

## Texas Nurse Practice Act and Nurse Jurisprudence Exam

**1. define nurse jurisprudence according to the texas BON:** Jurisprudence is the science or philosophy of law. The Texas Nurse Practice Act and the Texas Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice are the laws that govern the practice of nursing practice in Texas. Your nursing practice is directly affected by your ability to make informed decision within the parameters of these laws. You need to know how the rules apply to you, and then apply them in your nursing practice.

**2. state the reason new nurses must take and pass the nurse jurisprudence exam to receive their license to practice professional nursing in Texas:** BON staff have heard nurses who were disciplined by the board proclaim "If only i had known and understood about my 'duty to the patient' under the NPA and board rules I would have not gotten into trouble with the BON"

**3. identify several topics covered on the nurse jurisprudence exam:** -licensure

and regulation

-ethics

-practice

-peer reviews

-disciplinary action

make and accept assignments

-nurses must take into consideration the staff person's:

educational preparation,

experience,

knowledge and

physical and emotional ability

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#### 4. explore implications for practice from rule 217.11 standards of nursing

**practice from the Texas Nurse Practice Act:** Rule 217.11 is the foundation for all

other standards:

" ...maintain a safe environment for clients and others"

\*this standard supersedes any physician order, facility policy, or administrative

directive