLEX® examination within 12 months of program completion.~~

~~(2) "Traditional Dispensing" means the labeling and distribution of a medication to the client, which is pre-packaged by a manufacturer registered with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy.~~

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~~Definitions beginning with the letter U~~

~~(1) "Unit or Credit" See definition of "Clock Hours".¶¶~~

~~(2) "Unregulated Assistive Person (UAP)" means a person whose position description or job within an organization or client healthcare team does not require licensure or certification by a state of Oregon health related licensing agency. The UAP includes, but is not limited to, the person working in the following positions: medical assistant, certified medical assistant, registered medical assistant, home care worker, emergency department technician, labor and delivery technician, direct care staff, traditional health worker, volunteer. Status as a UAP includes those who have state of Oregon issued health-related licensure or certification but who holds into a position where their license or certificate is not a requirement. A licensee or certificate holder working as a UAP must not count the hours worked towards licensure or certificate renewal.¶¶~~

~~(3) "Unstable Condition" means a situation where the client's clinical and behavioral status is of a serious nature, critical, fluctuating, expected to rapidly change, and in need of the continuous reassessment and evaluation of a licensed nurse.~~

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