VOCATIONAL NURSING PRACTICE ACT
WITH
RULES AND REGULATIONS
INCLUDES AMENDMENTS THROUGH January 1, 2000

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
SECTION 2840-2858

Vocational Nursing Practice Act

2840. This chapter of the Business and Professions Code constitutes the chapter on vocational nursing and may be cited as the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.

2840.5. (a) The Legislature hereby declares the practice of licensed vocational nursing to be a profession.
(b) This section shall not be construed to affect the laws relating to the practice of registered nursing, including the provisions of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700), nor any existing regulations relating to registered nurse staffing of licensed health facilities.
(c) The intent of this section shall not be construed to mean that licensed vocational nurses are to be considered as professional employees as defined in Sections 3507.3 and 3533 of the Government Code.

2841. There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California, consisting of 11 members.
Within the meaning of this chapter, board, or the board, refers to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California.
This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and, as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

2841.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

2842. (a) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California. The board shall have the following composition:
(1) Two members shall be duly licensed vocational nurses who have been licensed for a period of not less than three years prior to appointment.
(2) Two members shall be licensed psychiatric technicians, each of whom shall have had not less than five years' experience in a psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric unit of a hospital licensed by the State Department of Health Services, or a private institution...

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licensed by the State Department of Health Services.

(3) One member shall be a licensed vocational nurse or registered nurse who shall have had not less than five years' experience as a teacher or administrator in an accredited school of vocational nursing.

(4) Six members shall be public members who are not licentiates of the board or any other board under this division or of any board referred to in Sections 1000 and 3600.

(b) No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive terms.

(c) Per diem and expenses of members of the board who are licensed psychiatric technicians shall be paid solely from revenues received pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 4500) of Division 2.

2843. Members of the board shall be appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

Appointments to the office shall be for a term of four years expiring on June 1st.

The Governor shall appoint four of the public members and the licensed members of the board qualified as provided in Section 2842. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a public member, and their initial appointment shall be made to fill, respectively, the first and second public member vacancies which occur on or after January 1, 1983.

2845. The Governor has the power to remove any member of the board from office for neglect of any duty required by law, or for incompetency, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

2846. The board at its first meeting after appointment, and annually thereafter at its first meeting in each year, shall elect from its members a president, vice president, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The officers of the board shall hold their respective positions during its pleasure.

2847. (a) The board shall select an executive officer who shall perform duties as are delegated by the board and who shall be responsible to it for the accomplishment of those duties.

(b) The person selected to be the executive officer of the board shall be a duly licensed vocational nurse under this chapter, a duly licensed professional nurse as defined in Section 2725, or a duly licensed psychiatric technician. The executive officer shall not be a member of the board.

(c) With the approval of the Director of Finance, the board shall fix the salary of the executive officer.

(d) The executive officer shall be entitled to traveling and other necessary expenses in the performance of his or her duties. He or she shall make a statement, certified before some duly authorized person, that the expenses have been actually incurred.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and, as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

2848. The board for the purpose of transacting its business shall meet at least twice each year, at times and places it designates by resolution.

2849. Special meetings may be held at such times as the board may elect, or on the call of the president of the board, or of not less than five members thereof.

A written notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be mailed by the executive officer to all members of the board who are not parties to the call, at least 15 days before the day of the meeting.

2850. Meetings may be held at any time and place by the written consent of all members of the board.

2851. Six members of the board constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting.

2852. The board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, including a register of all applicants for licenses under this chapter and the action of the board upon each application.

2853. The office of the board shall be in the City of Sacramento. Suboffices may be established in Los Angeles and San Francisco and such records as may be necessary may be transferred temporarily to them. Legal proceedings against the board may be instituted in any county in which any of the three cities above mentioned is located.

2854. The board shall prosecute all persons guilty of violating the provisions of this chapter.

It may employ such clerical assistance as it may deem necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter. The board may fix the compensation to be paid for such services and may incur such other expenses as it may deem necessary.

The board may adopt, amend, or repeal such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

2855. Each member of the board shall receive a per diem and expenses as provided in Section 103.
2857. The board shall issue a license designated as licensed vocational nurse license.

2858. The board shall accept in payment of any fee required by this chapter cash or any customary or generally accepted medium of exchange, including check, cashier's check, certified check or postal money order. For the purposes of this section, customary or generally accepted medium of exchange does not include postage stamps.
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2859. The practice of vocational nursing within the meaning of this chapter is the performance of services requiring those technical, manual skills acquired by means of a course in an accredited school of vocational nursing, or its equivalent, practiced under the direction of a licensed physician, or registered professional nurse, as defined in Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code.

A vocational nurse, within the meaning of this chapter, is a person who has met all the legal requirements for a license as a vocational nurse in this State and who for compensation or personal profit engages in vocational nursing as the same is hereinabove defined.

2860. This chapter confers no authority to practice medicine or surgery or to undertake the prevention, treatment or cure of disease, pain, injury, deformity, or mental or physical condition in violation of any provision of law.

2860.5. A licensed vocational nurse when directed by a physician and surgeon may do all of the following:
   (a) Administer medications by hypodermic injection.
   (b) Withdraw blood from a patient, if prior thereto such nurse has been instructed by a physician and surgeon and has demonstrated competence to such physician and surgeon in the proper procedure to be employed when withdrawing blood, or has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of instruction approved by the board, or has demonstrated competence to the satisfaction of the board.
   (c) Start and superimpose intravenous fluids if all of the following additional conditions exist:
       (1) The nurse has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of instruction approved by the board or has demonstrated competence to the satisfaction of the board.
       (2) The procedure is performed in an organized health care system in accordance with the written standardized procedures adopted by the organized health care system as formulated by a committee which includes representatives of the medical, nursing, and administrative staffs. "Organized health care system," as used in this section, includes facilities licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, clinics, home health agencies, physician's offices, and public or community health services. Standardized procedures so adopted will be reproduced in writing and made available to total medical and nursing staffs.

2860.7. (a) A licensed vocational nurse, acting under the direction of a physician may perform: (1) tuberculin skin tests, coccidioidin skin tests, and histoplasmin skin tests, providing such administration is within the course of a tuberculosis control program, and (2) immunization techniques, providing such administration is upon standing orders of a supervising physician, or...
pursuant to written guidelines adopted by a hospital or medical group with whom the supervising physician is associated.

(b) The supervising physician under whose direction the licensed vocational nurse is acting pursuant to subdivision (a) shall require such nurse to:

(1) Satisfactorily demonstrate competence in the administration of immunizing agents, including knowledge of all indications and contraindications for the administration of such agents, and in the recognition and treatment of any emergency reactions to such agents which constitute a danger to the health or life of the person receiving the immunization; and

(2) Possess such medications and equipment as required, in the medical judgment of the supervising physician and surgeon, to treat any emergency conditions and reactions caused by the immunizing agents and which constitute a danger to the health or life of the person receiving the immunization, and to demonstrate the ability to administer such medications and to utilize such equipment as necessary.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require physical presence of a directing or supervising physician, or the examination by a physician of persons to be tested or immunized.

2861. This chapter does not prohibit the performance of nursing services by any person not licensed under this chapter, provided, that such person shall not in any way assume to practice as a licensed vocational nurse.

2861.5. A person licensed under this chapter who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency which occurs outside both the place and the course of his employment shall not be liable for any civil damages as the result of acts or omissions in rendering the emergency care. This section shall not be construed to grant immunity from civil damage to any person whose conduct in rendering emergency care is grossly negligent.

2862. Vocational nursing services may be rendered by a student enrolled in an accredited school of vocational nursing when these services are incidental to his or her course of study.

2863. This chapter does not prohibit vocational nursing or the care of the sick, with or without compensation or personal profit, when done by the adherents of and in connection with the practice of the religious tenets of any well recognized church or denomination, so long as they do not otherwise engage in the practice of vocational nursing.

2864. Every licensee under this chapter may be known as a licensed vocational nurse and may place the letters "L.V.N." after his name.
2866. An applicant for a licensed vocational nurse license shall comply with each of the following:
   (a) Be at least 17 years of age.
   (b) Have successfully completed at least an approved course of study through the 12th grade or the equivalent thereof as specified by the board.
   (c) Have successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited school of vocational nursing or have graduated from a school which, in the opinion of the board, maintains and gives a course which is equivalent to the minimum requirements for an accredited school of vocational nursing in this state.
   (d) Not be subject to denial of licensure under Section 480.

2867. An applicant for a license authorizing him to practice vocational nursing in this State under this chapter, upon the filing of his application shall pay the fee required by this chapter.

2867.5. Every person to whom a license is issued after August 30, 1962, shall, as a condition precedent to its issuance, and in addition to any other fee which may be payable, pay the initial license fee prescribed by this chapter.

2867.6. After receiving the results of having passed the examination and upon receipt of the initial license fee required by subdivision (e) of Section 2895, the board shall issue a receipt or temporary certificate which will serve as a valid permit for the licensee to practice under this chapter.

2868. The board shall hold not less than two examinations each year for applicants desirous of practicing vocational nursing in this State, at such times and places as the board may determine.

2870. Examinations shall be written, but in the discretion of the board may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination in such subjects as the board determines. All examinations shall be conducted by such persons and in such manner and under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe.

   The board shall finally pass or reject all applicants. Its actions shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review by any court or other authority.

2871. Any applicant who fails to pass his first examination may take a second examination upon payment of the fee required by this chapter.

2872. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who passes the examination. The form of the license shall be determined in accordance with Section 164.
2872.1. The board upon written application and receipt of the required application fee may issue a license without examination to any applicant who possesses a valid, unrevoked license as a vocational nurse or practical nurse issued by any other state or a foreign country, and who in the opinion of the board meets all the other requirements set forth in Sections 2866 and 2873.

2872.2. An applicant for license by examination shall submit a written application in the form prescribed by the board.

After completion of a board accredited or approved nursing program and approval of the application, the board may issue an interim permit authorizing the applicant to practice vocational nursing pending the results of the first licensing examination.

If the applicant passes the examination, the interim permit shall remain in effect until an initial license is issued by the board. If the applicant fails the examination, the interim permit shall terminate upon notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, or if the applicant fails to receive the notice, upon the date specified in the interim permit.

A permittee shall function under the supervision of a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse, who shall be present and available on the premises during the time the permittee is rendering professional services. The supervising licensed vocational nurse or registered nurse may delegate to the permittee any function taught in the permittee's basic nursing program.

An interim permittee shall not use any title or designation other than vocational nurse interim permittee or "V.N.I.P."

2873. Any person possessing either the education or the experience, or any combination of both the education and the experience, equivalent to that acquired in an accredited school of vocational nursing may be licensed as a vocational nurse under the provisions of this chapter, provided that he successfully demonstrates to the board that he possesses the necessary qualifications, and successfully passes such examinations or tests as may from time to time be required by the board.

2873.5. Any person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the armed forces, in which no less than an aggregate of 12 months was spent in rendering bedside patient care, and who has completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by his or her particular branch of the armed forces, and whose service in the armed forces has been under honorable conditions, or whose general discharge has been under honorable conditions, shall be granted a license upon proof that he or she possesses the necessary qualifications of this section, as set forth in his or her service records, and upon his or her passing an examination.

2873.6. (a) Any person who on the effective date of this section is employed as a medical technical assistant or as a senior medical
technical assistant by the Department of Corrections or the
Department of the Youth Authority, who served on active duty in the
medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States or who
served in the United States Public Health Service, in which no less
than an aggregate of 12 months was spent in rendering patient care,
who completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by
the United States Public Health Service, or by his or her particular
branch of the armed forces, and who was honorably discharged
therefrom, shall be granted an employment restricted license upon
proof that he or she possesses the necessary qualifications of this
section as set forth in his or her service and discharge records. An
employment restricted license issued pursuant to this subdivision
shall authorize the holder thereof to practice vocational nursing
only within a facility of the Department of Corrections or the
Department of the Youth Authority and shall be valid only for the
period of employment. In order to obtain a nonrestricted license as
a vocational nurse, a medical technical assistant shall apply and
take the examination as required and normally administered by the
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.

(b) On and after the effective date of this section, no person
shall be appointed as a medical technical assistant by the Department
of Corrections or the Department of the Youth Authority unless the
person complies with one of the following:

1. Is a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse.

2. Has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the
armed forces of the United States or who served in the United States
Public Health Service, in which no less than an aggregate of 12
months was spent in rendering patient care, who completed the basic
course of instruction in nursing required by the United States Public
Health Service, or by his or her particular branch of the armed
forces, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom. The
Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority
are authorized only to hire persons who are eligible for licensure,
and as a condition of employment shall require that those persons
obtain a license as a vocational nurse within six months of
employment. He or she shall be supervised by a registered nurse or
physician and surgeon and shall not administer medications until
licensed.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), any person who was granted a
restricted vocational nurse’s license pursuant to that subdivision
and who was employed in the psychiatric unit of the California
Medical Facility at the time of the unit’s transfer from the
Department of Corrections to the State Department of Mental Health on
July 1, 1988, shall continue to hold his or her license.
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2875. Every licensee may be disciplined as provided in this article. The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein.

2876. The board shall discipline the holder of any license, whose default has been entered or who has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
   (a) Suspending judgment.
   (b) Placing him upon probation.
   (c) Suspending his right to practice vocational nursing for a period not exceeding one year.
   (d) Revoking his license.
   (e) Taking such other action in relation to disciplining him as the board in its discretion may deem proper.

2877. If the holder of a license is suspended, he shall not be entitled to practice vocational nursing during the term of suspension and shall return his license to the board.

Upon the expiration of the term of suspension, he shall be reinstated by the board and shall be entitled to resume his practice of vocational nursing unless it is established to the satisfaction of the board that he has practiced vocational nursing in this state during the term of suspension. In this event, the board shall revoke his license.

2878. The board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter for any of the following:
   (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
      (1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions.
      (2) A conviction of practicing medicine without a license in violation of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), in which event the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
      (3) The use of advertising relating to nursing which violates Section 17500.
   (4) The use of excessive force upon or the mistreatment or abuse of any patient. For the purposes of this paragraph, "excessive force" means force clearly in excess of that which would normally be applied in similar clinical circumstances.
   (5) The failure to maintain confidentiality of patient medical information, except as disclosure is otherwise permitted or required by law.
   (6) Failure to report the commission of any act prohibited by this section.
(b) Procuring a certificate by fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake.
(c) Procuring, aiding, abetting, attempting, or agreeing or offering to procure or assist at, a criminal abortion.
(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter.
(e) Making or giving any false statement or information in connection with the application for issuance of a license.
(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
(g) Impersonating any applicant or acting as proxy for an applicant in any examination required under this chapter for the issuance of a license.
(h) Impersonating another practitioner, misrepresenting professional credentials or licensure status, or permitting another person to use his or her certificate or license.
(i) Aiding or assisting, or agreeing to aid or assist any person or persons, whether a licensed physician or not, in the performance of or arranging for a violation of Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220) of Chapter 5.
(j) The commission of any act involving dishonesty, when that action is related to the duties and functions of the licensee.
(k) The commission of any act punishable as a sexually related crime, if that act is substantially related to the duties and functions of the licensee.
(l) Except for good cause, the knowing failure to protect patients by failing to follow infection control guidelines of the board, thereby risking transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases from licensee to patient, from patient to patient, and from patient to licensee. In administering this subdivision, the board shall consider referencing the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the State Department of Health Services developed pursuant to Section 1250.11 of the Health and Safety Code and the standards, guidelines, and regulations pursuant to the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300), Division 5, Labor Code) for preventing the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B, and other blood-borne pathogens in health care settings. As necessary, the board shall consult with the California Medical Board, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Dental Examiners, and the Board of Registered Nursing, to encourage appropriate consistency in the implementation of this subdivision.

The board shall seek to ensure that licentiates and others regulated by the board are informed of the responsibility of licentiates and others to follow infection control guidelines, and of the most recent scientifically recognized safeguards for minimizing the risk of transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases.

2878.1. (a) If a licensed vocational nurse has knowledge that another person has committed any act prohibited by Section 2878, the licensed vocational nurse shall report this information to the board in writing and shall cooperate with the board in furnishing information or assistance as may be required.
(b) Any employer of a licensed vocational nurse shall report to the board the suspension or termination for cause of any licensed vocational nurse in its employ. In the case of licensed vocational
nurses employed by the state, the report shall not be made until
after the conclusion of the review process specified in Section 52.3
of the California Code of Regulations and Skelly v. State Personnel
Bd. (1975) 15 Cal.3d 194. This required reporting shall not
constitute a waiver of confidentiality of medical records. The
information reported or disclosed shall be kept confidential except
as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 800 of the Business and
Professions Code and shall not be subject to discovery in civil
cases.

(c) For purposes of the section, “suspension or termination for
cause” is defined as suspension or termination from employment for
any of the following reasons:

(1) Use of controlled substances or alcohol to the extent that it
impairs the licensee’s ability to safely practice vocational nursing.

(2) Unlawful sale of a controlled substance or other prescription
items.

(3) Patient or client abuse, neglect, physical harm, or sexual
contact with a patient or client.

(4) Falsification of medical records.

(5) Gross negligence or incompetence.

(6) Theft from patients or clients, other employees, or the
employer.

(d) Failure of an employer to make a report required by this
section is punishable by an administrative fine not to exceed ten
thousand dollars ($10,000) per violation.

(e) Pursuant to Section 43.8 of the Civil Code, no person shall
incur any civil penalty as a result of making any report required by
this chapter.

(f) The board shall implement this section contingent upon the
necessary funding in the annual Budget Act.

2878.5. In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional
conduct within the meaning of this chapter, it is unprofessional
conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the
following:

(a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except
as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist or
podiatrist administer to himself or herself or furnish or administer
to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 of the
Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug as defined in Section
4022.

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 of the
Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug as defined in Section
4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous
or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public,
or to the extent that the use impairs his or her ability to conduct
with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her
license.

(c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving possession of any
narcotic or dangerous drug, or the prescription, consumption, or
self-administration of any of the substances described in
subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the record
of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.

(d) Be committed or confined by a court of competent jurisdiction
for intertemporal use of or addiction to the use of any of the
substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in
which event the court order of commitment or confinement is prima
an order of registration pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code. No petition shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against the petitioner.

(f) Except in those cases where the petitioner has been disciplined for a violation of Section 822, the board may in its discretion deny without hearing or argument any petition that is filed pursuant to this section within a period of two years from the effective date of a prior decision following a hearing under this section.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter the provisions of Sections 822 and 823.

2878.8. The board may deny any application or may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter based upon the denial of licensure, suspension, restriction, or other disciplinary action of a license by another state, any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the finding shall be conclusive evidence of that action provided that, if from another state, the findings establish an act which if committed in California would be grounds for discipline.

2878.9. The board may issue an initial license on probation, with specific terms and conditions, to any applicant who has violated any term of this chapter, but who has met all other requirements for licensure and who has successfully completed the examination for licensure within four years of the date of issuance of the initial license.
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2880. The board shall prepare and maintain a list of accredited schools of vocational nursing in this State whose graduates, if they have the other necessary qualifications provided in this chapter, shall be eligible to apply for a license to practice vocational nursing in this State.

2881. An accredited school of vocational nursing is one which has been approved by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, gives a course of instruction in vocational nursing of not less than 1530 hours or 50 semester units approved by the board pursuant to Section 2882 whether the same be established by the State Board of Education, other educational institutions, or other public or private agencies or institutions and is affiliated or conducted in connection with one or more hospitals.

One hour of instruction for purposes of computing the total hours of instruction or for calculating semester units as specified in this section shall consist of not less than 50 minutes of actual class time.

2881.1. The board shall deny the application for accreditation made by, and shall revoke the accreditation given to, any school of vocational nursing which does not give to student applicants credit, in the field of nursing, for previous education and the opportunity to obtain credit for other acquired knowledge by the use of challenge examinations or other methods of evaluation.

The board shall prescribe, by regulation, the education for which credit is to be given and the amount of credit which is to be given for each type of education, including the amount of credit to be given to a certified nurse assistant and to a nurse assistant who has provided direct nursing services in health facilities.

2882. The course of instruction of an accredited school of vocational nursing shall consist of not less than the required number of hours of instruction in such subjects as the board may from time to time by regulation determine, together with the required number of hours in the care of medical, surgical, obstetrical patients, sick children, and such other clinical experience as from time to time may be determined by the board.

The board shall, by regulation, provide for the approval of courses of instruction expressed in hours of instruction, or academic units, or which require satisfactory demonstration of skills and behavioral competencies.

2883. It shall be the duty of the board, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in this
state at such times as the board shall deem necessary. Written reports of the representative's visits shall be made to the board, which shall thereupon approve as accredited such schools of nursing as meet the requirements provided by the board.

Upon receiving the report of the representative, if the board determines that any accredited school of vocational nursing is not maintaining the standard required by the board, notice thereof in writing specifying the defect or defects shall be immediately given to the school. If the defects are not corrected within a reasonable time, the school of nursing may be removed from the accredited list and notice thereof in writing given to it.

2884. None of the provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to any school or schools conducted by any well recognized church or denomination for the purpose of training the adherents of such church or denomination in the care of the sick in accordance with its religious tenets.
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2885. It is unlawful for any person or persons not licensed as provided in this chapter to impersonate in any manner or pretend to be a licensed vocational nurse, or to use the title "Licensed Vocational Nurse," the letters "L.V.N.," or any other name, word or symbol in connection with or following his name so as to lead another or others to believe that he is a licensed vocational nurse.

2886. It is unlawful for a person to wilfully make any false representation or to impersonate any other person or permit or aid any person in any manner to impersonate him in connection with any examination or application for a license, or request to be examined or licensed.

2887. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon a conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 days nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than twenty dollars ($20) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment.