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**QUESTION:** Is it within the scope of practice of the licensed nurse to perform acupuncture?

The Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is **NOT** within the scope of practice of the licensed nurse to perform acupuncture unless the Nurse is licensed as an Acupuncturist by the State Board of Medical Examiners in South Carolina. Persons wishing to obtain permission from the Board of Medical Examiners to practice acupuncture must contact the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and follow their directions for permission to practice-acupuncture.

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