

Notice of Proposed Regulations Changes – Nursing (NUR), relating to criteria for evaluation of nurse practitioner programs, licensure requirements, retired nurse license status, reinstatement, initial authorization, prescriptive authority, preceptorships, renewal, scope of practice, continuing competency requirements, certification requirements, lapsed certification, nurse aide training program approval, unprofessional conduct, administration of a non-herbal nutritional supplement, delegation of the administration of medication or injectable medication, nursing duties that may not be delegated, executive secretary, and eliminating the term “similar position that performs nurse aide duties.” Notice Published: November 20, 2015.

Below are responses to questions received on the Nursing proposed regulation changes. The period for written comments ends December 23, 2015. To be considered, comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on December 23, 2015.

Regulatory Questions

1 11/30/2015	Would an RN (retired) license allow me to do unpaid volunteer work that requires an RN license?
Answer: No, a retired nurse license would not allow you to practice as an RN in the state. Please see below: 12 AAC 44.311. Retired nurse license status. (a) An individual holding an active unencumbered nursing license with the board may apply for the conversion of a nursing license to a retired nursing license status. An individual holding a retired nursing license status may use the title “advanced practice registered nurse-retired (APRN, Retired)”, “registered nurse-retired (RN, Retired)”, or “licensed practical nurse-retired (LPN, Retired)”, as appropriate, but may not practice, or indicate that the individual is practicing or soliciting to practice APRN, RN, or LPN in the state. A retired nurse license status is valid for the life of the holder and does not require renewal.	
2 12/1/15	If the Board implements the new changes, when would they take effect? For instance, would they take effect in 2018 since we are now in the middle of the next renewal period?
Answer: All regulations go into effect 30 days after filing with the Lt. Governor’s office, if adopted at the board’s January meeting, they would possibly be in effect in early March.	
3 11/30/15	Please clarify if the requirement for applicant’s clinical hours applies to just persons reinstating a retired NP license, or to any NP that is applying for a license renewal. Minimum clinical practice hours would be 320 or else precept for 200 hours?
Answer: The preceptor clinical hours only apply to those people who are reinstating.	
4 12/1/15	Is there any inclusion in this clause or another clause that speaks to answer my questions about aesthetic injections and delegation of such injections; <i>i.e.</i> , botox and dermal fillers. In other practices, I have seen Aestheticians and RNs doing these injections under a medical doctor but am unable to find information regarding a Nurse Practitioner's rights to delegate these injections.
Answer: The regulations do not speak to these substances. The ANP needs to submit a proposal to the Board outlining education, etc.	