



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4723.03 Unlicensed practice.

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(A) No person shall engage in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse, represent the person as being a registered nurse, or use the title "registered nurse," the initials "R.N.," or any other title implying that the person is a registered nurse, for a fee, salary, or other consideration, or as a volunteer, without holding a current, valid license as a registered nurse under this chapter.

(B) No person shall knowingly do any of the following without holding a current, valid license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse issued under this chapter:

(1) Engage in the practice of nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse;

(2) Represent the person as being an advanced practice registered nurse;

(3) Use the title "advanced practice registered nurse," the initials "A.P.R.N.," or any other title implying that the person is an advanced practice registered nurse, for a fee, salary, or other consideration, or as a volunteer.

(C) No person who is not otherwise authorized to do so shall knowingly prescribe or personally furnish drugs or therapeutic devices without holding a current, valid license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse issued under this chapter and being designated as a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner under section 4723.42 of the Revised Code;

(D) No person shall engage in the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse, represent the person as being a licensed practical nurse, or use the title "licensed practical nurse," the initials "L.P.N.," or any other title implying that the person is a licensed practical nurse, for a fee, salary, or other consideration, or as a volunteer, without holding a current, valid license as a practical nurse under this chapter.



(E) No person shall use the titles or initials "graduate nurse," "G.N.," "professional nurse," "P.N.," "graduate practical nurse," "G.P.N.," "practical nurse," "P.N.," "trained nurse," "T.N.," or any other statement, title, or initials that would imply or represent to the public that the person is authorized to practice nursing in this state, except as follows:

(1) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as a registered nurse may use that title and the initials "R.N.";

(2) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse may use that title and the initials "L.P.N.";

(3) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designated as a certified registered nurse anesthetist may use that title or the initials "A.P.R.N.-C.R.N.A.";

(4) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designated as a clinical nurse specialist may use that title or the initials "A.P.R.N.-C.N.S.";

(5) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designated as a certified nurse-midwife may use that title or the initials "A.P.R.N.-C.N.M.";

(6) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse and designated as a certified nurse practitioner may use that title or the initials "A.P.R.N.-C.N.P.";

(7) A person licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse may use the title "advanced practice registered nurse" or the initials "A.P.R.N."

(F) No person shall employ a person not licensed as a registered nurse under this chapter to engage in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

No person shall knowingly employ a person not licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under this chapter to engage in the practice of nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse.



No person shall employ a person not licensed as a practical nurse under this chapter to engage in the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse.

(G) No person shall sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any nursing diploma, license, certificate, renewal, or record, or aid or abet such acts.