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## PROFESSIONAL NURSES

### (Generally)

**678.010 Definitions for ORS 678.010 to 678.410.** As used in ORS 678.010 to 678.410, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the Oregon State Board of Nursing.
- (2) "Clinical nurse specialist" means a licensed registered nurse who has been certified by the board as qualified to practice the expanded clinical specialty nursing role.
- (3) "Diagnosing" in the context of the practice of nursing means identification of and discrimination between physical and psychosocial signs and symptoms essential to effective execution and management of the nursing care.
- (4) "Human responses" means those signs, symptoms and processes which denote the person's interaction with an actual or potential health problem.
- (5) "Long term care facility" means a licensed skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility as those terms are used in ORS 442.015, an adult foster home as defined in ORS 443.705 that has residents over 60 years of age, a residential care facility as defined in ORS 443.400 or an assisted living facility.
- (6) "Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who has been certified by the board as qualified to practice in an expanded specialty role within the practice of nursing.
- (7) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice under ORS chapter 677.
- (8) "Practice of nursing" means diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as identification thereof, health teaching, health counseling and providing care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being and including the performance of such additional services requiring education and training which are recognized by the nursing profession as proper to be performed by nurses licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410 and which are recognized by rules of the board. "Practice of nursing" includes executing medical orders as prescribed by a physician or dentist but does not include such execution by a member of the immediate family for another member or execution by a person designated by or on behalf of a person requiring care as provided by board rule where the person executing the care is not licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410. The practice of nursing includes providing supervision of nursing assistants.
- (9) "Practice of practical nursing" means the application of knowledge drawn from basic education in the social and physical sciences in planning and giving nursing care and in assisting persons toward achieving of health and well-being.
- (10) "Practice of registered nursing" means the application of knowledge drawn from broad in-depth education in the social and physical sciences in assessing, planning, ordering, giving, delegating, teaching and supervising care which promotes the person's optimum health and independence.
- (11) "Treating" means selection and performance of those therapeutic measures essential to the effective execution and management of the nursing care and execution of the prescribed medical orders. [Amended by 1957 c.316 §2; 1973 c.584 §1; 1975 c.205 §1; 1975 c.659 §1; 1995 c.763 §3; 1997 c.204 §1; 1999 c.498 §4; 2001 c.465 §1]

**678.015** [1957 c.316 §6; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.020** [Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; repealed by 1957 c.316 §3 (678.021 enacted in lieu of 678.020)]

**678.021 License required to practice nursing.** It shall be unlawful for any person to practice nursing or offer to practice nursing in this state or to use any title or abbreviation, sign, card or device to indicate the person is practicing either practical or registered nursing unless the person is licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410 at the level for which the indication of practice is made and the license is valid and in effect. [1957 c.316 §4 (enacted

in lieu of 678.020); 1973 c.584 §2; 2003 c.14 §431]

**678.030** [Repealed by 1957 c.316 §7 (678.031 enacted in lieu of 678.030)]

**678.031 Application of ORS 678.010 to 678.410.** ORS 678.010 to 678.410 do not apply to:

- (1) The employment of nurses in institutions or agencies of the federal government.
- (2) The practice of nursing incidental to the planned program of study for students enrolled in nursing education programs accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing or accredited by another state or United States territory as described under ORS 678.040 and approved by the board.
- (3) Nursing practiced outside this state that is incidental to a distance learning program provided by an institution of higher education located in Oregon.
- (4) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency.
- (5) The practice of any other occupation or profession licensed under the laws of this state.
- (6) Care of the sick with or without compensation when performed in connection with the practice of the religious tenets of a well-recognized church or denomination that relies exclusively on treatment by prayer and spiritual means by adherents thereof so long as the adherent does not engage in the practice of nursing as defined in ORS 678.010 to 678.410 and 678.990 or hold oneself out as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.
- (7) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are practicing in Oregon on a single, temporary assignment of not to exceed 30 days, renewable for not to exceed 30 days, for assignments that are for the general public benefit limited to the following:
  - (a) Transport teams;
  - (b) Red Cross Blood Services personnel;
  - (c) Presentation of educational programs;
  - (d) Disaster teams;
  - (e) Staffing a coronary care unit, intensive care unit or emergency department in a hospital that is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and would be otherwise unable to meet its critical care staffing requirements; or
  - (f) Staffing a long term care facility that is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and would be otherwise unable to meet its staffing requirements.

[1957 c.316 §8 (enacted in lieu of 678.030); 1973 c.584 §3; 1981 c.369 §1; 1997 c.110 §1; 2001 c.465 §2; 2001 c.568 §1]

**678.034 Hospitals to notify board of nurses employed to meet temporary staffing shortage.**

- (1) Hospitals and long term care facilities employing nurses under ORS 678.031 (7)(e) and (f) shall notify the Oregon State Board of Nursing in writing of the number of nurses so employed, the times of employment, the nature of the staffing shortage and certify that there is no labor dispute affecting nurses at the hospital or long term care facility. In addition, at the request of the board, the hospital or long term care facility shall provide documentation that the nurses so employed are licensed and in good standing in another state or United States territory.
- (2) Nurses employed in this state under ORS 678.031 (7)(e) and (f), at the time of employment, also must apply for an Oregon license by indorsement. [1981 c.369 §1a; 2001 c.465 §3; 2001 c.568 §2]

**678.035** [1975 c.659 §4; 1977 c.309 §3; repealed by 1981 c.369 §16]

**678.036 Liability of nurse supervising nursing assistants; liability when duties delegated.**

- (1) A nurse who is responsible for supervising nursing assistants shall not be considered to be supervising a nursing assistant who administers noninjectable medication while the nurse is absent from the facility at which the administration occurs unless the nursing assistant is acting pursuant to specific instructions from the nurse or the nurse fails to leave instructions when the nurse should have done so.
- (2) A nurse who is responsible for supervising nursing assistants shall not be subject to an action for civil damages for the failure of a nursing assistant who administers noninjectable medication to notify the nurse of any patient reaction to the medication perceived by the assistant.
- (3) A nurse who delegates the provision of nursing care to another person pursuant to ORS 678.150 shall not be subject to an action for civil damages for the performance of a person to whom nursing care is delegated unless the person is acting pursuant to specific instructions from the nurse or the nurse fails to leave instructions when the nurse should have done so.

[1981 c.431 §2; 1987 c.369 §3]

**(Licensing)**

**678.040 Qualifications of applicants for license.** Each applicant for a license under ORS 678.010 to 678.445 shall furnish satisfactory evidence that the applicant's physical and mental health is such that it is safe for the applicant to practice, and that:

- (1) The applicant has graduated from a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- (2) The applicant has graduated from a nursing program in the United States which program is either accredited by the licensing board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory, or, if the licensing board is not the accrediting agency in that state or United States territory, the program is accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency for that state or United States territory; or
- (3) The applicant has graduated in another country and has an education equivalent to that provided by accredited programs in this country.

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §9; 1973 c.584 §4; 1981 c.369 §2]

**678.045** [Formerly 678.250; repealed by 1981 c.369 §16]

**678.050 Examining applicants; issuing license; license by indorsement; processing license by indorsement application; limited license; rules.**

- (1) Examinations for the licensing of applicants under ORS 678.010 to 678.445 shall be held at least once a year, and at such times and places as the Oregon State Board of Nursing may determine. Notice of the examination dates shall be given by mail to all accredited nursing education programs in Oregon. The board shall issue a wallet sized license as evidence of current licensure. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects relating to nursing at the practical or registered level as the board may determine necessary to protect the public health and welfare.
- (2) All duly qualified applicants who pass the examination and meet other standards established by the board shall be issued the license provided for in ORS 678.010 to 678.445 according to the nature of the license for which application is made and examination taken and passed.
- (3) (a) The board may issue a license by indorsement to an applicant qualified as provided in ORS 678.040 who has passed the examination used by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and meets other standards established by the board. The board may also require evidence of competency to practice nursing at the level for which application is made.
  - (b) For the purposes of the licensing procedure, the board shall not accept

- monetary assistance from anyone except the nurse applying for licensure by indorsement.
- (c) The board shall process in order applications for licensure by indorsement of qualified applicants and immediately issue licenses or license memoranda when the applications are received and review of supportive documentation is completed. However, this paragraph does not prohibit the board from immediately issuing a license out of order to applicants appearing in person.
  - (d) The provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection do not prohibit the board from processing requests to employ nurses to meet temporary staffing shortages, as described in ORS 678.031 or 678.034, in facilities in this state not involved in labor disputes.
- (4) Subject to such terms and conditions as the board may impose, the board may issue a limited license to practice registered or practical nursing:
- (a) To a graduate of an accredited nursing education program at the appropriate level upon the applicant's filing for the first examination to be given following the applicant's graduation. The license issued under this paragraph expires when the results of the examinations are received by the applicant. The board may extend the limited license if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the board that an emergency situation has prevented the applicant from taking or completing the first examination administered following graduation. The extension expires when the results of the next examination are received by the applicant or on the filing date of the next examination if the applicant has not reapplied.
  - (b) To an applicant whose license has become void by reason of nonpayment of fees at either level and who otherwise meets the requirements of the board. The board may, in issuing a limited license, require the applicant to demonstrate ability to give safe nursing care by undergoing a supervised experience in nursing practice as shall be designated by the board, or by satisfactorily completing a continuing education program as approved by the board. The license issued under this paragraph expires on the date set in the license by the board. Upon satisfactorily completing the board's requirements, and payment of the renewal fee and delinquency fee, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice nursing.
  - (c) To an applicant who has not practiced nursing in any state for a period of five years, but has maintained a current license by the payment of fees. Such applicant shall not practice nursing in Oregon unless an application is made to the board for a limited license and it is issued to the applicant. The board, in issuing such limited license, may require the applicant to demonstrate ability to give safe nursing care by undergoing a supervised experience in nursing practice as shall be designated by the board, or by satisfactorily completing a continuing education program approved or designated by the board. No person shall be issued a license if, in the judgment of the board, the person's conduct has been such, during absence from practice, that the applicant would be denied a license if applying for an initial license to practice nursing in this state.
  - (d) To a licensee who has been placed on probation or has been otherwise subjected to disciplinary action by the board.
  - (e) To any of the following persons if the person is affiliated with a planned program of study in Oregon consistent with the standards and requirements established by the board:
    - (A) A foreign nurse;
    - (B) A foreign student nurse; or
    - (C) A nurse licensed in another jurisdiction.
- (5) The board may adopt by rule requirements and procedures for placing a license or certificate in inactive status.

- (6) (a) Retired status may be granted to a person licensed or certified as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist and who surrenders the person's license or certificate while in good standing with the issuing authority if the person is not subject to any pending disciplinary investigation or action. The board may adopt by rule requirements, procedures and fees for placing a license or certificate in retired status.
- (b) A person granted retired status by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection:
- (A) Shall pay a fee in an amount to be determined by the board for retired status.
  - (B) May not practice nursing or offer to practice nursing in this state.
  - (C) May use the title or abbreviation with the retired license or certificate only if the designation "retired" appears after the title or abbreviation.

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §10; 1969 c.71 §1; 1973 c.584 §5; 1975 c.205 §2; 1981 c.369 §3; 1983 c.221 §1; 1989 c.673 §1; 1999 c.420 §1; 2001 c.275 §1; 2005 c.380 §1]

**678.060** [Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; repealed by 1957 c.316 §11 (678.061 enacted in lieu of 678.060)]

**678.061** [1957 c.316 §12 (enacted in lieu of 678.060); 1963 c.50 §2; 1969 c.71 §2; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.070** [Repealed by 1953 c.254 §16]

**678.080 Exhibiting license.** Any person to whom a license is issued under ORS 678.010 to 678.445, whenever requested to do so in relation to employment as a registered or practical nurse or in relation to enforcement of ORS 678.010 to 678.445, shall exhibit the evidence of current licensure described in ORS 678.050 (1).

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §13; 1973 c.584 §6; 1981 c.369 §4]

**678.085** [1953 c.254 §14; 1957 c.316 §14; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.090** [Repealed by 1953 c.254 §16]

**678.100** [Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; repealed by 1957 c.316 §15 (678.101 enacted in lieu of 678.100)]

**678.101 Renewal of license; fee; certificate and privilege.**

- (1) Every person licensed to practice nursing shall apply for renewal of the license other than a limited license in every second year before 12:01 a.m. on the anniversary of the birthdate of the person in the odd-numbered year for persons whose birth occurred in an odd-numbered year and in the even-numbered year for persons whose birth occurred in an even-numbered year. Persons whose birthdate anniversary falls on February 29 shall be treated as if the anniversary were March 1.
- (2) Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee payable to the Oregon State Board of Nursing.
- (3) The board may not renew the license of a person licensed to practice nursing unless:
  - (a) The requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section are met; and
  - (b) Prior to payment of the renewal fee described in subsection (2) of this section the applicant completes, or provides documentation of previous completion of:
    - (A) A pain management education program approved by the board and developed in conjunction with the Pain Management Commission established under ORS 409.500; or

- (B) An equivalent pain management education program, as determined by the board.
- (4) The license of any person not renewed for failure to comply with subsections (1) to (3) of this section is expired and the person shall be considered delinquent and is subject to the delinquent fee specified in ORS 678.410.
- (5) A registered nurse who has been issued a certificate as a nurse practitioner shall apply, personally or by appropriately postmarked letter, for renewal of the certificate and for renewal of the prescriptive privileges in every second year before 12:01 a.m. on the anniversary of the birthdate, as determined for the person's license to practice nursing.

[1957 c.316 §16 (enacted in lieu of 678.100); 1965 c.158 §1; 1969 c.71 §3; 1973 c.584 §7; 1975 c.205 §3; 1981 c.369 §5; 1987 c.79 §5; 1999 c.420 §2; 2001 c.987 §15]

**678.110** [Repealed by 1957 c.316 §17 (678.111 enacted in lieu of 678.110)]

### **(Discipline of Nurses)**

**678.111 Causes for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee.** In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

- (1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:
  - (a) Conviction of the licensee of crime where such crime bears demonstrable relationship to the practice of nursing. A copy of the record of such conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
  - (b) Gross incompetence or gross negligence of the licensee in the practice of nursing at the level for which the licensee is licensed.
  - (c) Any willful fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a license or renewal thereof.
  - (d) Fraud or deceit of the licensee in the practice of nursing or in admission to such practice.
  - (e) Use of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to the licensee or others or to an extent that such use impairs the ability to conduct safely the practice for which the licensee is licensed.
  - (f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.
  - (g) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.
  - (h) Revocation or suspension of a license to practice nursing by any state or territory of the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction authorized to issue nursing credentials whether or not that license or credential was relied upon in issuing that license in this state. A certified copy of the order of revocation or suspension shall be conclusive evidence of such revocation or suspension.
  - (i) Physical or mental condition that makes the licensee unable to conduct safely the practice for which the licensee is licensed.
  - (j) Violation of any condition imposed by the board when issuing a limited license.
- (2) A certificate of special competence may be denied or suspended or revoked for the reasons stated in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) A license or certificate in inactive status may be denied or suspended or revoked for



the reasons stated in subsection (1) of this section.

- (4) A license or certificate in retired status may be denied or suspended or revoked for any cause stated in subsection (1) of this section.

[1957 c.316 §18 (enacted in lieu of 678.110); 1973 c.584 §11; 1975 c.205 §4; 1979 c.744 §51; 1981 c.369 §7; 1983 c.221 §2; 1985 c.23 §7; 2001 c.275 §2]

**678.112 Voluntary treatment for chemical dependency or emotional or physical problem; effect; rules.**

- (1) When a person licensed to practice nursing voluntarily seeks treatment for chemical dependency or an emotional or physical problem that otherwise may lead to formal disciplinary action under ORS 678.111, the Oregon State Board of Nursing may abstain from taking such formal disciplinary action if the board finds that the licensee can be treated effectively and that there is no danger to the public health, safety or welfare.
- (2) If the board abstains from taking such formal disciplinary action, it may require the licensee to be subject to the voluntary monitoring program as established by the board.
- (3) All records of the voluntary monitoring program are confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure, nor shall the records be admissible as evidence in any judicial proceedings.
- (4) A licensee voluntarily participating in the voluntary monitoring program shall not be subject to investigation or disciplinary action by the board for the same offense, if the licensee complies with the terms and conditions of the monitoring program.
- (5) The board shall establish by rule criteria for eligibility to participate in the voluntary monitoring program and criteria for successful completion of the program.
- (6) Licensees who elect not to participate in the voluntary monitoring program or who fail to comply with the terms of participation shall be reported to the board for formal disciplinary action under ORS 678.111. [1991 c.193 §2; 2007 c.335 §1]

**678.113 When evaluation of mental or physical condition, demonstration of competency or evidence of continuing education may be required; rules.**

- (1) During the course of an investigation into the performance or conduct of an applicant, certificate holder or licensee, the Oregon State Board of Nursing may order mental health, physical condition or chemical dependency evaluations of the applicant, certificate holder or licensee upon reasonable belief that the applicant, certificate holder or licensee is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
- (2) When the board has reasonable cause to believe that an applicant, certificate holder or licensee is or may be unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients, the board may order a competency examination of the applicant, certificate holder or licensee for the purpose of determining the fitness of the applicant, certificate holder or licensee to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
- (3) A licensee or certificate holder by practicing nursing, or an applicant by applying to practice nursing in Oregon, gives consent to submit to mental health, physical condition or chemical dependency evaluations when ordered by the board and waives any objection on the grounds of privileged communication to the admissibility of information derived from evaluations ordered by the board.
- (4) By rule, the board may require evidence of continuing education in an accredited program as a prerequisite for renewal of registered or practical nursing licenses, or both, or may require continuing education for persons whose license has lapsed for nonpayment of fees, who have not practiced nursing for five years, or who have their licenses suspended or revoked as a condition to relicensure.

[1973 c.584 §9; 1975 c.205 §5; 1995 c.79 §341; 1999 c.375 §1]

**678.115** [1957 c.316 §20 (enacted in lieu of 678.120); 1971 c.734 §121; repealed by

1973 c.584 §24]

**678.117 Procedure for imposing civil penalty; amount; rules.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt by rule a schedule establishing the amount of civil penalty that may be imposed for any violation of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or any rule of the board. No civil penalty shall exceed \$5,000.
- (2) In imposing a penalty pursuant to this section, the board shall consider the following factors:
  - (a) The past history of the person incurring the penalty in observing the provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 and the rules adopted pursuant thereto.
  - (b) The economic and financial conditions of the person incurring the penalty.
- (3) Any penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or mitigated upon such terms and conditions as the board considers proper and consistent with the public health and safety.
- (4) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.
- (5) All penalties recovered under this section shall be credited to the special account described in ORS 678.170.

[1973 c.584 §22; 1981 c.369 §8; 1985 c.23 §3; 1991 c.734 §72; 1999 c.375 §2]

**678.120** [Repealed by 1957 c.316 §19 (678.115 enacted in lieu of 678.120)]

**678.121** [1957 c.316 §22; repealed by 1971 c.734 §21]

**678.123 Prohibited acts.** It shall be unlawful for any person:

- (1) To sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any diploma or license or record thereof for any person not graduated from an accredited nursing program or is not licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410 or to sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any certificate to a person not certified as a nursing assistant.
- (2) To practice nursing under authority of a diploma or license or record thereof illegally or fraudulently obtained or issued unlawfully.
- (3) To employ unlicensed persons to practice practical or registered nursing.

[1973 c.584 §10; 1989 c.800 §4]

**678.125** [1957 c.316 §24; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.126 Confidentiality of information; duty to investigate complaints; immunity.**

- (1) Any information that the Oregon State Board of Nursing obtains pursuant to ORS 678.021, 678.111, 678.113, 678.123, 678.135 or 678.442 is confidential as provided under ORS 676.175.
- (2) Upon receipt of a complaint under ORS 678.010 to 678.410 or 678.442, the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall conduct an investigation as described under ORS 676.165.
- (3) Any person, facility, licensee or association that reports or provides information to the board under ORS 678.021, 678.111, 678.113, 678.123, 678.135 or 678.442 in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof.

[1981 c.369 §14; 1985 c.23 §6; 1997 c.791 §22]

**678.128 Liability of complainants, witnesses, investigators, counsel and board members in disciplinary proceedings.**

- (1) Members of the Oregon State Board of Nursing, members of its administrative and investigative staff and its attorneys acting as prosecutors or counsel shall have the same privileges and immunities from civil and criminal proceedings arising by reason of official actions as prosecuting and judicial officers of the state.
- (2) No person who has made a complaint as to the conduct of a licensee of the board or who has given information or testimony relative to a proposed or pending proceeding

for misconduct against the licensee of the board, shall be answerable for any such act in any proceeding except for perjury.

[1981 c.369 §13]

**678.130** [Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §25; 1963 c.50 §3; repealed by 1969 c.71 §9]

**678.135 Duty to report violations to board.** Any health care facility licensed as required by ORS 441.015, any person licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, the Oregon Nurses Association or any other organization representing registered or licensed practical nurses shall, and any other person may, report to the board any suspected violation of ORS 678.010 to 678.410 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto. [1985 c.23 §5]

**(State Board)**

**678.140 Oregon State Board of Nursing; term; appointment; qualifications; confirmation.**

- (1) There is created an Oregon State Board of Nursing composed of nine members, five of whom shall be registered nurses, two of whom shall be licensed practical nurses and two of whom shall be members of the public who are otherwise not eligible for appointment to the board.
- (2) In making appointments of registered nurses, the Governor shall consider geographic balance in making the appointments and shall ensure that the following areas of practice are represented on the board:
  - (a) One nursing educator;
  - (b) One nursing administrator;
  - (c) Two nonsupervisory nurses involved in direct patient care; and
  - (d) One nurse practitioner.
- (3) The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years, beginning on January 1. No member shall be eligible to appointment for more than two consecutive terms. An unexpired term of a board member shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment is made. The appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. All appointments of members of the board by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III of the Oregon Constitution.
- (4) Two months before the expiration of the term of office of a nurse member of the board, or when a vacancy occurs in the office of a nurse member, the Oregon Nurses Association or any other organization representing registered nurses, if the vacancy is in a registered nurse position, or the Oregon Licensed Practical Nurses Association or any other organization representing licensed practical nurses, if the vacancy is in a licensed practical nurse position, may submit a list of three names of persons qualified for the appointment. The appointment of nurse members or practical nurse members may be made from the respective lists.
- (5) At the time of appointment, each member of the board must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Oregon. Each nurse member must be currently licensed and not under disciplinary status with the board in the category for which appointed with at least five years' experience therein, three of which were immediately prior to appointment. The public members and any person in the immediate family of the public members shall not be employed as a health professional or in any health-related industry.
- (6) The Governor may remove a member of the board for cause.

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §26; 1971 c.650 §27; 1973 c.584 §12; 1973 c.792 §34; 1981 c.206 §1; 1983 c.113 §1; 1995 c.79 §342; 1997 c.141 §1]

**678.150 Powers, functions and duties of board, officers and executive director; rules; subpoena powers.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall elect annually from its number a president, a president-elect and a secretary, each of whom shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The board shall meet on the call of the president or as the board may require. Special meetings of the board may be called by the secretary upon the request of any three members. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- (2) Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. Notwithstanding ORS 292.495 (1), a board member shall receive up to \$150 for each day or portion thereof during which the member is actually engaged in the performance of official duties.
- (3) The board shall adopt a seal which shall be in the care of the executive director.
- (4) The board shall keep a record of all its proceedings and of all persons licensed and schools or programs accredited or approved under ORS 678.010 to 678.445. The records shall at all reasonable times be open to public scrutiny.
- (5) Subject to the State Personnel Relations Law, the board shall hire, define the duties and fix the salary of an executive director who shall hire and define the duties of such other employees as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445. The executive director, with approval of the board, may also employ special consultants. All salaries, compensation and expenses incurred or allowed shall be paid out of funds received by the board.
- (6) The board shall determine the qualifications of applicants for a license to practice nursing in this state and establish educational and professional standards for such applicants subject to laws of this state.
- (7) The board shall:
  - (a) Exercise general supervision over the practice of nursing in this state.
  - (b) Prescribe standards and approve curricula for nursing education programs preparing persons for licensing under ORS 678.010 to 678.445.
  - (c) Provide for surveys of nursing education programs at such times as may be necessary.
  - (d) Accredite such nursing education programs as meet the requirements of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 and of the board.
  - (e) Deny or withdraw accreditation from nursing education programs for failure to meet prescribed standards.
  - (f) Examine, license and renew the licenses of duly qualified applicants and administer examinations for other states where requested to do so by the other state.
  - (g) Issue subpoenas for any records relevant to a board investigation, including patient and other medical records, personnel records applicable to nurses and nursing assistants, records of schools of nursing and nursing assistant training records and any other relevant records; issue subpoenas to persons for personal interviews relating to board investigations; compel the attendance of witnesses; and administer oaths or affirmations to persons giving testimony during an investigation or at hearings. In any proceeding under this subsection, when a subpoena is issued to an applicant, certificate holder or licensee of the board, a claim of nurse-patient privilege under ORS 40.240 or of psychotherapist-patient privilege under ORS 40.230 is not grounds for quashing the subpoena or for refusing to produce the material that is subject to the subpoena.
  - (h) Enforce the provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445, and incur necessary expenses therefor.
  - (i) Prescribe standards for the delegation of special tasks of patient care to nursing assistants and for the supervision of nursing assistants. The standards must include rules governing the delegation of administration of noninjectable medication by nursing assistants and must include rules

prescribing the types of noninjectable medication that can be administered by nursing assistants, and the circumstances, if any, and level of supervision under which nursing assistants can administer noninjectable medication. In formulating the rules governing the administration of noninjectable medication by nursing assistants, the board shall consult with nurses, physicians, gerontologists and pharmacologists. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, however, determination of the appropriateness of the delegation of a special task of patient care shall remain with the registered nurse issuing the order.

- (j) Notify licensees at least annually of changes in legislative or board rules that affect the licensees. Notice may be by newsletter or other appropriate means.
- (8) The board shall determine the scope of practice as delineated by the knowledge acquired through approved courses of education or through experience.
- (9) For local correctional facilities, lockups and juvenile detention facilities, as defined in ORS 169.005, youth correction facilities as defined in ORS 420.005, for facilities operated by a public agency for detoxification of persons who use alcohol excessively, for homes or facilities licensed under ORS 443.705 to 443.825 for adult foster care, and for facilities licensed under ORS 443.400 to 443.455 for residential care, training or treatment, the board shall adopt rules pertaining to the provision of nursing care, and to the various tasks relating to the administration of noninjectable medication including administration of controlled substances. The rules must provide for delegation of nursing care and tasks relating to the administration of medication to other than licensed nursing personnel by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or by a registered nurse, designated by the facility. Such delegation must occur under the procedural guidance, initial direction and periodic inspection and evaluation of the physician or registered nurse. However, the provision of nursing care may be delegated only by a registered nurse.
- (10) The board may require applicants, licensees and certificate holders under ORS 678.010 to 678.445 to provide to the board data concerning the individual's nursing employment and education.
- (11) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181.534, the board may require the fingerprints of a person who is:
  - (a) Applying for a license or certificate that is issued by the board;
  - (b) Applying for renewal of a license or certificate that is issued by the board; or
  - (c) Under investigation by the board.
- (12) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445.

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §28; subsections (5) to (9) enacted as 1957 c.316 §30; 1973 c.584 §14; 1975 c.659 §2; 1977 c.309 §2; 1979 c.771 §1; 1981 c.369 §9; 1983 c.511 §1; 1983 c.598 §2; 1987 c.369 §1; 1993 c.114 §1; 1999 c.375 §3; 2001 c.275 §3; 2001 c.763 §1; 2003 c.297 §1; 2005 c.730 §48]

**678.153 Interagency agreement to share results of nationwide criminal records check.** The Department of Human Services and the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall enter into an interagency agreement to share the results of nationwide criminal records checks conducted under ORS 181.534 on subject individuals who are subject to criminal records checks by both the department and the board. [2005 c.730 §67]

**Note:** 678.153 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 678 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.155 Restrictions on certain standards prescribed by board.**

- (1) In carrying out its duties under ORS 678.150 (6), (7) and (8), the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall not make changes in entry level nursing education or licensure

requirements unless such changes are enacted by the Legislative Assembly.

- (2) In carrying out its duties under ORS 678.150 (7)(i), the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall not prescribe any standard that would substantially alter the practices followed prior to July 1, 1979, in long term care facilities relating to the administration of noninjectable medication by nursing assistants, except for the training requirements in ORS 678.440.

[1979 c.770 §17; 1985 c.208 §2; 1985 c.565 §92a; 1987 c.158 §141]

**Note:** 678.155 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 678 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.157 Limitation on authority of board over nurse delegation of authority.**

Nothing in ORS 678.150 and this section affects the limitation on the authority of the board imposed by ORS 678.155 and 678.445 in carrying out its duties under ORS 678.150 (7)(i). [1979 c.771 §4; 1985 c.565 §92b]

**Note:** 678.157 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 678 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.158 Continuing authority of board upon lapse, suspension, revocation or voluntary surrender of license or certificate.**

The lapse, suspension or revocation of a license or certificate by the operation of law or by order of the Oregon State Board of Nursing or by the decision of a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee or of a certificate by a certificate holder, shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or any action or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or certificate holder or to revise or render null and void an order of disciplinary action against the licensee or certificate holder. [2001 c.275 §6]

**Note:** 678.158 was added to and made a part of 678.010 to 678.445 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.160** [Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; 1957 c.316 §31; 1967 c.559 §2; 1969 c.314 §79; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.162** [1953 c.254 §9; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.164 Enjoining violations or threatened violations.**

- (1) Upon suit by the Oregon State Board of Nursing for which no bond shall be required, the circuit courts have jurisdiction to restrain or enjoin any violation or threatened violation of ORS 678.010 to 678.410. Such suit may be brought against a person who practices nursing without a current license or who practices registered nursing when licensed as a practical nurse or who has failed to become licensed or whose license has been suspended, revoked or declared void.
- (2) The remedies provided for in this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, criminal penalties provided for in ORS 678.990.

[1953 c.254 §11; 1957 c.316 §32; 1973 c.584 §15]

**678.166** [1953 c.254 §10; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.168 Disposition of fines.** All fines imposed and collected under ORS 678.990 (1) shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which such suits, actions or proceedings were commenced. All moneys thus paid into the treasury, over and above the amount

necessary to reimburse the county for any expense incurred by the county in any suit, action or proceeding shall be paid before January 1 of each year into the General Fund in the State Treasury and placed to the credit of the Criminal Fine and Assessment Account. [1953 c.254 §12; 1973 c.584 §16; 1981 c.369 §11; 1991 c.460 §7]

**678.170 Disposition of receipts.**

- (1) All money received by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.010 to 678.445 shall be paid into the General Fund in the State Treasury and placed to the credit of the Oregon State Board of Nursing Account. Such moneys are appropriated continuously and shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of ORS 678.010 to 678.445.
- (2) The board shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Oregon State Board of Nursing Account. This record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the source from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or program against which each withdrawal is charged.
- (3) The board may maintain a petty cash fund in compliance with ORS 293.180 in the amount of \$1,000.

[Amended by 1973 c.584 §16a; 1981 c.101 §1]

**678.210** [Amended by 1959 c.49 §1; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.220** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.230** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.235** [1959 c.49 §3; 1967 c.559 §3; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.237** [1967 c.559 §5; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.240** [Amended by 1959 c.49 §5; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**(Nurse Anesthetists)**

**678.245 Definitions for ORS 678.245 to 678.285.** As used in ORS 678.245 to 678.285:

- (1) "Anesthesiologist" means a physician who has completed a residency program in anesthesiology that meets or exceeds the standards adopted by the Oregon Medical Board.
- (2) "Certified registered nurse anesthetist" means a registered nurse licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- (3) "Medical collaboration" means approval of the anesthesia plan by an anesthesiologist and an anesthesiologist being readily available during the administration of anesthetic agents until the patient's post-anesthesia condition is satisfactory and stable.
- (4) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Oregon under ORS chapter 677.
- (5) "Procedure" means surgery, labor and delivery or other medical services in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center, as defined in ORS 442.015, rendered by a physician or other health care provider qualified by appropriate state license and hospital or center privileges or hospital or center written authorization to render such services.

[1997 c.575 §1]

**Note:** 678.245 to 678.285 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 678 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.250** [Amended by 1973 c.584 §17; renumbered 678.045]

**678.255 Provision of nurse anesthetist services in ambulatory surgical centers.**

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, anesthesia care in an ambulatory surgical center shall be delivered by an anesthesiologist or by a certified registered nurse anesthetist acting with the medical collaboration of an anesthesiologist.
- (2) When no anesthesiologist is readily available for medical collaboration on anesthesia services for a procedure performed in an ambulatory surgical center, a certified registered nurse anesthetist may deliver the following services without medical collaboration:
  - (a) Assessment of the health status of the patient as that status relates to the relative risks associated with anesthetic management of the patient;
  - (b) Determination and administration of an appropriate anesthesia plan, including but not limited to selection, ordering and administration of anesthetic agents, airway management and monitoring and recording of vital signs, life support functions, mechanical support use, fluid management and electrolyte and blood component balance;
  - (c) Action necessary to counteract problems that may develop during implementation of the anesthesia plan; and
  - (d) Necessary or routine post-anesthesia care.
- (3) When no anesthesiologist is readily available for medical collaboration on anesthesia services in an ambulatory surgical center, a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall review the patient's pertinent medical records, including the medical evaluation of the patient, prior to determining an appropriate anesthesia plan.
- (4) This section does not prohibit any other licensed health care professional from rendering or supervising anesthesia services if such services are within the scope of the professional's license.

[1997 c.575 §2]

**Note:** See note under 678.245.

**678.260** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.265 Ambulatory surgical center oversight of nurse anesthetists.** Ambulatory surgical center bylaws, rules and regulations may establish requirements for ready availability of an anesthesiologist for medical collaboration consistent with ORS 678.255 and provide for credentialing, supervision, monitoring, education and professional liability insurance for a certified registered nurse anesthetist consistent with ORS 678.255 and the scope of practice established by the Oregon State Board of Nursing pursuant to ORS 678.285. [1997 c.575 §3]

**Note:** See note under 678.245.

**678.270** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.275 Provision of nurse anesthetist services in hospitals.**

- (1) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may deliver the following services without medical collaboration in connection with a procedure performed in a hospital:
  - (a) Assessment of the health status of the patient as that status relates to the relative risks associated with anesthetic management of the patient;
  - (b) Determination and administration of an appropriate anesthesia plan, including but not limited to selection, ordering and administration of anesthetic agents, airway management and monitoring and recording of vital signs, life support functions, mechanical support use, fluid management and electrolyte and blood component balance;
  - (c) Action necessary to counteract problems that may develop during implementation of the anesthesia plan; and



- (d) Necessary or routine post-anesthesia care.
- (2) Consistent with the provisions of ORS 678.245 to 678.285 and the scope of practice established by the Oregon State Board of Nursing pursuant to ORS 678.285, hospital rules and regulations and medical staff bylaws may define whether the delivery of anesthesia services in connection with a procedure in a hospital by a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall be:
  - (a) Deemed practice by an independent health care provider;
  - (b) Subject to a requirement of supervision or medical collaboration by an anesthesiologist; or
  - (c) Subject to any other requirement that may be applied with due regard for patient health and safety.

[1997 c.575 §4]

**Note:** See note under 678.245.

**678.280** [Amended by 1969 c.71 §4; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.285 Board regulation of nurse anesthetists; rules.** Consistent with the provisions ORS 678.245 to 678.285, the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules necessary to establish:

- (1) The scope of practice of a certified registered nurse anesthetist;
- (2) Procedures for issuing certification of special competency for a certified registered nurse anesthetist;
- (3) Educational and competency requirements required for certification; and
- (4) Procedures for the maintenance of certification as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, including but not limited to fees necessary for original or renewal certification.

[1997 c.575 §5]

**Note:** See note under 678.245.

**678.290** [Amended by 1957 c.293 §2; 1959 c.49 §6; 1969 c.71 §5; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.300** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.310** [Amended by 1971 c.734 §122; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.320** [Repealed by 1971 c.734 §21]

**678.325** [1985 c.208 §1; repealed by 1993 c.18 §147]

**678.330** [Amended by 1959 c.49 §7; 1967 c.559 §6; 1969 c.314 §80; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.335** [1967 c.559 §8; repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

### **(Nursing Education Programs)**

**678.340 Requirements for institutions desiring to establish nursing education programs.**

- (1) Any institution desiring to establish a nursing education program leading to licensing or a continuing education program that may be recognized or required by the Oregon State Board of Nursing to supplement such program shall apply to the board and submit satisfactory evidence that it is prepared to meet the curricula and standards

prescribed by the board.

- (2) In considering applications under subsection (1) of this section the board shall review statewide needs for nursing education programs or supplementary programs, financial resources of the institution making application, its clinical resources and its ability to retain qualified faculty.
- (3) No institution or program shall represent itself as qualified or accredited to prepare nurses for licensing unless it is accredited by the board.

[Amended by 1973 c.584 §18]

**678.350** [Repealed by 1973 c.584 §24]

**678.360 Survey to evaluate facilities; ensuring compliance with requirements.**

- (1) From time to time as considered necessary by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, it shall cause a survey of the institutions accredited to provide nursing education programs to be made. A report in writing shall be submitted to the board. The report is to include an evaluation of physical facilities and clinical resources, courses of study and qualifications of instructors. If, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for accredited programs are not being met by any institution, notice thereof shall be given to the institution in writing specifying the defect and prescribing the time within which the defect must be corrected.
- (2) The board shall withdraw accreditation from an institution which fails to correct the defect reported to it under subsection (1) of this section within the period of time prescribed in the report. The institution may request and if requested shall be granted a hearing before the board in the manner required for contested cases under ORS chapter 183.

[Amended by 1973 c.584 §19]

**(Circulating Nurses)**

**678.362 Circulating nurses; duties.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Circulating nurse" means a registered nurse who is responsible for coordinating the nursing care and safety needs of the patient in the operating room and who also meets the needs of operating room team members during surgery.
  - (b) "Type I ambulatory surgical center" means a licensed health care facility for the performance of outpatient surgical procedures including, but not limited to, cholecystectomies, tonsillectomies or urological procedures, involving general anesthesia or a relatively high infection control consideration.
- (2)
  - (a) The duties of a circulating nurse performed in an operating room of a Type I ambulatory surgical center or a hospital shall be performed by a registered nurse licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410.
  - (b) In any case requiring anesthesia or conscious sedation, a circulating nurse shall be assigned to, and present in, an operating room for the duration of the surgical procedure unless it becomes necessary for the circulating nurse to leave the operating room as part of the surgical procedure. While assigned to a surgical procedure, a circulating nurse may not be assigned to any other patient or procedure.
  - (c) Nothing in this section precludes a circulating nurse from being relieved during a surgical procedure by another circulating nurse assigned to continue the surgical procedure.
- (3) At the request of a Type I ambulatory surgical center or a hospital, the Department of Human Services may grant a variance from the requirements of this section based on patient care needs or the nursing practices of the surgical center or hospital.

[2005 c.665 §3]

**Note:** 678.362 was added to and made a part of 678.010 to 678.445 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

### **(Registered Nurse First Assistants)**

**678.366 Registered nurse first assistants; rules.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules establishing procedures for the recognition of registered nurses who become registered nurse first assistants by receiving additional certification through nationally recognized professional organizations. [2005 c.628 §5]

### **(Clinical Nurse Specialists)**

#### **678.370 Clinical nurse specialists; certificates.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall issue a certification to act as a clinical nurse specialist to any nurse who meets the requirements established by the board pursuant to ORS 678.372.
- (2) A person may not act as a clinical nurse specialist, use the name, title, designation, initial or abbreviation of clinical nurse specialist or otherwise hold oneself out as a clinical nurse specialist unless the person is certified as a clinical nurse specialist pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) A certified clinical nurse specialist is authorized to prescribe drugs for the use of and administration to other persons if approval has been given under ORS 678.390. The authority to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs shall be included within the scope of practice of certified clinical nurse specialists as defined by rules of the board subject to ORS 678.385.

[1999 c.498 §2; 2005 c.462 §4]

**678.372 Rules for clinical nurse specialists.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules to implement ORS 678.370, including but not limited to rules establishing:

- (1) Procedures and requirements for initial issuance and continuation of certification to act as a clinical nurse specialist, including but not limited to educational requirements;
- (2) The scope of practice of clinical nurse specialists, including the authority to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs after approval of an application to do so by the board;
- (3) Educational requirements for clinical nurse specialists applying for prescriptive authority that include but are not limited to:
  - (a) At least 45 contact hours in pharmacology; and
  - (b) Clinical education in patient management, including pharmacotherapeutics, that is comparable to the requirements for completion of a nurse practitioner program;
- (4) The amount of any fees necessary for issuance of the initial certification, renewal of certification, initial application for prescriptive authority and renewal of application for prescriptive authority; and
- (5) Such other rules as may be necessary to implement and administer ORS 678.370.

[1999 c.498 §3; 2005 c.462 §5]

### **(Nurse Practitioners)**

#### **678.375 Nurse practitioners; certificates; prohibitions; authority to sign death certificates; drug prescriptions.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing is authorized to issue certificates of special competency to licensed registered nurses to practice as nurse practitioners if they meet the requirements of the board pursuant to ORS 678.380.

- (2) No person shall practice as a nurse practitioner or hold oneself out to the public or to an employer, or use the initials, name, title, designation or abbreviation as a nurse practitioner until and unless such person is certified by the board.
- (3) A registered nurse, certified as a nurse practitioner, is authorized to complete and sign death certificates. Death certificates signed by a certified nurse practitioner shall be accepted as fulfilling all the requirements of the laws dealing with death certificates. A certified nurse practitioner who signs a death certificate must comply with all provisions of ORS 432.307.
- (4) A registered nurse, certified as a nurse practitioner, is authorized to prescribe drugs for the use of and administration to other persons if approval has been given under ORS 678.390. The drugs which the nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe shall be included within the certified nurse practitioner's scope of practice as defined by rules of the board subject to ORS 678.385.
- (5) The dispensing of certain limited medications prescribed by a nurse practitioner in accordance with the formulary established under ORS 678.385 and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist or an employee thereof may be filled by a pharmacist according to the terms of the prescription. The filling of such a prescription shall not constitute evidence of negligence on the part of the pharmacist if the prescription was dispensed within the reasonable and prudent practice of pharmacy.
- (6) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Drug" means medicines and preparations for internal or external use of human beings which are recognized in the formulary adopted pursuant to ORS 678.385.
  - (b) "Prescribe" means to direct, order or designate the preparation, use of or manner of using by spoken or written words or other means.

[1975 c.205 §8; 1979 c.785 §1; 1993 c.469 §9; 1993 c.571 §28; 2001 c.357 §1; 2001 c.623 §5]

**678.380 Rules for nurse practitioners; scope.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing may adopt rules applicable to nurse practitioners:

- (1) Which establish their education, training and qualifications necessary for certification.
- (2) Which limit or restrict practice.
- (3) Which establish categories of nurse practitioner practice and define the scope of such practice.
- (4) Which establish procedures for maintaining certification, including continuing education and procedures for the reinstatement of certificates rendered void by reason of nonpayment of fees.

[1975 c.205 §9]

**(Prescriptive Authority)**

**678.385 Prescription formulary; rules.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing by rule shall determine the drugs and medicines to be included in the formulary that may be prescribed by a nurse practitioner acting under ORS 678.375 or a clinical nurse specialist acting under ORS 678.370 and 678.372, including controlled substances listed in schedules II, III, III N, IV and V. The board shall revise the formulary periodically. [1979 c.785 §16; 1987 c.79 §1; 1989 c.1006 §4; 1991 c.295 §1; 1993 c.742 §4; 1999 c.536 §1; 2005 c.462 §7]

**678.390 Authority of nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist to write prescriptions or dispense drugs; notice; requirements; revocation; rules.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may grant to a certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist the privilege of writing prescriptions described in the formulary under ORS 678.385.
- (2) A certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist may submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Nursing to dispense prescription drugs. The

Oregon State Board of Nursing shall provide immediate notice to the State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt and upon approval of an application from a certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist for authority to dispense prescription drugs to the patients of the applicant.

- (3) An application for the authority to dispense prescription drugs as authorized under subsection (1) of this section must include:
  - (a) Evidence of completion of a prescription drug dispensing training program jointly developed and adopted by rule by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Pharmacy.
  - (b) Except when a certified nurse practitioner is seeking authority to dispense prescription drugs at a qualified institution of higher education as defined in ORS 399.245, demonstration of a lack of readily available access to pharmacy services in the practice area of the applicant and that the lack of access would be corrected by granting authority to dispense prescription drugs by the applicant. Lack of readily available access to pharmacy services for patients may be established by evidence:
    - (A) That the patients of the applicant are located:
      - (i) Outside the boundaries of a metropolitan statistical area;
      - (ii) Thirty or more highway miles from the closest hospital within the major population center in a metropolitan statistical area; or
      - (iii) In a county with a population of less than 75,000; or
    - (B) Of financial barrier to access, including but not limited to receiving services from a health care safety net clinic or eligibility for participation in a patient assistance program of a pharmaceutical company.
  - (c) Any other information required by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.
- (4) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules requiring:
  - (a) Drugs dispensed by certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists to be in the formulary established under ORS 678.385 and be either prepackaged by a manufacturer registered with the State Board of Pharmacy or repackaged by a pharmacist licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy under ORS chapter 689;
  - (b) Labeling requirements for drugs dispensed by certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists that are the same as labeling requirements required of pharmacies licensed under ORS chapter 689;
  - (c) Record keeping requirements for prescriptions and drug dispensing by a certified nurse practitioner and a certified clinical nurse specialist that are the same as the record keeping requirements required of pharmacies licensed under ORS chapter 689;
  - (d) A dispensing certified nurse practitioner and a dispensing certified clinical nurse specialist to have available at the dispensing site a hard copy or electronic version of prescription drug reference works commonly used by professionals authorized to dispense prescription medications; and
  - (e) A dispensing certified nurse practitioner and a dispensing certified clinical nurse specialist to allow representatives of the State Board of Pharmacy, upon receipt of a complaint, to inspect a dispensing site after prior notice to the Oregon State Board of Nursing.
- (5) The Oregon State Board of Nursing has sole disciplinary authority regarding certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists who have drug dispensing authority.
- (6) The privilege of writing prescriptions and dispensing drugs may be denied, suspended or revoked by the Oregon State Board of Nursing upon proof that the privilege has been abused. The procedure shall be a contested case under ORS chapter 183. Disciplinary action under this subsection is grounds for discipline of the certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist in the same manner as a licensee may

be disciplined under ORS 678.111.

[1979 c.785 §17; 1981 c.693 §29; 1983 c.486 §58; 1985 c.747 §53; 1987 c.79 §2; 1993 c.742 §5; 2003 c.617 §1; 2005 c.462 §6; 2005 c.471 §13]

**678.395** [1995 c.627 §3; repealed by 1996 c.21 §1]

### (Fees)

#### **678.410 Fees; how determined.**

(1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may impose fees for the following:

- (a) License renewal.
- (b) Examination.
- (c) License by indorsement.
- (d) Limited license.
- (e) Examination proctor service.
- (f) Duplicate license.
- (g) Extension of limited license.
- (h) Nurse practitioner certificate.
- (i) Reexamination for licensure.
- (j) Delinquent fee.
- (k) Renewal fee nurse practitioner.
- (l) Verification of a license of a nurse applying for license by indorsement in another state.
- (m) Certified nurse practitioner's initial application and registration for writing prescriptions.
- (n) Renewal of certified nurse practitioner's application for writing prescriptions.
- (o) Approval of training program for nursing assistants.
- (p) Issuance, renewal and delinquency of a nursing assistant certificate.
- (q) Voluntary monitoring program for chemical dependency or an emotional or physical problem.
- (r) Clinical nurse specialist certification established pursuant to ORS 678.370.
- (s) Clinical nurse specialist's initial application for prescriptive authority.
- (t) Renewal of clinical nurse specialist's application for prescriptive authority.
- (u) Inactive license or certificate.
- (v) Retired license or certificate.
- (w) Nationwide criminal records check.

(2) Fees are nonrefundable.

(3) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and a report to the Emergency Board prior to adopting the fees and charges, the fees and charges established under this section shall not exceed the cost of administering the regulatory program of the board pertaining to the purpose for which the fee or charge is established, as authorized by the Legislative Assembly within the board's budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board. If federal or other funds are available to offset costs of administering the program, fees shall be established based on net costs to the state but not to exceed \$75 per biennium for the certification fee under subsection (1)(p) of this section.

[1969 c.71 §7; 1973 c.584 §20; 1975 c.205 §6; 1983 c.221 §4; 1987 c.79 §3; 1989 c.800 §5; 1991 c.193 §3; 1991 c.536 §2; 1991 c.703 §24; 1999 c.420 §3; 1999 c.498 §5; 2001 c.275 §4; 2005 c.380 §3; 2005 c.462 §10; 2007 c.532 §1]

### (Miscellaneous)

**678.420 Declaration of nursing workforce and faculty shortage.** There is declared a nursing workforce and nursing faculty shortage in Oregon. The declaration of the nursing workforce shortage shall remain in effect until the Governor suspends the declaration by

executive action. [2007 c.789 §1]

**Note:** 678.420 and 678.425 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 678 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**678.425 Advisory organizations.** The Oregon Center for Nursing and the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute may serve in advisory capacities to the State Workforce Investment Board, the Joint Boards of Education and other related entities. The Oregon Center for Nursing may advise on education and workforce development issues affecting nursing. The Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute may advise on education and workforce development issues affecting doctors, dentists and other allied health professionals. The Oregon Center for Nursing and the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute may work together to develop comprehensive solutions to the healthcare workforce shortages in Oregon. [2007 c.789 §2]

**Note:** See note under 678.420.

### (Nursing Assistants)

#### **678.440 Nursing assistants; training; effect of employing untrained assistant.**

- (1) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to require that nursing assistants be adequately trained.
- (2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall prepare curricula and standards for training programs for nursing assistants. Such curricula and standards shall provide for additional training for nursing assistants to administer noninjectable medications.
- (3) The Department of Human Services may impose civil penalties or revoke the license of any health care facility that employs any untrained nursing assistant for a period of more than eight weeks without providing for the training prescribed by the board. Any license which is revoked shall be revoked as provided in ORS 441.030.
- (4) As used in this section, "nursing assistant" means a person who assists licensed nursing personnel in the provision of nursing care.

[1977 c.309 §1]

#### **678.442 Certification of nursing assistants; rules.**

- (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall establish standards for certifying and shall certify as a nursing assistant any person who applies therefor, shows completion of an approved training program for nursing assistants and passes a board approved examination.
- (2) In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183, the board may revoke or suspend a certificate issued under this section or may reprimand a nursing assistant for the following reasons:
  - (a) Conviction of the certificate holder of a crime where such crime bears demonstrable relationship to the duties of a nursing assistant. A copy of the record of such conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
  - (b) Any willful fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a certificate or renewal thereof.
  - (c) Use of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to the certificate holder or others or to an extent that such use impairs the ability to conduct safely the duties of a nursing assistant.
  - (d) Violation of any provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.
  - (e) Physical or mental condition that makes the certificate holder unable to

perform safely the duties of a nursing assistant.

- (f) Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant in the performance of duties.
- (3) The board shall establish by rule a procedure for the biennial renewal of nursing assistant certificates. The certificate renewal procedure shall be substantially like the procedure established for the licensing of nurses under ORS 678.101.  
[1989 c.800 §3; 1991 c.536 §1]

**678.444 Standards for training programs for nursing assistants.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall establish standards for training programs for nursing assistants. Upon application therefor, the board shall review and approve programs that meet board standards. The board by means of a contested case proceeding under ORS chapter 183 may revoke approval of any training program that ceases to meet board standards. [1989 c.800 §2]

**678.445 Authority of nursing assistants to administer noninjectable medication; authority of nurse to report questions about continuation of medication.**

- (1) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that the Oregon State Board of Nursing not adopt any standard the practical effect of which is to prohibit a nursing assistant in a long term care facility from administering noninjectable medication except under direct supervision of a registered nurse.
- (2) Where a nurse employed by the long term care facility questions the efficacy, need or safety of continuation of medications being dispensed by that nurse or by another employee of the facility to a patient therein, the nurse shall report that question to the physician or a nurse practitioner, if authorized to do so, ordering or authorizing the medication and shall seek further instructions concerning the continuation of the medication.

[1979 c.770 §18]

**678.505** [1977 c.635 §2; 1981 c.469 §2; renumbered 342.455]

**678.510** [1955 c.489 §1(1),(3),(4),(5); 1957 c.579 §1; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.515** [1977 c.635 §§3,4; 1981 c.469 §3; renumbered 342.475]

**678.520** [1955 c.489 §11; 1957 c.579 §2; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.525** [1977 c.635 §5; 1981 c.469 §4; renumbered 342.465]

**678.530** [1955 c.489 §1(2); 1957 c.579 §3; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.540** [1955 c.489 §5; 1957 c.579 §4; 1961 c.371 §1; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.550** [1955 c.489 §6; 1957 c.579 §5; 1967 c.487 §1; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.560** [1955 c.489 §§7,8; 1957 c.579 §6; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.570** [1955 c.489 §4; 1957 c.579 §7; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.575** [1957 c.579 §17; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.580** [1955 c.489 §9; repealed by 1957 c.579 §8 (678.581 enacted in lieu of 678.580)]

**678.581** [1957 c.579 §9 (678.581 enacted in lieu of 678.580); repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]



**678.590** [1955 c.489 §10; repealed by 1957 c.579 §10 (678.591 enacted in lieu of 678.590)]

**678.591** [1957 c.579 §11 (678.591 enacted in lieu of 678.590); repealed by 1971 c.663 §17 and 1971 c.734 §21]

**678.593** [1957 c.579 §13; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17 and 1971 c.734 §21]

**678.596** [1957 c.579 §15; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.600** [1955 c.489 §2; 1957 c.579 §18; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.610** [1955 c.489 §3; 1957 c.579 §19; 1969 c.314 §81; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

**678.620** [1955 c.489 §13; repealed by 1971 c.663 §17]

## **PENALTIES**

### **678.990 Penalties.**

- (1) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.410 is a Class C misdemeanor.
- (2) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to:
  - (a) Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any license or permit or aid or abet therein under ORS 678.710 to 678.840; or
  - (b) Violate any of the provisions of ORS 678.720.

[Amended by 1953 c.254 §16; subsections (1) and (2) enacted as 1953 c.254 §15; subsection (3) enacted as 1955 c.489 §12; 1957 c.316 §33; 1971 c.663 §16; subsection (3) enacted as 1971 c.663 §13; 1973 c.584 §21]

# Chapter 4 Oregon Laws 2008 Special Session

AN ACT

SB 1062

Relating to health; amending ORS 678.370, 678.375, 678.390 and 689.765; repealing ORS 678.385; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 678.370 is amended to read:

678.370. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall issue a certification to act as a clinical nurse specialist to any nurse who meets the requirements established by the board pursuant to ORS 678.372.

(2) A person may not act as a clinical nurse specialist, use the name, title, designation, initial or abbreviation of clinical nurse specialist or otherwise hold oneself out as a clinical nurse specialist unless the person is certified as a clinical nurse specialist pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A certified clinical nurse specialist is authorized to prescribe drugs for the use of and administration to other persons if approval has been given under ORS 678.390. The authority to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs shall be included within the scope of practice of certified clinical nurse specialists as defined by rules of the board [*subject to ORS 678.385*].

**SECTION 2.** ORS 678.375 is amended to read:

678.375. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing is authorized to issue certificates of special competency to licensed registered nurses to practice as nurse practitioners if they meet the requirements of the board pursuant to ORS 678.380.

(2) No person shall practice as a nurse practitioner or hold oneself out to the public or to an employer, or use the initials, name, title, designation or abbreviation as a nurse practitioner until and unless such person is certified by the board.

(3) A registered nurse, certified as a nurse practitioner, is authorized to complete and sign death certificates. Death certificates signed by a certified nurse practitioner shall be accepted as fulfilling all the requirements of the laws dealing with death certificates. A certified nurse practitioner who signs a death certificate must comply with all provisions of ORS 432.307.

(4) A registered nurse, certified as a nurse practitioner, is authorized to prescribe drugs for the use of and administration to other persons if approval has been given under ORS 678.390. The drugs which the nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe shall be included within the certified nurse practitioner's scope of practice as defined by rules of the board [*subject to ORS 678.385*].

(5) [*The dispensing of certain limited medications*] **A licensed pharmacist may fill and a licensed pharmacist or an employee of the licensed pharmacist may dispense medications** prescribed by a nurse practitioner in accordance with the [*formulary established under ORS 678.385 and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist or an employee thereof may be filled by a pharmacist according to the*] terms of the prescription. The filling of such a prescription [*shall*] **does** not constitute evidence of negligence on the part of the pharmacist if the prescription was dispensed within the reasonable and prudent practice of pharmacy.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Drug" means: [*medicines and preparations for internal or external use of human beings which are recognized in the formulary adopted pursuant to ORS 678.385*]

(A) **Articles recognized as drugs in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official National Formulary, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia, other drug compendium or any supplement to any of them;**

(B) **Articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease**

in human beings;

(C) Articles other than food that are intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings; and

(D) Articles intended for use as a component of any articles specified in subparagraph (A), (B) or (C) of this paragraph.

(b) "Prescribe" means to direct, order or designate the preparation, use of or manner of using by spoken or written words or other means.

**SECTION 3.** ORS 678.390 is amended to read:

678.390. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may grant to a certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist the privilege of writing prescriptions [*described in the formulary under ORS 678.385*], **including prescriptions for controlled substances listed in schedules II, III, III N, IV and V.**

(2) A certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist may submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Nursing to dispense prescription drugs. The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall provide immediate notice to the State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt and upon approval of an application from a certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist for authority to dispense prescription drugs to the patients of the applicant.

(3) An application for the authority to dispense prescription drugs as authorized under subsection (1) of this section must include:

(a) Evidence of completion of a prescription drug dispensing training program jointly developed and adopted by rule by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Pharmacy.

(b) Except when a certified nurse practitioner is seeking authority to dispense prescription drugs at a qualified institution of higher education as defined in ORS 399.245, demonstration of a lack of readily available access to pharmacy services in the practice area of the applicant and that the lack of access would be corrected by granting authority to dispense prescription drugs by the applicant. Lack of readily available access to pharmacy services for patients may be established by evidence:

(A) That the patients of the applicant are located:

(i) Outside the boundaries of a metropolitan statistical area;

(ii) Thirty or more highway miles from the closest hospital within the major population center in a metropolitan statistical area; or

(iii) In a county with a population of less than 75,000; or

(B) Of financial barrier to access, including but not limited to receiving services from a health care safety net clinic or eligibility for participation in a patient assistance program of a pharmaceutical company.

(c) Any other information required by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

(4) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules requiring:

(a) Drugs dispensed by certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists to be [*in the formulary established under ORS 678.385 and be*] either prepackaged by a manufacturer registered with the State Board of Pharmacy or repackaged by a pharmacist licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy under ORS chapter 689;

(b) Labeling requirements for drugs dispensed by certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists that are the same as labeling requirements required of pharmacies licensed under ORS chapter 689;

(c) Record keeping requirements for prescriptions and drug dispensing by a certified nurse practitioner and a certified clinical nurse specialist that are the same as the record keeping requirements required of pharmacies licensed under ORS chapter 689;

(d) A dispensing certified nurse practitioner and a dispensing certified clinical nurse specialist to have available at the dispensing site a hard copy or electronic version of prescription drug reference works commonly used by professionals authorized to dispense prescription medications; and

(e) A dispensing certified nurse practitioner and a dispensing certified clinical nurse specialist to

allow representatives of the State Board of Pharmacy, upon receipt of a complaint, to inspect a dispensing site after prior notice to the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

(5) The Oregon State Board of Nursing has sole disciplinary authority regarding certified nurse practitioners and certified clinical nurse specialists who have drug dispensing authority.

(6) The privilege of writing prescriptions and dispensing drugs may be denied, suspended or revoked by the Oregon State Board of Nursing upon proof that the privilege has been abused. The procedure shall be a contested case under ORS chapter 183. Disciplinary action under this subsection is grounds for discipline of the certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist in the same manner as a licensee may be disciplined under ORS 678.111.

**SECTION 4.** ORS 689.765 is amended to read:

689.765. (1) No drugs shall be dispensed to the public by means of automatic vending machines.

(2) As used in this section, "automatic vending machine" means any mechanical device or contrivance whereby the purchaser is able to secure drugs.

(3) No person shall adulterate for the purpose of sale any drug in such manner as to render it injurious to health, or knowingly sell or offer for sale any adulterated drug.

(4) No person shall manufacture, compound or sell or offer for sale or cause to be manufactured, compounded, sold or offered for sale any drug, compound or preparation for internal or external use under or by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia, Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary which differs from the standard of strength and purity specified therein as official at the time of manufacture, compounding, sale or offering for sale.

(5) No person shall manufacture, compound, sell or offer for sale, or cause to be manufactured, sold or offered for sale, any drug, the strength and purity of which falls below the professed standard of strength and purity under which it is sold.

(6) No person shall sell, give away, barter, dispense, distribute, buy, receive or possess any prescription drug except as authorized by law.

(7) No manufacturer or wholesaler shall sell or otherwise distribute, or offer to sell or otherwise distribute, any drug or device except to a person legally authorized to resell, dispense or otherwise redistribute such drug or device. The board may grant an exemption from the requirement of this subsection in the form of a special permit if the board finds that an exemption is in the best interest of the public health and safety.

(8) Any practitioner who receives any complimentary samples of any controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, shall keep the samples in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet and shall maintain a record of receipts and withdrawals from each inventory of samples. The record requirements shall be specified by rule of the licensing board that has jurisdiction over the practitioner's license. The licensing board may inspect the records and the inventory of samples.

(9)(a) No person may sell, purchase or trade or offer to sell, purchase or trade any drug sample.

(b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, "drug sample" means a unit of a drug, subject to this chapter, that is not intended to be sold and is intended to promote the sale of the drug, and includes a coupon or other form which may be redeemed for a drug.

(10) For purposes of this section and ORS 678.375, distribution of prepackaged complimentary samples of medications by a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist with prescription writing authority shall not constitute dispensing when the sample medication is within the [*established formulary for*] **prescriptive authority granted to** that nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist.

**SECTION 5.** ORS 678.385 is repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect on its passage.

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