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The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has prepared several guidelines materials to assist nursing boards and lawmakers in adopting the requirements established in the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. Every state can ensure efficiency in education, licensure, certification, and accreditation by implementing the model requirements, easing competent and safe advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) legislation. Therefore, the main points that impacted me the most include the realization that APRNs in Wisconsin have been limited to performing only those duties that fall within their scope of practice and comply with the board's rules and state's Nurse Practice Act since 1995 (Wisconsin Nurses Association, 2021). Nevertheless, with the proposal to amend Wisconsin's Nurse Practice Act, State Statute 441, APRNs will now play an increasingly important role in improving health outcomes for various populations (Dubree et al. 2015). Considering the increased demand for APRNs, reforms in the current practice indicate significant changes in the specific patients to whom they can provide care, treatments, and the activities they perform uniformly to other nurses across the nation.

Establishing and expanding the APRNs scope of practice in Wisconsin necessitates changes across advanced educational training in a position and specialty area, legal handles, and various practice statements provided by advanced practice nursing organizations and national regulatory agencies (Dubree et al., 2015).

Therefore, implementing the main points identified will involve adding and recognizing the four advanced practice roles and adopting the licensure criteria across all communities and facilities. Moreover,

implementing the identified factors will involve restructuring nursing educational programs to guarantee licensure of qualified individuals as registered nurses after completing a graduate program that prepares them for at least one advanced practice role. The programs will adhere to the recommended guidelines outlined under the National Consensus Model to ensure that accredited nursing institutions and graduates get eligibility for national certification that can be utilized for state licensure (Wisconsin Nurses Association, 2021). Those individuals who receive the appropriate educational training will subsequently take certification exams to assess their national competency levels in APRN roles, practices, core values, and one population practice in a specific region. A national accrediting authority will accredit certification for regulatory purposes. Then the individuals will be licensed to practice as independent practitioners at the APRN Level (Wisconsin Nurses Association, 2021).

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