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Rule 1. Definitions

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848 IAC 4-1-1 Applicability

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)
Affected: [IC 25-23-1](#)

Sec. 1. The definitions in this rule apply throughout this article and 848 IAC 5. (*Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-1; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2874; readopted filed Nov 6, 2001, 4:18 p.m.: 25 IR 940; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: 20070808-IR-848070058RFA; readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: 20131225-IR-848130284RFA; readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: 20191225-IR-848190187RFA*)

848 IAC 4-1-2 "Board" defined

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Affected: [IC 25-23-1](#)

Sec. 2. "Board" means the Indiana state board of nursing. (*Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-2; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2874; readopted filed Nov 6, 2001, 4:18 p.m.: 25 IR 940; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: 20070808-IR-848070058RFA; readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: 20131225-IR-848130284RFA; readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: 20191225-IR-848190187RFA*)

848 IAC 4-1-3 "Advanced practice nurse" defined

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)
Affected: [IC 16-21](#); [IC 25-23-1-1](#)

Sec. 3. (a) "Advanced practice nurse" means a registered nurse holding a current license in Indiana who:

- (1) has obtained additional knowledge and skill through a formal, organized program of study and clinical experience, or its equivalent, as determined by the board;
- (2) functions in an expanded role of nursing at a specialized level through the application of advanced knowledge and skills to provide healthcare to individuals, families, or groups in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to:
 - (A) homes;
 - (B) institutions;
 - (C) offices;
 - (D) industries;
 - (E) schools;
 - (F) community agencies;
 - (G) private practice;
 - (H) hospital outpatient clinics; and
 - (I) health maintenance organizations; and

- (3) makes independent decisions about the nursing needs of clients.
- (b) The three (3) categories of advanced practice nurses as defined in [IC 25-23-1-1](#) are as follows:
 - (1) Nurse practitioner as defined in section 4 of this rule.
 - (2) Certified nurse-midwife as defined in 848 IAC 3-1.
 - (3) Clinical nurse specialist as defined in section 5 of this rule.

(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-3; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2874; readopted filed Nov 21, 2001, 10:23 a.m.: 25 IR 1329; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: [20070808-IR-848070058RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: [20131225-IR-848130284RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: [20191225-IR-848190187RFA](#))

848 IAC 4-1-4 "Nurse practitioner" defined

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)

Affected: [IC 25-23-1](#)

Sec. 4. (a) "Nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice nurse who provides advanced levels of nursing client care in a specialty role, who meets the requirements of an advanced practice nurse as outlined in section 3 of this rule, and who has completed any of the following:

- (1) A graduate program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation which prepares the registered nurse to practice as a nurse practitioner and meets the requirements of section 6 of this rule.
- (2) A certificate program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation which prepares the registered nurse to practice as a nurse practitioner and meets the requirements of section 6 of this rule. Nurse practitioners who complete a certificate program must be certified and maintain certification as a nurse practitioner by a national organization which requires a national certifying examination.
- (3) Prior to the promulgation of this article, the following:
 - (A) A formal organized program of study and clinical experience which prepares the registered nurse to practice as a nurse practitioner.
 - (B) The required program of study at a time when there was no credentialing or certification process available in the specialty area of the program of study.

(b) "NP" means nurse practitioner and are the designated authorized initials to be used by the nurse practitioner. *(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-4; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2874; readopted filed Nov 6, 2001, 4:18 p.m.: 25 IR 940; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: [20070808-IR-848070058RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: [20131225-IR-848130284RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: [20191225-IR-848190187RFA](#))*

848 IAC 4-1-5 "Clinical nurse specialist" defined

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)

Affected: [IC 25-23-1](#)

Sec. 5. (a) "Clinical nurse specialist" means an advanced practice nurse who does the following:

- (1) Meets the requirements of an advanced practice nurse as outlined in section 3 of this rule.
- (2) Has completed a graduate program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation designed to train clinical nurse specialists which grants, at a minimum, a master's degree and which meets the requirements of section 6 of this rule.
- (3) Provides advanced levels of client care and assists other health professionals in establishing and meeting health goals. Clinical nurse specialists collaborate and consult with other health care providers who may need assistance in dealing with complex client problems.

(b) "CNS" means clinical nurse specialist and are the designated authorized initials to be used by the clinical nurse specialist. *(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-5; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2874; readopted filed Nov 6, 2001, 4:18 p.m.: 25 IR 940; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: [20070808-IR-848070058RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: [20131225-IR-848130284RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: [20191225-IR-848190187RFA](#))*

848 IAC 4-1-6 "Formal organized program of study and clinical experience or the equivalent as determined by the board" defined

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)

Affected: [IC 25-23-1-1](#)

Sec. 6. "Formal organized program of study and clinical experience or the equivalent as determined by the board" means: (1) a program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation that includes:

(A) instruction in the biological, behavioral, medical, and nursing sciences relevant to practice as an advanced practice nurse in a specified category;

(B) instruction in the legal, ethical, and professional responsibilities of advanced practice nursing; and

(C) supervised clinical practice of those skills used by the advanced practice nurse in a specialty role; or

(2) experience obtained in collaboration with a physician, prior to the promulgation of this article, which was required by a national organization as a prerequisite for a national certifying examination used to certify a registered nurse in a specialty area.

(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-1-6; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2875; readopted filed Nov 21, 2001, 10:23 a.m.: 25 IR 1329; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: [20070808-IR-848070058RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: [20131225-IR-848130284RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: [20191225-IR-848190187RFA](#))

Rule 2. Competent Practice of Nurse Practitioners

[848 IAC 4-2-1](#)

Competent practice of nurse practitioners

848 IAC 4-2-1 Competent practice of nurse practitioners

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)

Affected: [IC 25-23-1-19.4](#)

Sec. 1. A nurse practitioner shall perform as an independent and interdependent member of the health team as defined in 848 IAC 2-1-3. The following are standards for each nurse practitioner:

(1) Assess clients by using advanced knowledge and skills to:

(A) identify abnormal conditions;

(B) diagnose health problems;

(C) develop and implement nursing treatment plans;

(D) evaluate patient outcomes; and

(E) collaborate with or refer to a practitioner, as defined in [IC 25-23-1-19.4](#), in managing the plan of care.

(2) Use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.

(3) Use appropriate critical thinking skills to make independent decisions, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of a nurse practitioner.

(4) Function within the legal boundaries of their advanced practice area and shall have and utilize knowledge of the statutes and rules governing their advanced practice area, including the following:

(A) State and federal drug laws and regulations.

(B) State and federal confidentiality laws and regulations.

(C) State and federal medical records access laws.

(5) Consult and collaborate with other members of the health team as appropriate to provide reasonable client care, both acute and ongoing.

(6) Recognize the limits of individual knowledge and experience, and consult with or refer clients to other health care providers as appropriate.

(7) Retain professional accountability for any delegated intervention, and delegate interventions only as authorized by [IC 25-23-1](#) and this title.

(8) Maintain current knowledge and skills in the nurse practitioner area.

(9) Conduct an assessment of clients and families which may include health history, family history, physical examination,

and evaluation of health risk factors.

(10) Assess normal and abnormal findings obtained from the history, physical examination, and laboratory results.

(11) Evaluate clients and families regarding development, coping ability, and emotional and social well-being.

(12) Plan, implement, and evaluate care.

(13) Develop individualized teaching plans with each client based on health needs.

(14) Counsel individuals, families, and groups about health and illness and promote attention to wellness.

(15) Participate in periodic or joint evaluations of service rendered, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Chart reviews.

(B) Client evaluations.

(C) Outcome statistics.

(16) Conduct and apply research findings appropriate to the area of practice.

(17) Participate, when appropriate, in the joint review of the plan of care.

(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 4-2-1; filed Jul 29, 1994, 5:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2875; readopted filed Nov 6, 2001, 4:18 p.m.: 25 IR 940; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 12:54 p.m.: [20070808-IR-848070058RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2013, 9:22 a.m.: [20131225-IR-848130284RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 25, 2019, 12:21 p.m.: [20191225-IR-848190187RFA](#))

Rule 3. Competent Practice of Clinical Nurse Specialists

[848 IAC 4-3-1](#)

Competent practice of clinical nurse specialists

848 IAC 4-3-1 Competent practice of clinical nurse specialists

Authority: [IC 25-23-1-7](#)

Affected: [IC 16-21](#); [IC 25-23-1-1](#); [IC 25-23-1-33](#)

Sec. 1. A clinical nurse specialist shall perform as an independent and interdependent member of the health care team as defined in 848 IAC 2-1-3. The following are standards for each clinical nurse specialist:

(1) Assess clients by using advanced knowledge and skills to:

(A) identify abnormal conditions;

(B) diagnose health problems;

(C) develop and implement nursing treatment plans; and

(D) evaluate patient outcomes.

(2) Use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding clients and other health team members.

(3) Use appropriate critical thinking skills to make independent decisions, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of the clinical nurse specialist.

(4) Function within the legal boundaries of their advanced practice area and shall have and utilize knowledge of the statutes and rules governing their advanced practice areas, including the following:

(A) State and federal drug laws and regulations.

(B) State and federal confidentiality laws and regulations.

(C) State and federal medical records access laws.

(5) Consult and collaborate with other members of the health team as appropriate to provide reasonable client care.

(6) Recognize the limits of individual knowledge and experience, and consult with or refer clients to other health care providers as appropriate.

(7) Retain professional accountability for any delegated intervention, and delegate interventions only as authorized by [IC 25-23-1](#) and this title.

(8) Maintain current knowledge and skills in their clinical nurse specialist area.

(9) Provide direct nursing care utilizing advanced scientific knowledge, nursing theory, and nursing skills in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of health and nursing care of individual clients.

(10) Provide indirect nursing care through planning, guiding, evaluating, and directing nursing care delivered by nursing and ancillary personnel as authorized by [IC 25-23-1](#) and this title.

(11) Conduct nursing research, including methods of nursing intervention and healthcare in the area of specialization, and apply research findings appropriate to the area of practice.

- (12) Teach and counsel individuals or groups by utilizing communication skills and teaching or learning theories to increase knowledge or functioning of individuals or groups, nursing personnel, students, and other members of the health care team.
- (13) Serve as a consultant and as a resource, utilizing advanced health knowledge and skills, to those who are directly and indirectly involved in patient care.
- (14) Participate in periodic evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (A) Chart reviews.
 - (B) Case reviews.
 - (C) Patient evaluations.
 - (D) Outcome of case statistics.

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Rule 4. Limitations of Rules

[848 IAC 4-4-1](#)

Limitations of rules (Repealed)

848 IAC 4-4-1 Limitations of rules *(Repealed)*

Sec. 1. *(Repealed by Indiana State Board of Nursing; filed Nov 21, 2001, 10:23 a.m.: 25 IR 1329)*

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