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Question: **Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to perform endotracheal intubation and/or insertion of a supraglottic airway in an emergency situation?**

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that emergency endotracheal intubation and/or insertion of a supraglottic airway is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN and requires special education and training. Recognizing these responsibilities are an expanded role for the RN. Written appropriate policies, procedures, and guidelines should be developed which specify required special education and training. This special education and training should include documented safety practices and other didactic material as well as clinical skill competency components. The written policies, procedures, and guidelines should specify patient situations whereby the RN is authorized to perform endotracheal intubation and/or insertion of a supraglottic airway.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.