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## Chapter 04: Nursing Licensure and Certification

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#### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. The advanced practice nurse who is seeking information about requirements for practice in a specialized area should contact what nursing organization?
  - a. American Nurses Association (ANA)
  - b. National League for Nursing (NLN)
  - c. American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
  - d. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

ANS: C

The nurse should contact the ANCC to determine the education, experience, and examination requirements that must be met if one is to become certified.

DIF: Comprehension

2. What is the *primary* purpose of licensure for professional registered nurses?
  - a. Preventing the misuse of the title *nurse*
  - b. Demonstrating a specialized body of knowledge
  - c. Protecting the public from physical and emotional harm
  - d. Enhancing recognition for the nursing profession

ANS: C

Protecting the public is one of the essential purposes of the state board of nursing, which regulates licensure. While appropriate none of the other options address the primary focus of nursing licensure.

DIF: Knowledge

3. What statement presents accurate information concerning nurse practice acts?
  - a. They are written and passed by state legislators.
  - b. They cannot be influenced by special interest groups.
  - c. They reflect the primary concerns of professional nurses.
  - d. They are affected by other interprofessional practices.

ANS: A

Just as other sections of state codes are written and passed by legislators, so is the nurse practice act of each state. None of the other statements are true when considering nurse practice acts.

DIF: Knowledge

4. Nursing legislation is to be current and reviewed annually by specific dates. If a nurse practice act fails to be reviewed, it is automatically rescinded under which law?
  - a. Nurse review act
  - b. Sunset legislation
  - c. Mandatory revocation

d. Grandfathering

ANS: B

Sunset legislation may be included in a state's nurse practice act, and this means that the act must be reviewed by a specific date; if not, it is automatically rescinded.

DIF: Comprehension

5. On which website would a nurse find a list of current compact states that allow for a single license recognized in multiple states?
  - a. National League for Nursing (NLN)
  - b. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
  - c. American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
  - d. Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

ANS: B

The NCSBN website contains this information.

DIF: Knowledge

6. What was the *first* field of nursing to certify advanced practitioners?
  - a. Adult nurse practitioners
  - b. Nurse-midwifery
  - c. Clinical nurse specialist
  - d. Nurse anesthesia

ANS: D

In 1946, nurse anesthesia became the first field of nursing practice to certify advanced practitioners.

DIF: Knowledge

7. To request licensure to practice in France, a nurse licensed in the United States must engage in what initial step?
  - a. Contacting the Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools to complete a special examination
  - b. Realizing that licensure in the United States is recognized as sufficient for practice in most countries
  - c. Passing a language proficiency examination for the primary language of that part country is required prior to licensure.
  - d. Contacting the International Council of Nurses (ICN) or the nursing regulatory board of that country

ANS: D

A nurse who is interested in practicing internationally may contact the International Council of Nurses or the nursing regulatory board of the country to familiarize themselves with the licensure requirements.

DIF: Comprehension

8. What should the nurse who is licensed in Georgia and moves to Oregon should do initially in preparation for seeking a nursing position as a pediatric nurse?

- a. Review Oregon's nurse practice act related to licensure for endorsement.
- b. Request application forms to be grandfathered in as a licensed registered nurse in Oregon.
- c. Request certification in Oregon rather than licensure, so as not to have to retake the NCLEX-RN®.
- d. Contact the American Nurses Credentialing Center to determine whether licensure in Georgia will transfer to Oregon.

ANS: A

*Endorsement* refers to the original program whereby a nurse who is licensed in one state can apply and seek licensure in another without undergoing repeat examination, in accordance with the nurse practice act of that state. None of the other options effectively provide guidance for the nurse in this situation.

DIF: Application

9. What statement accurately describes what it means to practice in a compact state?
  - a. The nurse must abide solely by the practice act of the largest state.
  - b. Patients' rights in relation to the nurse practice act are protected by the mutual recognition model.
  - c. The nurse must pay for a license in all states that participate in the mutual recognition model.
  - d. The nurse must refer to the nurse practice act for the list of skills that can be performed.

ANS: B

Nurses who practice in a compact state are responsible for following the laws and regulations of each state in which they practice. None of the other options accurately reflect practice in a compact state.

DIF: Comprehension

10. What action is considered a nursing responsibility when participating in a nurse licensure compact?
  - a. Complying with the nursing practice laws in the state where practicing at the time care is rendered
  - b. Purchasing a license in each state or retaking the licensure examination
  - c. Determining residency based on the state where educated as registered nurse
  - d. Practicing only in states or territories that recognizes the NCLEX as the source of licensure

ANS: A

The nurse is accountable for practicing according to the state practice laws where patient care was provided, although disciplinary action is the responsibility of the state of the nurse's residency. None of the other options accurately reflect nursing responsibilities in the situation described.

DIF: Knowledge

11. A new graduate from a master's entry program in nursing announces, "I just passed my clinical nurse leader certification examination." Certification as a clinical nurse leader provides acknowledgement of what nursing achievement?
- Earning the equivalence of a master's level nursing degree
  - Attaining entry-level knowledge and skills
  - The right to engage in an independent primary nursing practice
  - Demonstrating advanced nursing skills and knowledge

ANS: D

Certification provides validation of achievement of advanced education and competence. This certification does not acknowledge any of the achievements presented by the other options.

DIF: Comprehension

12. A nurse holds a license in one state but wishes to practice in a second state that is not participating in a nurse licensure compact agreement. The nurse is granted licensure on payment of a fee but does not retake the licensure examination. The nurse has obtained licensure in the second state by what process?
- Licensure by endorsement
  - Certification
  - Statutory process known as being *grandfathered*
  - Sunset legislation

ANS: A

Licensure by endorsement allows a nurse licensed in one state to obtain licensure to practice in a second state without examination. None of the other options provide for nursing practice as described.

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DIF: Comprehension

13. A nurse practicing in the early 1900s was awarded a permissive license. What action was required by this type of license?
- While licensure was voluntary; if you failed the examination, you could not use the title RN.
  - To qualify for licensure, you were required to complete a maximum of 1 year of formalized nurse training.
  - All candidates were required to take and pass an exam provided by the state board of nursing.
  - The nurses were required to select either a written or an oral form of the licensure examination.

ANS: A

These permissive licenses permitted but did not require nurses to become registered. Nurses not passing the examination could not use the title of RN. Under permissive licensure, educational standards were set at a minimum of 2 years of training for nurses. State boards of nursing were established with rules for examinations as well as revocation of the license. Under permissive licensure, educational standards were set at a minimum of 2 years of training for nurses. State boards of nursing were established with rules for examinations as well as revocation of the license. Nurses not passing the examination could not use the title of RN.

DIF: Comprehension

14. A group of registered nurses with associate nursing (and) degrees are concerned that the minimum educational standard for licensure as a registered nurse is being raised to the bachelor's (BSN) level. After contacting the American Nurses Association, they learn they will be "grandfathered" in. Under the "grandfather clause," what action will be required of nurses with associate degrees?
- They will be required to complete a bridge program to earn a BSN and then be tested only on material that was not part of the ASN curriculum.
  - They will continue to use the title "registered nurse" earned by their original success with the licensure process.
  - They will have 10 years to obtain a BSN or the license will be revoked.
  - They will use whatever title is established by their state's board of nursing for associate degree nurses.

ANS: B

All ASNs licensed before the change would be "grandfathered" in, allowing them to use the title of RN.

DIF: Comprehension

15. What entity establishes the "rules" for nursing practice?
- Individual state boards of nursing
  - Employer, based on area of practice
  - United States Department of Health and Human Services
  - Local health officials

ANS: A

The State Practice Act of each state establishes the rules for practice within that state.

DIF: Knowledge

16. A nurse is completing the degree requirements for an advanced practice role as a nurse practitioner and is concerned about certification requirements. Which statement concerning certification for advanced practice is true?
- All states require certification for all specialty roles that are identified as advanced practice.
  - Nurse anesthetists and nurse-midwives are the only advanced practice role that require certification in the state nurse practice acts.
  - Scope of practice remains unclear in state nurse practice acts due to the increasing number of new advanced practice roles.
  - Certification is automatic when the nurse applies for an advanced practice license.

ANS: A

All states require evidence of certification in the specialty area, and many require periods of practice in the specialty prior to awarding certification status.

DIF: Comprehension

17. Nurses in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas gather for a conference related to improving quality and safety in practice and nursing education. They are awarded continuing education (CE) credit for participation and evaluation of the conference. One nurse from California states, "I need these CEs to renew my license." The nurse from Mississippi replies, "You do not need CEs for license renewal or advance practice certification renewal." Which statement about CEs would help these nurses?
- All states require proof of continuing education for renewal of license with the number of hours varying.
  - The purpose of continuing education is to ensure competence of the workforce after graduation, but each state determines if CEs are required.
  - Continuing education is required if nurses work across state lines.
  - Initial licensure provides evidence of a minimum safety and competence, so it is illegal for states to require continuing education for renewal of license.

ANS: B

CE is important to ensure continued competency, and each state determines if CEs are mandatory for renewal and how many units are needed.

DIF: Comprehension

### MULTIPLE RESPONSE

1. What actions should a nurse who wishes to practice in another state take initially? (*Select all that apply.*)
- Prepare to retake the NCLEX-RN for that state.
  - Determine whether the state is a compact state.
  - Inquire about obtaining licensure by endorsement.
  - Prepare to revoke the original licensure.
  - Petition the state to be "Grandfathered" a state license.

ANS: B, C

If the state is a member of a compact state, that state has established an agreement with other states under which nurses are permitted to practice within the state without additional licensure. Licensure by endorsement refers to the original program whereby nurses who are licensed in one state seek licensure in another state without repeat examination. None of the other options are accurate descriptions of the process required for the situation described.

DIF: Comprehension

2. Which statements concerning licensure as a registered nurse are correct? (*Select all that apply.*)
- Nurses who graduate from different types of nursing education programs are granted different types of licenses, those with a baccalaureate degree having the most expanded role.
  - A nursing license cannot be revoked, only suspended.
  - Each nurse practice act describes requirements for initial licensure.
  - It is illegal for states to ask about the mental or physical status of an applicant.
  - Students who graduate in the top 10% of their class are exempt from taking the NCLEX-RN for licensure.
  - Candidates for licensure must present proof of graduation as required by the state.

ANS: C, F

A section of each nurse practice act describes requirements and procedures that are necessary for initial licensure. Candidates for licensure must submit evidence of graduation as defined by each state.

DIF: Comprehension

3. What duties are assumed by a state's board of nursing? (*Select all that apply.*)
  - a. Grants nursing licensure.
  - b. Constructs the licensure examination.
  - c. Assigns disciplinary action when the nurse acts in a manner that results in harm to a patient.
  - d. Assures qualified members are appointed to the board.
  - e. Conducts certification examinations for advanced practice nurses.

ANS: A, C, D

The board of nursing ensures that nursing licenses are granted and renewed. The board of nursing assigns disciplinary action when provisions of the nurse practice act are violated. Members are appointed to the board with attention to their qualifications. The boards are not responsible for the creation of licensure or certification examinations.

DIF: Comprehension

4. A nursing student is in the final term of an Associate Science of Nursing (ASN) program and is preparing for licensure. Prior to licensure the candidate must provide evidence that they have fulfilled what requirements? (*Select all that apply.*)
  - a. Graduation from a nursing program
  - b. Graduation from high school or high school equivalency
  - c. Possess current malpractice insurance
  - d. A plan to continue study to obtain a minimum of a BSN within 2 years
  - e. Validation of skills competence provided by a certifying agency

ANS: A, B

Candidates for licensure must provide evidence of graduation through transcripts of course work or letter from the Dean/Director of the nursing program. All candidates must show evidence of graduating from high school or earning a GED.

DIF: Comprehension

## COMPLETION

1. The primary purpose of licensure is protection of the \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: public

DIF: Knowledge