

SHORT TITLE: Professions and occupations; certified registered nurse anesthetist scope of practice; effective date.

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;

amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 567.3a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 567.3a), which relates to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act; modifying certain definition; authorizing certain advanced practice registered nurses to diagnose, prescribe, dispense and administer certain medicines, devices and treatments within scope of practice; prohibiting certain titles and abbreviations; expanding certain conditions and criteria; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 567.3a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 567.3a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 567.3a As used in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, Section 567.1 et seq. of this title:

1. "Board" means the Oklahoma Board of Nursing;
2. "The practice of nursing" means the performance of services provided for purposes of nursing diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems consistent with educational preparation. Knowledge and skill are the basis for

assessment, analysis, planning, intervention, and evaluation used in the promotion and maintenance of health and nursing management of illness, injury, infirmity, restoration or optimal function, or death with dignity. Practice is based on understanding the human condition across lifespan and understanding the relationship of the individual within the environment. This practice includes execution of the medical regime including the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any person authorized by state law to so prescribe;

3. "Registered nursing" means the practice of the full scope of nursing which includes, but is not limited to:

- a. assessing the health status of individuals, families and groups,
- b. analyzing assessment data to determine nursing care needs,
- c. establishing goals to meet identified health care needs,
- d. planning a strategy of care,
- e. establishing priorities of nursing intervention to implement the strategy of care,
- f. implementing the strategy of care,
- g. delegating such tasks as may safely be performed by others, consistent with educational preparation and that do not conflict with this act,
- h. providing safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly,
- i. evaluating responses to interventions,
- j. teaching the principles and practice of nursing,
- k. managing and supervising the practice of nursing,
- l. collaborating with other health professionals in the management of health care, and

- m. performing additional nursing functions in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired beyond basic nursing preparation;

4. "Licensed practical nursing" means the practice of nursing under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. This directed scope of nursing practice includes, but is not limited to:

- a. contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups,
- b. participating in the development and modification of the plan of care,
- c. implementing the appropriate aspects of the plan of care,
- d. delegating such tasks as may safely be performed by others, consistent with educational preparation and that do not conflict with this act,
- e. providing safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly,
- f. participating in the evaluation of responses to interventions,
- g. teaching basic nursing skills and related principles, and
- h. performing additional nursing procedures in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired through education beyond nursing preparation;

5. "Advanced practice nurse" means a licensed registered nurse who:

- a. has successfully completed a formal program of study approved by the Board which is designed to prepare registered nurses to perform in an expanded role in the delivery of health care,

- b. is nationally certified by an appropriate certifying body, recognized by the Board, and
- c. has received a certificate of recognition from the Board.

The term advanced practice nurse shall include advanced registered nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives and certified registered nurse anesthetists;

6. "Advanced registered nurse practitioner" means a licensed registered nurse who has met the requirements of paragraph 5 of this section. The advanced registered nurse practitioner performs in an expanded role in the delivery of health care that is:

- a. consistent with advanced educational preparation as an advanced practice nurse in an area of specialty,
- b. functions within the advanced registered nurse practitioner scope of practice denoted for the area of specialization, and
- c. is in accord with the standards for advanced practice nurses as identified by the certifying body and approved by the Board.

Any person who is recognized by the Board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner and wishes to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in this state shall have the right to use the title "Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner" and to the abbreviation "ARNP";

7. "Clinical nurse specialist" means a licensed registered nurse who holds:

- a. a master's degree in nursing with clinical specialization preparation to function in an expanded role,
- b. specialty certification from a national certifying organization recognized by the Board,
- c. a certificate of recognition from the Board, and

- d. any nurse holding a specialty certification as a clinical nurse specialist valid on January 1, 1994, granted by a national certifying organization recognized by the Board, shall be deemed to be a clinical nurse specialist under the provisions of this act.

In the expanded role, the clinical nurse specialist performs at an advanced practice level which shall include but not be limited to:

- a. practicing as an expert clinician in the provision of direct nursing care to a selected population of patients or clients in any setting, including private practice,
- b. managing the care of patients or clients with complex nursing problems,
- c. enhancing patient or client care by integrating the competencies of clinical practice, education, consultation, and research, and
- d. referring patients or clients to other services.

Any person who is recognized by the Board as a clinical nurse specialist shall have the right to use the title "Clinical Nurse Specialist" and abbreviation "CNS";

8. "Nurse-midwife" means a qualified registered nurse who has received a certificate of recognition from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing who possesses evidence of certification according to the requirements of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, and has the right to use the title "Certified Nurse-Midwife" and the abbreviation "CNM";

9. "Nurse-midwifery practice" means providing management of care of normal newborns and women, antepartally, intrapartally, postpartally and gynecologically, occurring within a health care system which provides for medical consultation, medical management

or referral, and is in accord with the standards for nurse-midwifery practice as defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives; and

10. "Certified registered nurse anesthetist" means any person who holds a license to practice as a registered nurse in this state and who:

- a. has successfully completed the educational program of a school of nurse anesthetists accredited by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists,
- b. is certified by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist within one (1) year following completion of such educational program, and continues to maintain such certification current,
- c. administers anesthesia under the supervision of a medical doctor, an osteopathic physician or a dentist licensed in this state and under conditions in which timely onsite consultation by such doctor, osteopath or dentist is available, and
- d. has received a certificate of recognition from the Board.

Any person who is recognized by the Board as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall have the right to use both the title "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist" and the abbreviation "C.R.N.A." "CRNA". No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

A certified registered nurse anesthetist in accordance with his or her scope of practice shall be eligible to obtain recognition as authorized by the Board to diagnose, prescribe, and administer medicines, devices, or treatments as defined by the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to this section. This

authorization shall not include the dispensing of drugs, but shall not preclude the dispensing of professional samples to patients.

The certified registered nurse anesthetist accepts responsibility, accountability, and obligation to practice in accordance with usual and customary advanced practice nursing standards and functions as defined by the scope of practice and role definition statements for the certified registered nurse anesthetist.

This paragraph shall not prohibit the administration of local or topical anesthetics as now permitted by law. Provided further, nothing in this paragraph shall limit the authority of the Board of Governors of Registered Dentists to establish the qualifications for dentists who direct the administration of anesthesia.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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