

Texas Board of Nursing
Resource List

Acronyms and abbreviations used in Resource List and select definitions:

BON = Board of Nursing

CNE = Continuing Nursing Education

FAQ = Frequently Asked Question

NPA = Nursing Practice Act; Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code is specifically cited as the Nursing Practice Act. Several chapters that follow Chapter 301 are also under the regulation or authority of the BON and are collectively referred to as the NPA. This includes Chapter 303, and 304. These may be accessed via the Nursing Laws and Rules link on the BON website, click on the Nursing Practice Act link to reach these sections of the Texas Occupations Code.

Electronic Portfolio= Nurses must ensure that they are staying abreast of current industry practices, technology and treatment regimens, and update their clinical skills. As a result, nurses must keep up with many pieces of valuable information and documents associated with their professional growth. Technology has made the nurse's responsibility of demonstrating continuing competency easier with the use of electronic portfolios. An electronic portfolio is a tool that assists nurses collect and store information on computers or with an internet service. This tool enables nurses to track and retrieve their information and documents when needed. The types of information that can be saved in electronic portfolios are:

- License renewal
- Education
- Certifications
- Work history
- Honors and Awards
- Continuing education

Topic	Subject area	Resources
APRN role in delegation	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(3); FAQ on BON web site: Delegation and the Advanced Practice Nurse (Nursing Practice FAQs)
Area of Practice	Licensure and Regulation	Defined in Rule 216.1 (4); Referenced in Rule 216.3 (a) & (b) Frequently Asked Question: What does "area of practice" mean? (Nursing Education, then Continuing Competency Requirements for Nurses (CE) then Continuing Competency FAQs)
Board functions	Licensure and Regulation	Rule 211.2 (b)
Board reportable Minor Incident	Peer Review	Rule 217.16 NPA 301.401 (2) & NPA 301.419
Boundary Violations	Ethics	Rule 217.1 (29); Rule 217.11(1) (J); Rule 217.12(6) (D); BON Bulletin: Jan '08, pg. 4-5; BON Bulletin July 2010, p. 6; BON

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		Bulletin January 2011, p 4; National Council of State Boards of Nursing web page: Professional Boundaries Brochure: https://www.ncsbn.org/ProfessionalBoundaries_Complete.pdf .
CE Requirements for License Renewal	Licensure and Regulation	Chapter 216; Brochure: Continuing Competency Requirements
Certification	Licensure and Regulation	Rules in Chapter 216 {definition in Rule 216.1(7); for license renewal Rule 216.3 (b), information on acceptable certifications: Brochure: Continuing Competency Requirements}
Conduct: reportable/non-reportable	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401(1), Rule 217.11(1)(K), Rule 217.16
Criminal Conduct	Ethics	NPA 301.4535; Rule 213.28; Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct
Continuing Competency	Licensure and Regulation	Rules in Chapter 216
Delegation: APRN role	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(3); FAQ on BON web site: Delegation and the Advanced Practice Nurse
Delegation: Licensure Level for	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(3)(B), Rules in Chapters 224 and 225
Differentiate Role of LVN versus RN	Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice Section of Web Page: Position Statements 15.2, 15.3, 15.7, 15.8, 15.13, 15.24, <u>15.27, 15.28</u> , FAQ on BON website on LVNs Performing Triage/Telephonic Nursing/Being On-Call
Differentiate Training, Supervision, and Delegation	Nursing Practice	Rules 224.4 (3), 224.6, 224.7, 224.10, 225.4(6), 225.9, 225.13, and 217.11 (1) (S), (1)(U), (2), (3); Position Statements 15.27 and 15.28; and BON Bulletin July 2011, page 5.
Due Process: Incident-Based Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.19(d)
Due Process: Safe Harbor Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(h)
Due Process Exclusions: Incident-Based Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.19(f)
Due Process Exclusions: Safe Harbor Peer Review	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(f)

Ethical Conduct	Ethics	Rules 213.27, 213.28, 213.29, 213.30 and 217.12
File a complaint	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457, Complaint Form and FAQs under Disciplinary Action Section of BON website
Fitness to practice	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401, 301.410, Rule 213.29 and Disciplinary Sanction Policy http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/pdfs/chemical.pdf ; BON Bulletins: April '07, pg 5, Jan '06, pg 7-8.
Good Professional Character	Ethics	Rule 213.27 (a), NPA 301.452(b), Rule 217.12 Disciplinary Sanction Policies https://www.bon.texas.gov/discipline_and_complaints_policies_and_guidelines.asp Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/disciplinaryaction_pdfs/Guidelines-CriminalConduct.pdf
Grounds for Disciplinary Action	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452, 301.453, 301.4535
Guidelines	Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice Section of Web Page Under “Guidelines/Interpretive Guidelines”
Identification	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.351 and Rule 217.10
Investigation of Complaints	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457; Rule 213.13, Disciplinary Action: http://www.bon.texas.gov/discipline_and_complaints_what_happens_when_a_complaint_gets_filed.asp
Invoking Safe Harbor	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(d), Three forms at this link: https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_safe_harbor.asp
Licensure Level for Delegation:	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(3)(B), Rules in chapters 224 and 225
License Renewal	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.301, 301.3011, 301.302; 301.303, 301.305, 301.306, 301.307, Rules in Chapter 216, and Rule 217.6
License Required	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.251
License Verification	Licensure and Regulation	Verification & Licensing: Verify a License Online; January 2008 BON Bulletin/ front page
Mandatory Reporting Requirements	Disciplinary Action	By individual nurse: NPA 301.402, 301.4025 and Rule 217.11(K) By others: NPA 301.403, 301.404, 301.405, 301.406, 301.407, 301.408, 301.409, 301.410

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Minor Incident, Definition	Peer Review	NPA 301.419 and Rules 217.16, 217.19 (a)(9) & 217.20 (a)(9)
Minor Incident, Board reportable	Peer Review	Rule 217.16 NPA 301.401 (2) & NPA 301.419
Mission	Licensure and Regulation	Home page BON web site; NPA first page; first page of BON Bulletin (box at top of page)
Multi State Recognition	Licensure and Regulation	Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304; and Rules in Chapter 220
Name Badge	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.351 and Rule 217.10
Nurse's Duty to Patient	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11(1)(B); Position Statement 15.14; FAQ – Nursing Practice on When Does Nurse's Duty Begin and End
Nursing Process	Nursing Practice	NPA 301.002; Rule 217.11(2)(A), (3)(A)
Nurse Licensure Compact	Licensure and Regulation	Texas Occupations Code 304; and Rules in Chapter 220
Peer Review: Purpose	Peer Review	Texas Occupations Code 303.001(5); Rule 217.19 (a) (14) & Rule 217.20 (a) (14)
Position Statements	Nursing Practice	On web page, under Nursing Practice
Practice Fitness	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401, 301.410, Rule 213.29 and Disciplinary Sanction Policy http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/pdfs/chemical.pdf ; BON Bulletins: April '07, pg 5, Jan '06, pg 7-8.
Professional Boundaries	Ethics	Rule 217.1 (29); Rule 217.11(1) (J); Rule 217.12(6) (D); BON Bulletin: Jan '08, pg 4-5; BON Bulletin July 2010, p. 6; BON Bulletin January 2011, p 4; National Council of State Boards of Nursing web page: Professional Boundaries Brochure: https://www.ncsbn.org/ProfessionalBoundaries_Complete.pdf .
Protections: Safe Harbor	Peer Review	NPA 301.352, 303.005(c); Rule 217.20(e); FAQs on BON Web Page on Peer Review
Refusing an Assignment: Safe Harbor	Peer Review	Rules 217.20(e)(4), (g)(1)(A)-(B); FAQs on BON Web Page on Peer Review: https://www.bon.texas.gov/practice_peer_review.asp
Refusing an Assignment: Safe Harbor – Mandatory Requirement	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(g)(2)

Reporting a Nurse (how to)	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.457, Complaint Form and FAQs under Disciplinary Action Section of BON website
Reporting a Nurse: Mandatory	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.401 By individual nurse: NPA 301.402, 301.4025 and Rule 217.11(K) By others: NPA 301.403, 301.404, 301.405, 301.406, 301.407, 301.408, 301.409, 301.410
Role of BON in relation to employer	Licensure and Regulation	FAQ on BON Web Page/Nursing Practice Section: When Does a Nurse's Duty to a Patient Begin and End?
Role of BON in relation to Nursing (Professional) Associations	Licensure and Regulation	FAQ on BON Web Page/Nursing Practice Section: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Role of LVN versus RN	Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice Section of Web Page: Position Statements 15.2, 15.3, 15.7, 15.8, 15.13, 15.24, and 15.27 ; FAQ on BON website on LVNs Performing Triage/Telephonic Nursing/Being On-Call
Rule 217.11	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11
Rules in relation to Statutes	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.151; Rule 211.1; FAQ under Nursing Practice: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Safe Harbor: Invoking	Peer Review	Rule 217.20(d); Three forms at this link: https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_safe_harbor.asp
Safe Harbor Protections	Peer Review	NPA 301.352, 303.005(c); Rule 217.20(e); FAQs on BON Web Page on Peer Review
Scope of Practice	Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice: Scope of Practice Link on Web Page
Six-Step Model	Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice Section of Web Page Under "Scope of Practice"
Standards of Nursing Practice	Nursing Practice	Rule 217.11
Statutes in relation to Rules	Licensure and Regulation	Introduction section at the front of the NPA; NPA 301.151; Rule 211.1; FAQ under Nursing Practice: Differentiating the Role of the Texas Board of Nursing from the Role of Nursing (Professional) Associations
Stipulations	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.463, 301.468, 301.469 and Rule 213.1(27), Disciplinary Section of BON website/Recent Disciplinary Action, BON Bulletin: (RN Update) Jan '01 pgs. 6-7
Supervise LVN Practice	Nursing Practice	NPA 301.353; Rule 217.11 (2) and Position Statement 15.27, The Licensed Vocational Nurse Scope of Practice

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Temporary permit	Licensure and Regulation	Rule 217.3; and Rules and Guidelines Governing the Graduate Vocational and Registered Nurse Candidates or Newly Licensed Vocational or Registered Nurse
Title Protection	Licensure and Regulation	NPA 301.251 and 301.4515; and rule 217.10
Unprofessional Conduct	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452(b)(12); Rule 217.12; Disciplinary Sanction Policies https://www.bon.texas.gov/discipline_and_complaints_policies_and_guidelines.asp Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/disciplinaryaction_pdfs/Guidelines-CriminalConduct.pdf
Unprofessional Conduct	Ethics	NPA 301.452; and Rules 213.28, 213.29, 217.12
Violations (nursing actions)	Disciplinary Action	NPA 301.452, Rule 217.11, Rule 217.12
Whistleblower Protections	Peer Review	NPA 301.352 and Rules 217.19(m) 217.20(e)(2) and (l)

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