

Alaska State Board of Nursing
Education Advisory Opinions
Explanatory Statement about Advisory Opinions

An advisory opinion adopted by the Alaska Board of Nursing 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 the Alaska Board of Nursing regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the health and safety of the Alaska healthcare consumer. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure safety of their patient.

Topic	Opinion	Date
Certified Nurse Aide medication course	Board approves the Medication Administrations Course Requirements. Courses are submitted to Board for approval.	Dec-05
Nursing education program approval guidelines	Board accepts the "Guidelines for Nursing Education Program Approval"	Dec-05
Refresher course clinical	clinical may be done in outpatient settings	Dec-07
Registered Nurse Refresher Courses must be approved by the Board of Nursing prior to enrollment, per AS 08.68.251(b)(1) and 12 AAC 44.600-660.	RN Refresher course from Parkland College, online, was not approved by the Board, per AS 08.68.251(b)(1) and 12 AAC 44.600-660. No exception would be made for Tamara Williams, who completed a non-Board approved course	Mar-07
RN refresher courses	Board approved the University of Delaware RN refresher course with the stipulation that Alaska Students must complete 100 clinical hours	Oct-11
RN refresher courses	The Board accepted the Michigan State University College of Nursing-RN refresher course	Jan-12
RN refresher courses	Board approved "A New Day" refresher course provided that the course complies with Alaska statute 08.68.251. www.ndrnrefresher.com	Oct-13

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