



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-24-01 Definition of terms.

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For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (A) Those definitions found in section 4723.89 of the Revised Code, and the following.
- (B) "Board" means the Ohio board of nursing.
- (C) "Certificate to practice" means the certificate issued by the board in accordance with section 4723.89 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Certified doula" means an individual who holds a certificate to practice issued or renewed by the board under section 4723.89 of the Revised Code.
- (E) "Client" means the recipient of doula services as defined in section 4723.89 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Continuing education" means a planned learning activity that builds upon a certified doula's certification program, and/or education and work experience, and enables a certified doula to acquire or improve skills, knowledge or best practice that promotes professional or technical development and is approved by the board under Chapter 4723-14 of the Administrative Code, or that is offered by a doula certifying organization that is recognized on an international, national, state, or local level, for training and certifying doulas, or that is accepted by such an organization to satisfy its own continuing education requirements for maintenance of, or renewal of, its doula certification.
- (G) "Doula" means a trained, nonmedical professional who advocates for, and provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to, a pregnant woman through the delivery of a child and immediately after the delivery, including any of the following periods:
 - (1) The antepartum period;



(2) The intrapartum period;

(3) The postpartum period.

(H) "Inactive certificate" means the status of the certificate that an individual has placed on inactive status. An individual with an inactive certificate does not hold a current, valid certificate.

(I) "Lapsed certificate" means the status of a certificate of an individual who did not meet all of the requirements of certificate renewal and has not requested prior to the renewal deadline that the board place the certificate on inactive status.