

Introduction

The members of the Iowa Board of Nursing conduct their business in accordance with 2001 Iowa Code chapters 17A, 21, 22, 147, 147A, 152, and 272C, and the Iowa Administrative Code, Nursing Board [655]. Functions of the Board as provided by regulations include:

Promulgation of rules and regulations to carry out the mandate of the laws.

Approval of nursing education programs preparing registered nurse and licensed practical nurse candidates and approval of all advanced formal academic nursing education programs. Elevation of the standards of the schools of nursing. Promotion of educational and professional standards of nurses in the state.

Definition of nursing practice including minimum standards of practice for the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse. In addition, the Board approves additional acts or nursing specialties including the advanced registered nurse practitioner, in cooperation with the medical and nursing professions.

Oversight of continuing education for nurses for license renewal and re-entry from inactive status.

Oversight of licensure examination administration. Licensure of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and registration of advanced registered nurse practitioners. Renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement of licenses. Verification of licensure to and from other jurisdictions.

Enforcement of the laws and rules applicable to the practice of nursing including the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action.

Maintenance of a record system which allows for the retrieval of data regarding licensees as individuals and as a composite. Maintenance of records of all Board proceedings.

Establishment of fees based on the cost of sustaining the Board and the actual costs of licensing. Collection of fees with remittance to the Treasurer of the State of Iowa. Operation within sound fiscal management principles.