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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Define licensure and discuss its primary purposes.
2. Distinguish mandatory from permissive licensure.
3. Identify the institutional licensure and explain why professionals usually oppose it.

INTRODUCTION

□ Many health care practitioners' including professional nurse, technical nurse, respiratory therapists',

and physical therapist are required to obtain a license to practice their skills.

□ Licensure refer to the legal process by which a designated authority grants permission to a qualified

individual to perform designated skills and services in a given jurisdiction.

TYPES OF NURSING LICENSURE

1. Professional licensure
2. Institutional licensure
3. Mandatory licensure
4. Permission licensure

Professional licensure : is a legal method to control the quality of a profession by establishing a

minimum level of competency for a professional to be licensed.

□ **Institutional licensure**: refers to the process by which a state government regulates institutions that provide health care services.

⊞ Institutional licensure grants the institution the authority to regulate certain aspects of care including the practice of staff members, administration and staffing requirements, equipment specification, and softy regulations.

Mandatory licensure: refer to legal requirement of a person earning

compensation as a

member of a licensed profession to obtain a license to use the title of a profession and to practice the skills or services of the profession.

Permission licensure: regulate the use of professional titles rather than professional actions.

Only a person who pass the NCLEX-RN can use the title of registered nurse RN.

Under permission licensure a person without the title of RN can perform many nursing actions of an NR when supervised in an appropriate setting □

Permission licensure has the potential of abuse because a person without the appropriate educational background can continue to perform nursing actions as long as the person does not claim the title of RN