

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Practice Decision

The Role of the RN in Sexual Assault Examination

As previously decided by the board, it is within the scope of the RN to conduct post-coital examinations and examination of specimens. This is considering it is within the facility policy and the following criteria have been met.

1. The RN has the required certification including, but not limited to SANE certification.
2. The RN has completed a comprehensive course, including demonstrated competency, to prepare them for those duties beyond their basic nursing education. For example, a sexual assault or women's health course/internship in accordance with NAC.632.225.
3. The RN has demonstrated competencies set forth by the facility and/or overseeing licensed provider.
4. Standardized procedures and protocols are established by the facility and/or overseeing licensed provider.
5. Refer to the [NSBN SANE](#) Practice Decision for Forensic Evidence Collection.

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