



South Dakota Board of Nursing

South Dakota Department of Health

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Display of Nursing Credentials

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is authorized by the state of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-1.1, to safeguard life, health and the public welfare; and to protect citizens from unauthorized, unqualified and improper application of nursing practices.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing issues opinions as to what constitutes safe nursing practice. As such, an opinion is not a regulation of the Board and does not have the force and effect of law. An opinion is issued as a guideline to licensees who wish to engage in safe nursing practice, and to facilitate the delivery of safe, effective nursing care to the public.

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Statement

A licensed practical nurse or licensed registered nurse, including those nurses licensed in advanced practice roles, should clearly identify himself or herself as officially licensed by the Board of Nursing. Licensed nurses should display their legal title or abbreviation of their legal title, (i.e. RN, LPN, CRNA, CNS, CNP or CNM) on their identification badge or nametag when providing nursing care to clients.

Applicable South Dakota Nursing Laws

1. [36-9-2 Evidence of qualification and license required to practice nursing](#)