

60-11-107. Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse in the role of clinical nurse specialist.

Each advanced practice registered nurse in the role of clinical nurse specialist shall function in an advanced role to provide evidence-based nursing practice within a specialty area focused on specific patients or clients, populations, settings, and types of care. Each clinical nurse specialist shall be authorized to perform the following:

- (a) Provide independent nursing diagnosis, as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113(b) and amendments thereto, and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113(c) and amendments thereto;
- (b) develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice;
- (c) provide health care services for which the clinical nurse specialist is educationally prepared and for which competency has been established and maintained. Educational preparation may include academic coursework, workshops, institutes, and seminars if theory or clinical experience, or both, are included;
- (d) provide care for specific patients or clients or specific populations, or both, utilizing a broad base of advanced scientific knowledge, nursing theory, and skills in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating health and nursing care; and
- (e) provide innovation in evidence-based nursing practice based upon advanced clinical expertise, decision making, and leadership skills and serve as a consultant, researcher, and patient advocate for individuals, families, groups, and communities to achieve quality, cost-effective patient outcomes and solutions.

History: (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-1113, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 39, and K.S.A. 65-1130, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 44; effective May 1, 1984; amended, T-85-16, June 5, 1984; amended May 1, 1985; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended May 18, 2012.)