

314.031 Unlawful acts relating to nursing.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to call or hold herself or himself out as or use the title of nurse or to practice or offer to practice as a nurse unless licensed or privileged under the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or to offer to operate or to represent or advertise the operation of a school of nursing unless the school of nursing has been approved under the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to employ a nurse unless the nurse is licensed or privileged under the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for any nurse, employer of nurses, or any person having knowledge of facts to refrain from reporting to the board a nurse who:
 - (a) Has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor involving drugs, alcohol, fraud, deceit, falsification of records, a breach of trust, physical harm or endangerment to others, or dishonesty under the laws of any state or of the United States; or
 - (b) Is suspected of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license, credential, or privilege to practice nursing; or
 - (c) Is suspected of negligently or willfully acting in a manner inconsistent with the practice of nursing; or
 - (d) Is suspected of being unfit or incompetent to practice nursing by reason of negligence or other causes including, but not limited to, being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill or safety; or
 - (e) Is suspected of violating any provisions of this chapter; or
 - (f) Has a license, privilege, or credential to practice as a nurse denied, limited, suspended, probated, revoked, or otherwise disciplined in another jurisdiction on grounds sufficient to cause a license, privilege, or credential to be denied, limited, suspended, probated, revoked, or otherwise disciplined in this Commonwealth; or
 - (g) Is practicing nursing without a current active license, privilege, or valid temporary work permit issued by the board; or
 - (h) Is suspected of misusing or misappropriating any drugs placed in the custody of the nurse for administration, or for use of others;
 - (i) Is suspected of falsifying or in a negligent manner making incorrect entries or failing to make essential entries on essential records;
 - (j) Is suspected of abusing controlled substances, prescription medications, illegal substances, or alcohol; or
 - (k) Is suspected of violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning any patient, except as authorized or required by law.

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