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## Board of Nursing

### Mississippi Board of Nursing Scope of Practice Decision Making Model for APRN/RN/LPN

The Mississippi Board of Nursing recognizes that nursing practice is reflective of the dynamic changes occurring in healthcare and society. As such, it is impossible for the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law and the Mississippi Board of Nursing Administrative Code to provide a comprehensive listing of the duties that licensed nurses are permitted to perform. The licensed nurse is charged with providing nursing care in circumstances which are consistent with the nurse's education. The purpose of the decision-making model is *to provide a tool* to assist nurses, nursing students, and healthcare facilities in making sound judgment when determining whether an activity, task, procedure, role, or intervention can be safely performed. This Model should undergo periodic review by the Board's Practice Committee at minimum every three (3) years.

**Is the activity, skill, procedure, role or intervention prohibited by the Mississippi NPA/Administrative Code, board rules/regulations, accreditation standards or professional scope of practice?**

Nursing Practice Act: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/nursing-practice-act>  
Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing:  
<https://www.msbn.ms.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Part%202830%20-%20Practice%20of%20Nursing.pdf>  
Administrative Code/Advanced Practice:  
<https://www.msbn.ms.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Part%202840%20-%20Advanced%20Practice.pdf>



**Is performing the activity, function, intervention, task, or role consistent with current evidence-based practice research or scope of practice from national nursing organizations?**

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Position Statements: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/practice/position-statements>  
Frequently asked questions: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs>



**Is there an authorized medical order for the procedure?**

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**Does the facilities current policies and procedures in the practice area support performing the activity, function, procedure, task, or intervention for the license type held by the nurse?**

Position Statements: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/practice/position-statements>  
Frequently asked questions: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs>  
National Council State Boards of Nursing: <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>



**Has the nurse completed the necessary education and/or certification to safely perform the activity, function, procedure, task, or intervention in the organization or facility?**

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Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Part%202840%20-%20Advanced%20Practice.pdf>



**Is there documented evidence of the nurse's current competence (knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgments) to safely perform the activity, function, intervention, task or role?**

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**Does the nurse have the appropriate resources to perform the activity, function, task, intervention, or role in the organization or facility?**

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**Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform the activity, intervention, or role in a similar circumstance with similar training and experience?**

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**Is the nurse prepared to accept accountability for the activity, function, task, intervention, or role and for the related outcomes?**

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The nurse may perform the activity, task, function, intervention, or role to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care.

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