

## Minnesota Health Care Professionals Summary of Scope of Practice

Licensing laws establish minimum education and experience requirements for healthcare professionals, and define the range, or scope, of activities that each profession may practice. Only individuals holding licenses may advertise themselves as a physician, pharmacist or other kind of licensed professional.

### Scope of Practice of Medical and Nursing professionals

<b>LICENSING BOARD</b>	<b>PROFESSION</b>	<b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</b>
Board of Medical Practice	Physician	Practice of medicine includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prescription and administration of drugs</li> <li>- prevention or treatment by any means of any illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity or deformity.</li> <li>- surgical or invasive procedures</li> <li>- hypnosis</li> </ul> (147.081, subd. 3)
	Physician Assistant	Physician assistants practice medicine with physician supervision.  may perform medical duties (drugs, anesthetics) as delegated in the physician-physician assistant agreement.  Patient service limited to services customary to practice of supervising physician and delegated by supervising physician.  (M.S. 147A.09)
Board of Nursing	Advanced Practice Nurses: Nurse Practitioner* Clinical Nurse Specialist* Registered Nurse Anesthetist* Nurse Midwife*	May engage in direct care, case management, consultation, education or research, and accept referrals from other health care providers.  May prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices under a written agreement with a physician  Must work in an collaborative agreement with a physician in same specialty.  (M.S. 148.171)
	Registered Nurse	RNs may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assess health needs of patients</li> <li>- provide skilled nursing care</li> <li>- supervise and teach nursing personnel</li> <li>- conduct case finding and referral</li> </ul>

		Includes both independent and delegated medical functions performed in collaboration with other health team members. RN may delegate to other nursing personnel.  (M.S. 148.171, subd. 15)
	Licensed Practical Nurse	LPNs may observe or care for patients and administer treatments that do not require the specialized education, knowledge or skill of an RN.  (M.S. 148.171, subd. 14)

\* Nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, registered nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives are registered nurses eligible to be engaged in advanced practice nursing. They must be certified in their field by a national certification agency acceptable to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

#### Scope of Practice of Pharmacy Professionals

<b>LICENSING BOARD</b>	<b>PROFESSION</b>	<b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</b>
Board of Pharmacy	Pharmacist	May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- interpret and evaluate prescriptions;</li> <li>- compound, label and dispense drugs</li> <li>- conduct clinical interpretations and monitor drug therapy</li> <li>- participate in drug and therapeutic device selection; drug administration for first dosage and medical emergencies; drug regimen reviews; and drug or drug-related research;</li> <li>- administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccine (in qualifying situations)</li> <li>- manage drug therapy, according to a written protocol between the specific pharmacist and the individual dentist, optometrist, physician, podiatrist, or veterinarian who is responsible for the patient's care.</li> <li>- store drugs and maintain records.</li> <li>- counsel patients on therapeutic values, content, hazards, and uses of drugs and devices</li> <li>- operate a pharmacy.</li> </ul> (M.S. 151.01, subd. 27)
	Pharmacy Technician	May assist pharmacist in the preparation and dispensing of medications by performing nonjudgmental tasks, under supervision of a pharmacist. (A pharmacist may supervise two technicians, (more provided at least one technician in the pharmacy holds a valid certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or other qualifying board.)  (M.S. 151.102, subd. 1)

## Scope of Practice of Dental Professionals

<b>LICENSING BOARD</b>	<b>PROFESSION</b>	<b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</b>
Board of Dentistry	Dentist	<p>May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- diagnose, treat, prescribe or operate for conditions of teeth, gums or jaw.</li> <li>- operate a dental office.</li> <li>- use roentgen or X-rays.</li> <li>- extract teeth or correct malpositions.</li> <li>- diagnose, treat or remove stains.</li> <li>- take impressions of teeth or jaw or place fillings, crowns, bridges, etc.</li> <li>- construct or repair prosthetic dentures, plates, bridges.</li> <li>- perform any clinical operation included in the curricula of recognized dental schools.</li> </ul> <p>(M.S. 150A.05, subd. 1)</p>
	Dental hygienist (licensed)	<p>May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provides care that is educational, preventive, and therapeutic through observation, assessment, evaluation, counseling, and therapeutic services</li> <li>- evaluate patient health status through review of medical and dental histories, assesses dental hygiene care needs</li> <li>- perform a prophylaxis including complete removal of calciferous deposits, accretions and stains by scaling, polishing</li> <li>- performs root planing and debridement/</li> <li>- administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia</li> </ul> <p>(M.S. 150A.05, subd. 1a)</p> <p>May not perform final diagnosis or treatment plan for a dental patient. Such services shall be provided under supervision of a licensed dentist. (M.S. 150A.10, subd. 1)</p> <p>Hygienists meeting minimum education and experience requirements, and under a collaborative agreement with a dentist, may perform certain procedures otherwise reserved to licensed dentists. (M.S. 150A., subd. 1a)</p>

	Dental assistant (registered)	<p>Dental assistants are unlicensed and work under direct supervision of a dentist.</p> <p>Dental assistants meeting Board educational requirements, working under direction of a dentist and in an office with a dentist present, may perform certain restorative procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- place, contour, and adjust amalgam restorations.</li> <li>- place, contour, and adjust glass ionomer</li> <li>- adapt and cement stainless steel crowns.</li> <li>- place, contour, and adjust class I and class V supragingival composite restorations where the margins are entirely within the enamel.</li> </ul> <p>education program.</p> <p>(M.S. 150A.10, subd. 4)</p>
	Dental technicians	<p>Dental technicians may, under a written work order from a dentist, perform certain functions, including construction, repair and duplication of any prosthetic device.</p> <p>(M.S. 150A.10, subd. 3)</p> <p>(M.R. 3100.8800, Subpart 1)</p>

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### Scope of Practice of Mental Health Professionals

<b>LICENSING BOARD</b>	<b>PROFESSION</b>	<b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</b>
Board of Medical Practice	Psychiatrist	A psychiatrist is a physician certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.
Board of Psychology	Psychologist	<p>Practices independently without supervision.</p> <p>May observe, evaluate, interpret or modify human behavior by application of psychological principles, methods, or procedures.</p> <p>Practice includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- research and teaching</li> <li>- assessment by testing and other means of intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and neuropsychological functioning;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- testimony as an expert witness concerning the characteristics of an individual.</li> <li>- psychotherapy.</li> <li>- psycho-educational services and treatment.</li> <li>- consultation and supervision.</li> </ul> <p>(M.S. 148.89)</p>
	Psychological Practitioner	<p>Practices under supervision; must be employed by a licensed psychologist or an agency that employs or contracts with a supervising licensed psychologist.</p> <p>(M.S. 148.908)</p>
Board of Social Work	Independent Clinical Social Worker	<p>May engage in clinical practice.</p> <p><i>Clinical practice</i> is the diagnosis and treatment of psychosocial function, disability, or impairment, including addictions and emotional, mental, and behavioral disorders, including plans based on a differential diagnosis. Treatment may include psychotherapy.</p>
	Independent Social Worker	May engage in clinical practice under supervision of an independent clinical social worker.
	Graduate Social Worker	May engage in clinical practice under supervision of an independent clinical social worker.
	Social Worker	<p>May not engage in clinical practice.</p> <p>May provide all other social work services: assessment and intervention through direct contact with clients, including case management, client-centered advocacy, client education, consultation, counseling, crisis intervention, and referral.</p>
Board of Marriage and Family Therapy	Marriage and Family Therapist	<p>"Marriage and family therapy" means the process of providing professional marriage and family psychotherapy to individuals, married couples, and family groups (M.S. 148B.29, subd. 3)</p>