



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-26-01 Definition of terms.

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

(A) "Administrator" means the individual who is administratively responsible for a community health worker training program.

(B) "Board" means the Ohio board of nursing.

(C) "Certificate to practice" means the certificate issued by the board in accordance with section 4723.85 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Clinical experience" means a task or activity planned to meet course objectives or outcomes and to provide community health worker students with the opportunity to practice cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills related to the delivery of care by community health workers. This experience may take place in a community setting or other appropriate site.

(E) "Community health worker" and "certified community health worker" mean an individual who satisfies both of the following:

(1) As a community representative, advocates for clients in the community by assisting them in accessing community health and supportive resources through the provision of such services as education, role modeling, outreach, home visits, or referrals; and

(2) Holds a certificate to practice issued or renewed by the board under section 4723.85 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Continuing education" means a planned learning activity that builds upon a community health worker's precertification education program and enables a community health worker to acquire or improve skills, knowledge or behavior that promotes professional or technical development or the



enhancement of career goals and is approved by the board under Chapter 4723-14 of the Administrative Code.

(G) "Curriculum" means the standard minimum curriculum to be used in a board-approved training program for community health workers as provided in rule 4723-26-13 of the Administrative Code.

(H) "Delegation" means the transfer of responsibility for the performance of selected nursing tasks from a registered nurse to a community health worker.

(I) "Didactic" means the component of an educational program that provides faculty-interactive instruction and includes lecture, verbal instruction, or other means of exchanging theoretical information between instructor and students.

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

(K) "Laboratory experience" means an activity planned to meet course objectives or outcomes and to provide a community health worker student with the opportunity to practice cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills in the delivery of care, that takes place in a learning resource center or other appropriate location.

(L) "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 placed the certificate on inactive status prior to the renewal deadline.

(M) "Patient" means the recipient of a nursing task delegated by a registered nurse and may include an individual, group, or community.

(N) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code that authorizes the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

(O) "Representative of the board" means an employee of the board or an individual designated by



the board to act on its behalf.

(P) "Survey" means an announced or unannounced survey of a community health worker training program by a representative of the board to determine whether the program meets or maintains the minimum standards required by the board. The survey may include a site visit.

(Q) "Supervision by a registered nurse" means initial and ongoing direction, procedural guidance, observation, and evaluation by a registered nurse who is continually available in person, or by some form of telecommunication, of the nursing tasks performed by a community health worker. For purposes of Chapter 4723-26 of the Administrative Code, supervision by a registered nurse is not required when a community health worker is performing non-nursing tasks.