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LPN IV CERTIFICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am IV certified in another state, does my certification transfer to Nevada?

Yes, IF the certification program you took meets the standards established by Nevada law. Please see NAC 632.475: Subjects and hours required for course on intravenous therapy; evidence of maintenance or improvement of knowledge and skills. ([NRS 632.120](#)) for the course requirements. If your course does not meet these requirements, your employer may offer the supplementation needed to fulfill the full expectation. Should this be needed, your employer must ensure they meet the requirements noted in NAC 632.470: Course on intravenous therapy: Place of instruction; facility ([NRS 632.120](#)).

Is my IV certification attached to my Nevada license?

No, Nevada State Board of Nursing does not issue IV certification. Your Certificate of Completion for the course you took (and any additional certificates provided by your employer to fulfill the entire requirement) is what you would need to provide if proof is requested.

Am I required to show my IV certification or training to the Nevada State Board of Nursing?

Only if it is requested. Such a request may occur if there is an adverse event related to your IV practice. The Board investigator may request a copy of your certification documents to ensure that you are qualified to perform the procedure that resulted in an adverse outcome.

Do I need to renew my IV certification?

The certification does not expire; however your skills must be maintained pursuant to NAC 632.242 Additional duties in area of specialization (2) The licensed practical nurse and his or her employer shall each maintain evidence of (b) Annual verification of the nurse's continued competency regarding that knowledge, skill and ability through recertification or records of evaluations documenting satisfactory repeated performances of the knowledge, skill and ability in the nurse's area of practice.

How do I know if my IV certification from another state will meet the requirements for Nevada?

The course must meet the requirements of NAC 632.475 Subjects and hours required for course on intravenous therapy; evidence of maintenance or improvement of knowledge and skills. ([NRS 632.120](#))

1. The course must include the following subjects:
 - (a) The current regulation concerning licensed practical nurses and intravenous therapy;
 - (b) The anatomy, physiology and physics related to intravenous therapy;
 - (c) Identifying the purposes of intravenous therapy;
 - (d) Identifying the major routes for fluid replacement;
 - (e) Locating and naming the common intravenous sites;

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- (f) Identifying the types of fluids used in intravenous therapy;
 - (g) Preparing patients for intravenous therapy;
 - (h) Administering intravenous therapy, including:
 - (1) Setting up equipment for intravenous therapy;
 - (2) Inserting devices that act like needles in the periphery;
 - (3) Inserting tubing into bottles of additives;
 - (4) Calculating drops per minute;
 - (5) Regulating intravenous flow according to calculation;
 - (6) Using electronic regulating mechanisms;
 - (7) Superimposing and piggybacking containers of solutions;
 - (8) Discontinuing peripheral intravenous devices that act like needles; and
 - (9) Recording intravenous therapy;
 - (i) Identifying possible complications from intravenous therapy;
 - (j) The management of intravenous therapy;
 - (k) The pharmacology of medications and solutions used in intravenous therapy;
 - (l) The appropriate technique for changing a sterile dressing on a peripheral and central venous site; and
 - (m) Flushing and drawing blood from a peripherally inserted central catheter.
2. The course must include at least 30 hours of instruction and 10 hours of clinical or laboratory practice. The clinical or laboratory practice must include three successful venipunctures on live subjects or through the use of a simulator.
3. A licensed practical nurse shall provide evidence of the maintenance or improvement of his or her knowledge and skills required to perform venipuncture and intravenous therapy to his or her employer or the Board, or both, upon request.

[Bd. of Nursing, § V subsec. E pars. 3 & 6, eff. 8-21-81] — (NAC A 3-26-90; 1-24-92; R112-11, 2-15-2012; R091-15, 4-4-2016)

If the course does not meet these requirements, then your employer may train you for the balance of the hours that are missing (instruction and clinical).