

VERMONT STATE BOARD OF NURSING

**THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT NURSE IN PRELICENSURE STRUCTURED PROGRAM
NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A SCHOOL OF NURSING
POSITION STATEMENT**

Objective of Program:

Provide nursing students with an opportunity to enhance their clinical nursing skills.

Definition:

A program designed by an agency to provide nursing students with an opportunity to enhance their clinical nurse skills in a health care setting outside of their academic nursing program.

Position Title:

Title 26 §1584 (a)(4) prohibits any person who is not either a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse to "use in connection with [their] name any words, letters, signs, or figures which imply that [the] person is a registered or practical nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse."

Requirements:

1. Student nurses employed to provide nursing care must be licensed and identified as nurse assistants and held accountable at their level of licensure;
2. Students who are Licensed Nursing Assistants may perform skills beyond the scope-of practice of a Licensed Nursing Assistant under supervision through the process of Registered Nurse delegation; and
3. Delegation concepts must be adhered to as delineated in the Board's Position Statement on Delegation; specifically noting that assessment, evaluation and nursing judgment are not delegatable.

This Position Statement represents the Board's current thinking. Position statements are not legally binding.

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