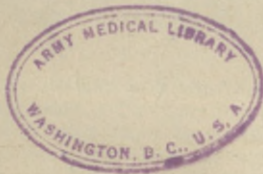


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**84-1001.—Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia; creation; appointment; qualifications; terms of office; vacancies.**—The Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia is hereby created. It shall be composed of five persons who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years. The appointment shall be made from a list of five members of the Georgia State Nurses' Association, to be furnished to the Governor by the said Association. No two of the nurses so appointed shall have graduated from the same training school. All vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term from like nominations furnished to him by the said Association within 30 days after the vacancy occurs: Provided, that if the said Association shall fail to make the nominations herein required, the governor shall make such appointments by nominating such members of the nursing profession hereto as may seem to him to be proper. (Acts 1927, p. 247.) Cross-references.—Punishment for violation of this Chapter see § § 84-9915, 84-9916.

**84-1002.—Organization of Board; president; vacancy, how filled.**—The members of the Board of Examiners shall organize by the election of one of its members to be the president, who shall hold office for a period of one year and until a successor is elected and qualified; said officer shall be elected by the Board annually, and in case of vacancy in said office, the Board shall, within 40 days after the vacancy occurs, elect one of its number to fill the said office; and in the event there is no such election within the time named, the Governor shall appoint a member of said Board to fill the vacancy. The Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, is required to certify to the Governor the name of the officer so elected; any vacancy shall likewise be certified by such Secretary to the Governor. (Acts 1927, p. 248; 1931, pp. 7, 36.) Cross reference.—Joint-Secretary State Examining Boards, see Chapter 84-1.

**84-1003.—Compensation and expenses of members of Board of Examiners.**—The members of the Board of Examiners of Nurses shall be entitled to receive out of the funds accruing from the application fees herein provided, not less than \$6 per day for each day actually engaged in the service of the Board, and all expenses contemplated by section 84-102. All payments out of such funds or any funds of the Board shall first be approved by the presiding officer of said Board. (Acts 1927, p. 255; 1931, pp. 7, 37.) Cross-reference.—As to salary and expenses of the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards and expenses of Board of Examiners of Nurses see Chapter 84-1.

**84-1004.—Assistants; employment by Board; compensation.**—One or more persons may be employed by the Board of Examiners of Nurses to work under the direction of the Joint-Secretary, State Ex-

amining Boards, and to be paid out of funds accruing from application fees, to assist in carrying out the rules and regulations adopted by the said Board, and for giving advice and encouragement to nurse-training schools in preparing applicants for registration. Duties and salaries shall be determined by the board, and the salaries shall be paid as other expenses are paid. (Acts 1927, p. 255; 1931, pp. 7, 37.)

**84-1005.—Meetings of board; quorum; record. Seal of Board. Certificates of registration.**—Three members of the Board of Examiners shall constitute a quorum, but no action of said Board shall be valid unless authorized by the affirmative vote of three members thereof. The Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, is directed to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of said Board, and a record of the names of all persons applying for registration hereunder, and of the action of the Board thereon, and a register of all nurses who have complied with the requirements of this Chapter, all of which said records shall, at all reasonable times, be open to public inspection. Said Board is authorized to have and use an official seal which shall bear the words: "State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia." The certificate of the Joint-Secretary under the seal of the Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia as to the action or non-action of the Board shall be accepted in evidence in the courts as the best evidence of the minutes of the said Board; and likewise the certificate of such Secretary under the said seal, as to the registration or non-registration of the said person under the requirements of this Chapter. The Joint-Secretary shall issue to all nurses admitted to registration hereunder a certificate under the seal of the said Board, showing that fact. (Acts 1927, p. 249; 1931, pp. 7, 37.)

**84-1006.—Examination of applicants for registration; meetings for; notice; temporary permits.**—It shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners to meet for the purpose of examining applicants for registration, at least once in each year, and oftener should it be deemed necessary by said Board. Notice shall be given of the time and place of said meetings by written notice mailed, postage prepaid, to the last-known address of each applicant, at least 10 days before the time of said meeting, and by publication in a daily paper of general circulation in Atlanta, and in a nurses' journal, if one is published in Georgia. The said notice shall be published at the same rates charged for sheriff's advertisements. Said notice shall be inserted at least once, and the first insertion shall be made at least two weeks prior to said meeting: Provided, that the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, shall issue a temporary permit to each applicant for registration, which permit will authorize said applicant to do nursing as a registered nurse until the next meeting of the Board. (Acts 1927, p. 249; 1931, pp. 7, 36.) Cross-reference.—Meetings to be held in capitol, see § 84-102.

**84-1007.—Registration Fee.**—All graduate nurses making application for registration as graduate nurses under this Chapter shall deposit with the

Joint-Secretary, at the time of making such application, the sum of \$10, as an examination or registration fee. (Acts 1927, p. 250; 1931, pp. 7, 36.) Cross-reference.—Fee of undergraduate nurse, see § 84-1012.

**84-1008.—Qualifications of applicants for registration as graduate nurses; scope of examination.**—Each applicant for registration as a graduate nurse shall be at least 20 years of age, of good moral character, a graduate of a regular chartered training school for nurses, connected with a general hospital or sanatorium (in which medical, surgical, obstretical, and pediatric cases, and where men, women and children are treated) where three years of training with a systematic course of instruction on the above-mentioned classes of cases is given in the hospital or other educational institution, or shall have graduated from a training school connected with a hospital of good standing, supplying a three years' training corresponding to the above standard, which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals. All qualifications of the applicant shall be determined by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia, which is empowered to prescribe such examinations for the applicants as will best test their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. All applicants at the same examination shall be subject to the same kind of examination: Provided, that the Board of Examiners shall have the power to grant advanced credit, not in any case in excess of 12 months, for didactic and laboratory work done in an accredited college, or for credits, either time or scholastic, earned in an institution, other than the one from which graduated. (Acts 1921, p. 251.)

**84-1009.—Dental nurses or hygienists; qualifications, examinations, etc.**—No person shall engage in practice as a dental hygienist or dental nurse without first obtaining a certificate therefor, to be issued by the Board of Dental Examiners of Georgia, which certificate shall be issued by said Board of Dental Examiners upon written examination conducted by and satisfactory to said Board which shall include the subjects of dental anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, dental pathology, sterilization, office routine, and oral hygiene and phophylaxis: Provided, that applicants for certificates as dental hygienists or dental nurses shall be of good moral character, shall be at least 19 years of age, shall have had such preliminary education and training as may be prescribed by said Board of Dental Examiners, and shall pay to the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, a fee of \$10 for such examination: Provided further, that no person to whom such certificate is issued shall engage in practice as a dental hygienist or dental nurse except under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and no such person shall practice dentistry or do any kind of dental work other than to remove calcareous deposits, secretions, and stains from the normally exposed surfaces of the teeth, and to apply ordinary wash or washes of a soothing character, and to do sterilization and office routine. (Acts 1927, p. 250; 1931, pp. 1, 37.)

**84-1010.—Annual validation of certificate of registered nurses.**—Annually during the months of

January, or February every registered nurse shall be required to have her certificate validated by the issuance of a card attesting her right to practice as a registered nurse for the current year. The request for validation shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1 and shall be sent to the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards. On March 1 of each year the roster of nurses who have validated their certificates shall be taken; and the same shall be printed within 60 days thereafter in such form and manner as may be determined by the Board. Any certificates not validated may be revoked. (Acts 1927, p. 252; 1931, pp. 7, 37) Cross-reference.—Nurses to register annually with Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, See § 84-101.

**84-1011.—Undergraduate nurses; licenses; qualifications.**—The Board of Examiners of Nurses shall issue, through the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, a license to engage in the care of the sick to undergraduate nurses. Each applicant shall be at least 19 years of age and of good moral character, and shall present to the Board of Examiners a certificate showing that he or she has had at least 12 months' training in a regular chartered training school for nurses connected with a general hospital or sanatorium, in which medical, surgical, obstretical, and pediatric cases, and where men, women and children are treated. (Acts 1927, p. 253; 1931, pp. 7, 37.)

**84-1012.—Same; examinations; fee; validation of license; exception of hospital attendants or orderlies.**—It shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners to determine all the qualifications of applicants and provide for examinations for licenses for undergraduate nurses. Upon filing application for examination and registration as a licensed undergraduate nurse, each applicant shall pay a fee of \$5 and annually during the months of January or February every licensed undergraduate nurse shall be required to have her certificate validated by the issuance of a card attesting to her right to practice as a licensed undergraduate nurse for the current year. This request for validation shall be accompanied by a fee of 50 cents. Any certificate not validated may be revoked. This shall not apply to attendants or orderlies employed in hospitals. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to practice as undergraduate nurse without a certificate from said Board of Examiners, except in hospitals. Each licensed undergraduate who registers in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be styled and known as a licensed undergraduate nurse, and no other persons shall assume or use such title, or use the abbreviation "L. U. N." or other letters, words, or figures for the purpose of representing that he or she is a licensed undergraduate nurse within the meaning of this Chapter. (Acts 1927, p. 253.) Cross-reference.—Penalty for violation of this Chapter, see § § 84-9915, 84-9916.

**84-1013.—Gratuitous or emergency nursing.**—This Chapter shall not be construed to affect or apply to gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends of the family or as an emergency aid, nor to affect a situation in the event of public emergency pronounced by the State Board of Health to exist in the State

at large, or any part thereof, or in the event of an emergency declared by national health authorities requiring nursing service within or without the State, in which case unlicensed persons may be permitted to nurse or care for the sick for hire during the continuance thereof. (Acts 1927, p. 254.)

**84-1014.—Revocation of certificates of registration; grounds; hearing.**—The Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia may revoke any certificate issued by it, for sufficient cause to be adjudged by it; but no such certificate shall be revoked without a hearing, notice of the time and place of which shall be given to the holder of the certificate by the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, at least 30 days before the day set for said hearing, which notice shall plainly set forth the charges against the holder of said certificate, and the trial shall be only upon the grounds specified. Said notice shall be mailed to the said person so accused, at his or her last known address, postage prepaid; or the same shall be delivered personally to the person so accused. The presiding officer of the said Board is authorized and empowered to administer oaths to all witnesses giving evidence at such hearing, and no evidence shall be received at such hearing if the same is not under oath. (Acts 1927, p. 254; 1931, pp. 7, 37.)

**84-1015.—Nonresident graduate or undergraduate nurses; qualifications, fees, etc.**—The Board of Examiners shall have authority to issue through the Joint-Secretary, State Examining Boards, certificates of registration without examination to graduate nurses of a State other than Georgia, or of a foreign Country, who hold bona fide certificates of registration issued under the laws of such a State or foreign Country, provided the standards of registration are equivalent to those provided in this Chapter, and the individual qualifications of the nurse meet the requirements of this Chapter. The registration fee of \$10 for graduate nurses herein provided shall accompany each application for a certificate. The Board of Examiners shall have authority to issue through the Joint-Secretary a certificate of registration or license without examination to undergraduate nurses registered in a State other than Georgia, or of a foreign Country, whose qualifications meet the requirements of this Chapter. The registration fee of \$5, as herein provided for undergraduate nurses, shall accompany each application for certificate. (Acts 1927, p. 255; 1931, pp. 7, 37.)

**84-1016.—Practical nurses.**—The provisions of this Chapter shall not affect nurses known as practical nurses, not holding themselves out to be either graduate or undergraduate nurses within the meaning of this Chapter. (Acts 1927, p. 256.)

**84-1017.—Milledgeville State Hospital training school for nurses.**—The Board of Control of Eleemosynary Institutions shall have authority to maintain a training school for the benefit of the white male and female nurses, while in the employ of the Milledgeville State Hospital, to establish rules for the systematic training of such nurses, to provide a course of lectures to be given by the several physicians employed in said Hospital, and to issue di-

plomas to all graduates of said training school. (Acts 1910, p. 128; 1916, p. 111; 1931, pp. 7, 19.) Cross-reference.—Milledgeville State Hospital, see Title 35, Eleemosynary Institutions, Chapter 35-2.

84-1018.—Persons Entitled to Benefit of Training School.—Any or all white male or female nurses in the employ of said Hospital, who shall have satisfactory educational qualifications and be of good moral character, shall be entitled to the benefit of such training school. (Acts 1910, p. 128; 1916, p. 112.)

84-1019.—Rules and regulations governing training school; course of study.—The Board of Control of Eleemosynary Institutions shall establish rules and regulations for said training school, so as to provide for a three-years' course of instruction, lectures, and training, said three years' course to equal the minimum requirements governing the application and registration of nurses as set forth by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia. (Acts 1916, p. 112; 1931, pp. 7, 19.)

84-1020.—Certificate or diploma of graduation from training school; registration of graduates as trained nurses.—Each nurse, after having completed the course of training laid down by said Board of Control of Eleemosynary Institutions and having passed a satisfactory examination and proved herself or himself of good moral character, shall be entitled to a certificate or diploma of graduation entitling him or her to register as a trained nurse in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Chapter: Provided, such applicant shall pass a satisfactory examination before the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia, in accordance with this Chapter. (Acts 1916, p. 112; 1931, pp. 7, 19.)

84-1021.—Authority of graduates of training school to practice nursing as professional graduates.—Such nurses, after having received such diploma from the said Board of Control, and having registered as provided in the foregoing section, shall be authorized to practice the profession of nursing as a professional graduate registered nurse anywhere in this State. (Acts 1916, p. 112; 1931, pp. 7, 19.)

84-9915.—Nursing Without Certificate From Board of Examiners.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to practice professional nursing as a graduate nurse or registered nurse without a certificate from the Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia; and any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 84-10 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished in accordance with section 27-2506. (Acts 1927, pp. 247, 252.)

84-9916.—Registered nurse, unlawfully claiming to be.—Each graduate nurse who registers in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 84-10 shall be styled and known as a registered nurse, and no other nurse shall assume or use such title, or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other letters, words, or figures to indicate that he or she is a graduate or registered nurse; and a violation hereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor. (Acts 1927, p. 252.)

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