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38-901. Act, how cited.

Sections 38-901 to 38-910 shall be known and may be cited as the Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 1; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,117; Laws 2007, LB463, § 253.

38-902. Definitions, where found.

For purposes of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act and elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 38-903 to 38-905 apply.

Source: Laws 2007, LB463, § 254.

38-903. Approved certifying body, defined.

Approved certifying body means a national certification organization which (1) is approved by the board, (2) certifies qualified licensed nurses for advanced practice, (3) has eligibility requirements related to education and practice, and (4) offers an examination in an area of practice which meets psychometric guidelines and tests approved by the board.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 2; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,118; Laws 2007, LB185, § 28; Laws 2007, LB296, § 493; Laws 2007, LB463, § 255.

38-904. Board, defined.

Board means the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Source: Laws 2007, LB463, § 256.

38-905. Clinical nurse specialist, defined.

Clinical nurse specialist means a registered nurse certified as described in section 38-908 and licensed under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act to practice as a clinical nurse specialist in the State of Nebraska.

Source: Laws 2007, LB463, § 257.

Cross References

- **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act**, see section 38-201.

38-906. Clinical nurse specialist practice, defined.

The practice of a clinical nurse specialist includes health promotion, health supervision, illness prevention, and disease management, including assessing patients, synthesizing and analyzing data, and applying advanced nursing practice. A clinical nurse specialist conducts and applies research, advocates, serves as an agent of change, engages in systems management, and assesses and intervenes in complex health care problems within the selected clinical specialty.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 4; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,120; Laws 2007, LB463, § 258.

38-907. Exemptions from act.

The Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act does not prohibit the performance of the professional activities of a clinical nurse specialist by a person not holding a license issued under the act if performed:

- (1) In an emergency situation;
- (2) By a legally qualified person from another state employed by the United States and performing official duties in this state; or
- (3) By a person enrolled in an approved clinical nurse specialist program for the education of clinical nurse specialists as part of that approved program.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 12; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,128; Laws 2007, LB185, § 34; Laws 2007, LB463, § 259.

38-908. Licensure; eligibility; application.

An applicant for licensure under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act to practice as a clinical nurse specialist shall be licensed as a registered nurse under the Nurse Practice Act or have the authority based on the Nurse Licensure Compact to practice as a registered nurse in Nebraska and shall submit to the department the following:

- (1) Evidence that the applicant holds a graduate degree in a nursing clinical specialty area or has a graduate degree in nursing and has successfully completed a graduate-level clinical nurse specialist education program; and

(2) Evidence of certification issued by an approved certifying body or, when such certification is not available, an alternative method of competency assessment by any means approved by the board.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 3; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,119; Laws 2007, LB185, § 29; Laws 2007, LB463, § 260.

Cross References

- **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act**, see section 38-201.
- **Credentialing**, general requirements and issuance procedures, see section 38-121 et seq.
- **Nurse Licensure Compact**, see sections 71-1795 to 71-1795.02.
- **Nurse Practice Act**, see section 38-2201.

38-909. License; renewal; qualifications.

To renew a license as a clinical nurse specialist, the applicant shall have current certification by an approved certifying body as a clinical nurse specialist or, when such certification is not available, an alternative method of competency assessment by any means approved by the board.

Source: Laws 2007, LB463, § 261.

38-910. Use of title and abbreviation.

A person licensed as a clinical nurse specialist has the right to use the title Clinical Nurse Specialist and the abbreviation CNS.

Source: Laws 2005, LB 256, § 5; R.S.Supp.,2006, § 71-17,121; Laws 2007, LB185, § 30; Laws 2007, LB463, § 262.

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