

Alaska Board of Nursing

EVALUATION OF RN/LPN SCOPE OF PRACTICE REQUESTS

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Mission of the Alaska Board of Nursing

The mission of the Alaska Board of Nursing is to actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Alaska through the safe and effective practice of nursing as defined by law.

To that end, the Board of Nursing will evaluate proposals for increasing the scope of RN practice using the following criteria:

1. Education, training, & proof of competency,
2. Licensure, certifications,
3. Applicable statutes and regulations,
4. Methods of emergency referral,
5. Factors such as public access and impact on the public, and
6. Applicant qualifications.

After evaluation of the portfolio, the Board of Nursing will make a determination concerning the proposal.

WHAT TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF NURSING

- Information on the educational program you attended or plan to attend:
 - Length of program
 - What organization accredits the program?
 - What are the pre-requisites?
 - What are the core competencies of the program?
 - How much clinical experience is required?
 - Does the program prepare you for national certification?
- How does the educational program prepare you to increase your scope of practice?
 - What additional nursing service will be offered?
 - How will continued competency in the expanded role be maintained?

- Describe the practice setting for the expanded role you are requesting
 - How you will protect patient safety?
 - What are the potential risks and complications?
 - How do you plan to handle emergencies?
 - Will emergency facilities accept referrals from you?

- What is the rationale for the proposed change in scope of practice?
 - Personal growth?
 - Lack of access to other providers to serve the public need?
 - Is there evidence based risk-benefit analysis of the proposed scope of practice? Please cite the analysis.

- What are your qualifications?
 - Current professional nursing license in Alaska?
 - What evidence of competence can you offer?
 - Have there been complaints or disciplinary action against your nurse's license?

Additional information is welcome. The Board of Nursing meets quarterly. The schedule for the next Board meeting where your proposal could be evaluated can be obtained by calling (907) 269-8161.