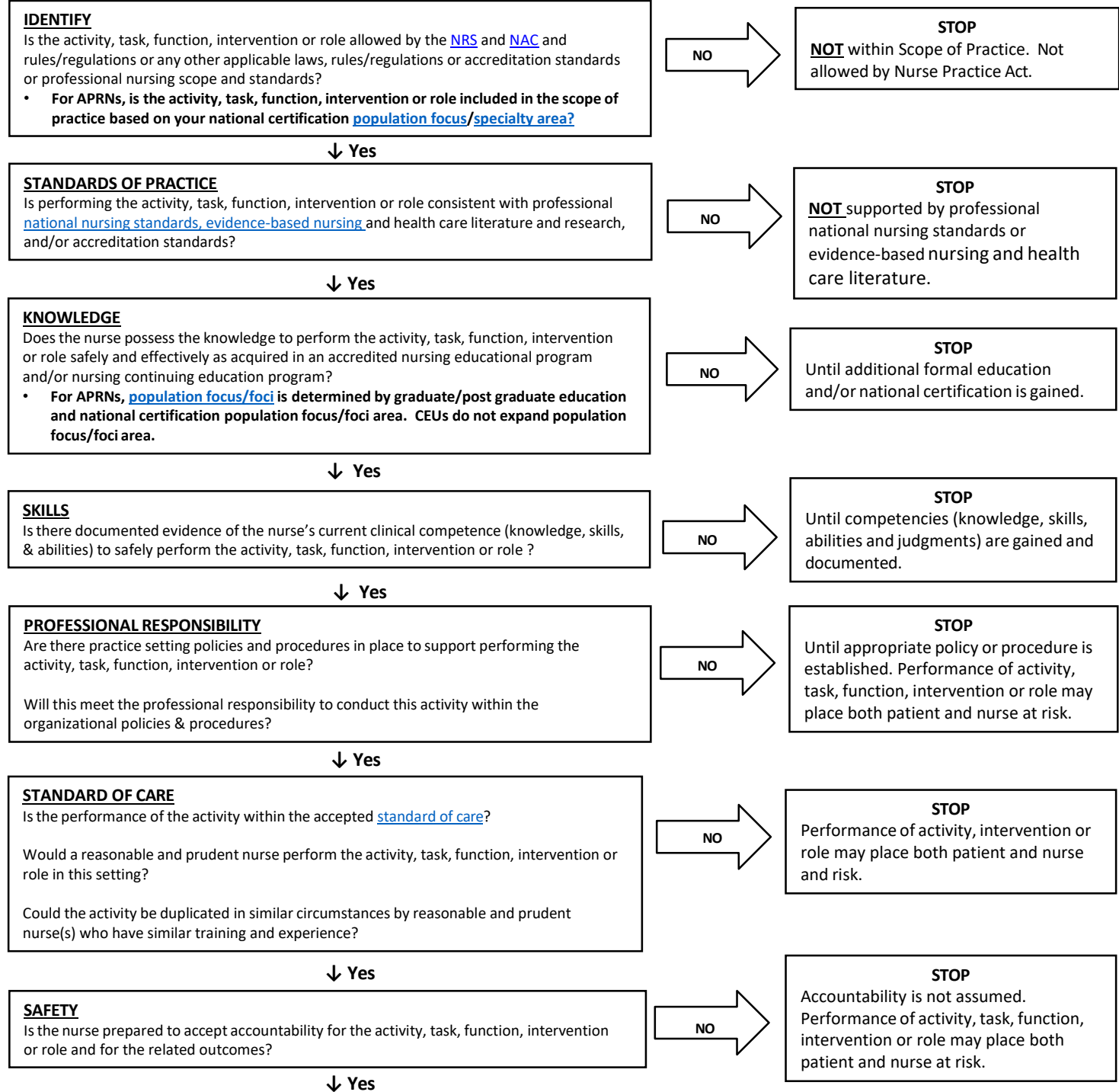


Nevada State Board of Nursing - Scope of Nursing Practice Decision Making Framework

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), or Registered Nurse (RN)

The NSBN works to empower Nevada nurses regarding determining their own scope of practice. The Board's mission is the regulation of nursing practice in Nevada; this regulation does not mean dictating how individual nurses and nursing facilities should carry out that practice, but whether or not that practice meets the standards established by the Nevada Nurse Practice Act. Using the following algorithm, the nurse may decide what is within their scope, with the knowledge, skills, and training, and to provide policies & procedures to reflect that practice.

Determination: If you are unable to determine whether the act, task, skill, function, activity, intervention or role is within your **formal education and population focus (i.e., scope of practice)**, consider the following:



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

If you are unable to determine whether the task/skill is within your scope of practice: 1. Has the Nevada State Board of Nursing made a practice decision regarding the task/skill in question? 2. Is the task/skill in your hiring agency policy and procedure manual? ([NAC 632.225](#) or [632.242](#)) 3. Is your competency in performing this task/skill documented in your personnel file? ([NAC 632.225](#)) 4. Does carrying out the duty pass the "Reasonable and Prudent" standard for nursing? 5. Is the action reflective of the consumer's desires and is it appropriately authorized? If you cannot answer "yes" to the above, and if no practice decision exists, use the [Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature \(CINAHL\)](#) process (NAC 632.110) as described in Nurse Practice Regulations [NAC 632.225](#), subsection 3, for Registered Nurses; for Licensed Practical Nurses, [NAC 632.242](#), subsection 3, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses [NAC 632.255](#). If the task is not addressed in [CINAHL](#), you may request a Board Practice Decision by obtaining the proper forms from a Board office, doing the research using criteria provided by the Board, and submitting 12 copies of your results for review and consideration by the Board's Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. After the Committee makes a recommendation, the Board's conclusion will be relayed to the requester following the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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