

655—6.1 (152) Definitions.

“Accountability” means being obligated to answer for one’s acts, including the act of supervision.

“Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP)” means a nurse with current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa or who is licensed in another state and recognized for licensure in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in 2000 Iowa Acts, House File 2105, section 8, and is also registered in Iowa to practice in an advanced role. The ARNP is prepared for an advanced role by virtue of additional knowledge and skills gained through a formal advanced practice education program of nursing in a specialty area approved by the board. In the advanced role, the nurse practices nursing assessment, intervention, and management within the boundaries of the nurse-client relationship. Advanced nursing practice occurs in a variety of settings, within an interdisciplinary health care team, which provide for consultation, collaborative management, or referral. The ARNP may perform selected medically delegated functions when a collaborative practice agreement exists.

“Basic nursing education” means a nursing program preparing a person for initial licensure to practice nursing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

“Board” as used in this chapter means the Iowa board of nursing.

“Certified clinical nurse specialist” means an ARNP prepared at the master’s level who possesses evidence of current certification as a clinical specialist in an area of nursing practice by a national professional nursing association as approved by the board.

“Certified nurse-midwife” means an ARNP educated in the disciplines of nursing and midwifery who possesses evidence of current certification by a national professional nursing association approved by the board. The certified nurse-midwife is authorized to manage the care of normal newborns and women, antepartally, intrapartally, postpartally or gynecologically.

“Certified nurse practitioner” means an ARNP educated in the disciplines of nursing who has advanced knowledge of nursing, physical and psychosocial assessment, appropriate interventions, and management of health care, and who possesses evidence of current certification by a national professional nursing association approved by the board.

“Certified registered nurse anesthetist” means an ARNP educated in the disciplines of nursing and anesthesia who possesses evidence of current certification by a national professional nursing association approved by the board.

“Competence in nursing” means having the knowledge and the ability to perform, skillfully and proficiently, the functions within the role of the licensed nurse.

“Expanded intravenous therapy certification course” means the Iowa board of nursing course required for licensed practical nurses to perform procedures related to the expanded scope of practice of intravenous therapy.

“Midline catheter” means a long peripheral catheter in which the distal end resides in the mid to upper arm, but the tip terminates no further than the axilla.

“Minimum standards” means standards of practice that interpret the legal definition of nursing as well as provide criteria against which violations of the law can be determined.

“Nursing diagnosis” means a judgment made by a registered nurse, following a nursing assessment of individuals and groups about actual or potential responses to health problems, which forms the basis for determining effective nursing interventions.

“Nursing facility” means an institution as defined in Iowa Code chapter 135C. This definition does not include acute care settings.

“Nursing process” means ongoing assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, intervention, and evaluation.

“Peripheral intravenous catheter” means a catheter three inches or less in length.

“Peripherally inserted central catheter” means a soft flexible central venous catheter inserted into an extremity and advanced until the tip is positioned in the vena cava.

“Proximate area” means that the registered nurse analyzes the qualifications of the licensed practical nurse in relationship to nursing needs of the client in determining the appropriate distance within the building and the time necessary to be readily available to the licensed practical nurse.

“Unlicensed assistive personnel” is an individual who is trained to function in an assistive role to the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse in the provision of nursing care activities as delegated by the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 152.

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