

Florida Laws and Rules Governing the Practice of Nursing (Echelon) Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. Which entity is the primary regulatory board for nursing licensure in Florida?**
 - A. Florida Center for Nursing**
 - B. Florida Department of Health**
 - C. Florida Board of Nursing (FBON)**
 - D. Florida Nurses Association**

- 2. Which organization is described as enhancing recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses in the state?**
 - A. Florida Department of Health**
 - B. Florida Board of Nursing**
 - C. Florida Center for Nursing**
 - D. Florida Nurses Association**

- 3. Which of the following activities is within the scope of practice for a certified nurse midwife?**
 - A. Deliver a baby**
 - B. Intubate a patient**
 - C. Perform surgery**
 - D. Perform a tracheostomy**

- 4. Endorsement licensure applies to applicants who hold a nursing license in another state.**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Only if certain conditions are met**
 - D. Not applicable**

- 5. ____ is based on the mandated laws of the society and country of residence.**
 - A. Ethical standards**
 - B. Hospital policies**
 - C. Legal practice**
 - D. Patient rights**

- 6. To sit for the licensing exam, the applicant must provide information for what statewide check?**
- A. Criminal records**
 - B. Fingerprints**
 - C. Four years**
 - D. Meets the qualifications**
- 7. According to the RN scope of practice, all of the following are appropriate services except which activity?**
- A. Administering insulin subcutaneously**
 - B. Changing a dressing**
 - C. Obtaining vital signs**
 - D. Prescribing medications**
- 8. Which licensed health professional should be the direct supervisor of a medical assistant?**
- A. CNA**
 - B. RN**
 - C. Physician**
 - D. CRNA**
- 9. Which set of authorities governs nursing licensure and practice in Florida?**
- A. Florida Statute XXXII; Chapter 456; Chapter 464**
 - B. Florida Administrative Code & Register**
 - C. Florida Administrative Code: Title 64B9**
 - D. Department of Health: Rules and Regulations**
- 10. The FBON consists of how many members?**
- A. Eleven members**
 - B. Thirteen members**
 - C. Sixteen members**
 - D. Nine members**

Answers

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1. C
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. B

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Explanations

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1. Which entity is the primary regulatory board for nursing licensure in Florida?

- A. Florida Center for Nursing**
- B. Florida Department of Health**
- C. Florida Board of Nursing (FBON)**
- D. Florida Nurses Association**

The Florida Board of Nursing (FBON) is the official regulatory authority for nursing licensure in Florida. It sets licensure requirements, issues licenses to practice as a nurse, and enforces standards of practice through disciplinary actions to protect the public. It operates within the Florida Department of Health, which provides administrative support and oversees health-related boards, but the board itself is the licensing and regulatory decision-maker. The Florida Center for Nursing focuses on workforce data and planning, not licensure, while the Florida Nurses Association is a professional association, not a licensing authority.

2. Which organization is described as enhancing recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses in the state?

- A. Florida Department of Health**
- B. Florida Board of Nursing**
- C. Florida Center for Nursing**
- D. Florida Nurses Association**

The Florida Center for Nursing is the statewide organization focused on nursing workforce development, including recognizing excellence, supporting incentive programs, and promoting ongoing renewal and professional development for nurses across Florida. It works to recruit, retain, and advance the nursing workforce, coordinating recognition and renewal activities on a state level. In contrast, the Department of Health handles licensure and public health regulation, the Florida Board of Nursing licenses and disciplines nurses, and the Florida Nurses Association is a professional advocacy group for nurses.

3. Which of the following activities is within the scope of practice for a certified nurse midwife?

- A. Deliver a baby**
- B. Intubate a patient**
- C. Perform surgery**
- D. Perform a tracheostomy**

Delivering a baby is within a certified nurse midwife's scope because CNMs are trained and certified to provide obstetric care, including labor and delivery, as well as immediate postpartum management. They attend births, monitor labor progress, manage normal and low-risk deliveries, and provide newborn assessment and education following birth. This is the core area where CNMs practice independently within their certification and collaborating healthcare settings. In contrast, intubating a patient is an advanced airway management procedure typically reserved for physicians or other providers with specific anesthesia or critical-care authority. Performing surgery, such as any operative procedure, and performing a tracheostomy are surgical interventions that fall outside the midwifery scope and usually require surgical training and physician oversight.

4. Endorsement licensure applies to applicants who hold a nursing license in another state.

A. True

B. False

C. Only if certain conditions are met

D. Not applicable

Endorsement licensure is the pathway for a nurse who already holds an active license in another state to become licensed in Florida. The process recognizes existing licensure and uses verification of that license, along with Florida-specific requirements (such as background checks and fees), rather than requiring the applicant to retake the national exam. So, the statement is true because endorsement is specifically designed for applicants who already hold a nursing license in another state. If a nurse's out-of-state license is active and in good standing and the Florida requirements are met, licensure by endorsement is the route used.

5. ____ is based on the mandated laws of the society and country of residence.

A. Ethical standards

B. Hospital policies

C. Legal practice

D. Patient rights

Laws and regulations create binding, enforceable standards for nursing practice. They are the rules that professionals must follow because they come from government authority and carry penalties for violations. In nursing, this means statutes and administrative codes set the duties, scope of practice, licensure requirements, and mandatory actions like reporting certain information or obtaining consent. Ethical standards, while important, guide what is appropriate and morally sound but are not legally enforceable in the same way. Hospital policies are internal guidelines that align with the law but are not themselves imposed by the broader society; they can be more stringent but can vary by facility. Patient rights describe protections for patients, often reflected in law, but the overarching framework that compels behavior in everyday practice is the legal system. Therefore, the statement points to legal practice as it is grounded in mandated laws.

6. To sit for the licensing exam, the applicant must provide information for what statewide check?

- A. Criminal records**
- B. Fingerprints**
- C. Four years**
- D. Meets the qualifications**

The test is looking for the statewide criminal history background check. When applying for licensure, Florida requires you to provide information so authorities can verify your criminal records at the state level, ensuring you haven't been disqualified by prior convictions. Submitting fingerprints is the method used to perform that check, linking your identity to both state and national records. The other options don't fit because four years isn't a type of check, and while fingerprints are part of the process, the requirement is the criminal history check itself, not the mere act of taking fingerprints, and meeting qualifications isn't a check.

7. According to the RN scope of practice, all of the following are appropriate services except which activity?

- A. Administering insulin subcutaneously**
- B. Changing a dressing**
- C. Obtaining vital signs**
- D. Prescribing medications**

The main idea here is understanding what registered nurses are allowed to do under their scope of practice. RNs provide direct patient care, including administering medications that have been ordered, changing dressings, and taking or monitoring vital signs. Prescribing medications, however, requires prescriptive authority and is reserved for physicians or advanced practice nurses (with authorized prescribing rights) and certain other prescribers. Therefore, the activity that is not appropriate for an RN is prescribing medications. The other tasks—administering insulin by subcutaneous route, changing a dressing, and obtaining vital signs—are all standard nursing responsibilities when done under proper orders and protocols.

8. Which licensed health professional should be the direct supervisor of a medical assistant?

- A. CNA
- B. RN
- C. Physician**
- D. CRNA

Direct supervision of a medical assistant should come from a licensed health professional who is ultimately responsible for patient care and who can authorize tasks within the assistant's scope. A physician fits this role best because they hold the overarching responsibility for the patient's treatment plan and can directly delegate appropriate clinical tasks to the medical assistant while ensuring patient safety and compliance with standards of care. A licensed physician assistant or an APRN could also supervise in many settings, but among the given options, the physician is the standard direct supervisor. A CNA is not a licensed health professional capable of providing direct supervision, and a CRNA, while a licensed practitioner, is a specialized role (anesthetist) not typically the general direct supervisor for a medical assistant in a standard practice. Remember, medical assistants perform tasks under supervision and cannot diagnose or treat patients.

9. Which set of authorities governs nursing licensure and practice in Florida?

- A. Florida Statute XXXII; Chapter 456; Chapter 464**
- B. Florida Administrative Code & Register
- C. Florida Administrative Code: Title 64B9
- D. Department of Health: Rules and Regulations

Licensure and regulation of nurses in Florida come from the state's statutes that establish and authorize the profession's rules, not merely from administrative rules alone. The Nursing Practice Act is found in Chapter 464, Florida Statutes, and it sets the standards for who can be licensed, the scope of nursing practice, and the grounds for discipline. The broader framework for licensing professional practitioners is outlined in Chapter 456, which covers professional practice and the creation and authority of the boards (including the Board of Nursing) that oversee licensure. The Florida Administrative Code (and its Title 64B9 for nursing) provides the implementing rules that carry out those statutes—spelling out the specific licensing procedures, continuing education requirements, and disciplinary processes. Together, these statutory chapters and their implementing rules govern nursing licensure and practice in Florida.

10. The FBON consists of how many members?

- A. Eleven members**
- B. Thirteen members**
- C. Sixteen members**
- D. Nine members**

Thirteen members. Florida law sets the Florida Board of Nursing to include eleven registered nurses actively practicing in Florida, one licensed practical nurse actively practicing in Florida, and one consumer member who is not a nurse. This mix brings professional nursing expertise together with public representation to oversee licensure, discipline, and standards of practice. It's why the board isn't smaller or larger—the statutory composition is thirteen in total.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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