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(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Advanced practice nurse" means an individual who:

(1) Is licensed by the Board to practice registered nursing; and

(2) Is certified by the Board to practice as:

(i) A nurse practitioner;

(ii) A nurse anesthetist;

(iii) A nurse midwife;

(iv) A nurse psychotherapist; or

(v) A clinical nurse specialist.

(c) "Applicant" means, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) An individual applying for an initial license by examination or endorsement;

(2) A licensee applying for renewal of a license; or

(3) An individual applying for reinstatement of a license in accordance with § 8–319 of this title.

(d) "Board" means the State Board of Nursing.

(e) "Expired license" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license that was not renewed before the expiration date of the license as established under § 8–312(a) of this title.

(f) "Lapsed license" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license that was not renewed because a licensee failed to renew the license or otherwise did not meet the renewal requirements of this title.

(g) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice:

(1) Registered nursing; or

(2) Licensed practical nursing.

(h) "Licensed practical nurse" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an individual who is licensed by the Board to practice licensed practical nursing.

(i) "Licensee" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who has:

(1) An active license;

(2) An inactive license;

(3) A temporary license;

(4) An expired temporary license;

(5) An expired license;

(6) A lapsed license;

(7) A suspended license; or

(8) A license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension.

(j) "Mentor" means a certified nurse practitioner or a licensed physician:

(1) Who has 3 or more years of clinical practice experience; and

(2) With whom an individual applying for certification as a certified nurse practitioner will consult and collaborate with as needed in accordance with § 8–302(b)(5)(i) of this title.

(k) "Nurse practitioner" means an individual who:

(1) Is licensed by the Board to practice registered nursing; and

(2) Is certified by the Board to practice as a nurse practitioner.

(l) "Practice as a nurse practitioner" means to independently:

(1) Perform an act under subsection (n) of this section;

(2) Conduct a comprehensive physical assessment of an individual;

(3) Establish a medical diagnosis for common chronic stable or short–term health problems;

(4) Order, perform, and interpret laboratory tests;

(5) Prescribe drugs as provided under § 8–508 of this title;

(6) Perform diagnostic, therapeutic, or corrective measures;

(7) Consult and collaborate with, or refer an individual to, an appropriate licensed physician or any other health care provider as needed; and

(8) Provide emergency care.

(m) "Practice licensed practical nursing" means to perform in a team relationship an act that requires specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on principles of biological, physiological, behavioral, or sociological science to:

(1) Administer treatment or medication to an individual;

(2) Aid in the rehabilitation of an individual;

(3) Promote preventive measures in community health;

(4) Give counsel to an individual;

(5) Safeguard life and health;

(6) Teach or supervise; or

(7) Perform any additional acts authorized by the Board under § 8–205 of this title.

(n) (1) "Practice registered nursing" means the performance of acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on the biological, physiological, behavioral, or sociological sciences as the basis for assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the practice of nursing in order to:

(i) Maintain health;

(ii) Prevent illness; or

(iii) Care for or rehabilitate the ill, injured, or infirm.

(2) For these purposes, "practice registered nursing" includes:

(i) Administration;

(ii) Teaching;

(iii) Counseling;

(iv) Supervision, delegation, and evaluation of nursing practice;

(v) Execution of therapeutic regimen, including the administration

of medication and treatment;

(vi) Independent nursing functions and delegated medical functions; and

(vii) Performance of additional acts authorized by the Board under § 8–205 of this title.

(o) "Registered nurse" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an individual who is licensed by the Board to practice registered nursing.

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