

New Mexico Rules & Regulations for Nurses

16.12 NMAC is the New Mexico Administrative Code that clarifies and interprets the Nursing Practice Act and includes 9 parts (listed below with associated objectives for each part). This list is current as of August 2, 2019 but changes can and do occur. Click [here](#) for the most current full documents available on the NM Board of Nursing website.

Part 1 General Provisions

To promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of nursing, certified medication aides, certified hemodialysis technicians, approve schools of nursing and medication aide and hemodialysis technician training programs in the state, as well as the authority to take action against any of the above for failure to meet set minimum standards for licensure, certification or approval as promulgated by the board.

Part 2 Nurse Licensure

To promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of New Mexico.

Part 3 Nursing Education Programs

To safeguard life and health and promote the public welfare by regulating programs of nursing in the state of New Mexico as promulgated by the board. To promote the safe and effective practice of nursing by graduates of nursing education programs. To provide guidance for developing new nursing education programs. To facilitate continued improvement of established nursing education programs. To provide criteria for the evaluation of new and established nursing education programs. To grant recognition and approval that a program of nursing is meeting the required minimal standards and rules as determined by the board. To establish eligibility of graduates of programs of nursing to apply for licensure by examination.

Part 4 Hemodialysis Technicians

Pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, this part establishes the requirements for fees, examinations, endorsement, recertification standards and functions, supervision/director and disciplinary action for hemodialysis technicians. It also establishes requirements for approval of hemodialysis technician programs, minimum standards for hemodialysis training programs, and the hemodialysis technician advisory committee.

Part 5 Medication Aides

Pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act this part establishes the requirements for fees, examination, recertification, standards and functions, supervision/direction, and disciplinary action for medication aides who serve in multiple health care settings except acute care facilities. It also establishes requirements for approval of medication aide programs, minimum standards for medication aide programs, and the medication aide advisory committee for medication aides.

Part 9 Management of Chronic Pain with Controlled Substances

It is the position of the board that certified nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists and clinical nurse specialists with prescriptive authority have an obligation to treat chronic pain and that a wide variety of medicines including controlled substances and other drugs may be prescribed after a thorough evaluation has been completed.

Part 10 Management of Medical Records

To ensure that certified nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialist provide copies of medical records to patients; notify their patients of closing, selling, relocating or leaving a practice and have a system in place for retention, maintenance and destruction of medical records.

Part 11 Lactation Care Providers

To promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state by establishing standards for licensure and regulation of licensed lactation care providers in New Mexico.