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**OPINION: EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION & RECOGNITION**  
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**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE:**  
Practice & Education Committee

An advisory opinion adopted by WSBN is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion of WSBN regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the functions of nursing. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure the safety of their patient population and/or decrease risk.

Within the Scope of Practice/Role of APRN RN LPN CNA

**ADVISORY OPINION**  
**EDUCATIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION & RECOGNITION**

In accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-21-122(c)(iii) of the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act (NPA), the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) has approved the following Advisory Opinion on Educational Preparation for Licensure, Certification & Recognition.

**APRN Licensure Requirement**

- (i) Applicant shall:
- (A) Meet qualifications for RN licensure by examination or endorsement;
  - (B) Graduate from a graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nurse educational program;
  - (C) Complete a program of study in a role and population focus area of advanced practice registered nursing; and
  - (D) Successfully pass a national certification examination.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 2(a)(i)(A)-(D) (Dec. 2013).*

**APRN Prescriptive Authority**

- (i) Applicant shall:
- (B) Submit evidence of completion of coursework in pharmacology and clinical management of drug therapy within the five (5) year period immediately before the date of application, specifically:
    - (I) Two (2) semester credit hours, or
    - (II) Three (3) quarter credit hours, or
    - (III) Thirty (30) contact hours of coursework.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 4(a)(i)(B) (Dec. 2013).*

**RN/LPN Licensure Requirement**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Graduate from a state board-approved nursing RN or LPN education Program; and
- (D) Successfully pass the NCLEX specific to RN or LPN education program.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 2(b)(i)(A) and (D) (Dec. 2013).*

**LPN IV Therapy**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Meet qualifications for LPN licensure by examination or endorsement; and
- (B) Complete a state Board-approved LPN IV basic or advanced course.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 4(b)(i)(A) and (B) (Dec. 2013).*

**CNA Certification Requirement**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Graduate from a state board-approved CNA training and competency evaluation program; and
- (D) Successfully pass the NATCEP.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 2(c)(i)(A) and (D) (Dec. 2013).*

**CNA II**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination, endorsement or deeming; and
- (B) Complete a Board-approved CNA II training and competency evaluation program.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 4(d)(i)(A) and (B) (Dec. 2013).*

**MA-C**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Meet qualifications for State CNA II certification;
- (B) Complete a Board-approved MA-C training and competency evaluation program; and
- (C) Successfully pass a MA-C examination.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 4(c)(i)(A)-(C) (Dec. 2013).*

**Home Health Aide**

(i) Applicant shall:

- (A) Meet qualifications for CNA by examination, endorsement, or deeming; and
- (B) Complete a Board-approved Home Health Assistant training and competency evaluation program.

*Rules Wyo. Dept. of Admin. & Info., Bd. of Nursing, Ch. 2, § 4(e)(i)(A) and (B) (Dec. 2013).*