Practicum Journal Entry: Certification Plan

In this Practicum Journal Assignment, you will develop a plan, which will serve as the road map for you to follow to attain your certification.

###### **Students will:**

* Analyze state restrictions or limitations for practice
* Compare PMHNP practice environments in various states
* Analyze clinical practice issues
* Create plans for passing national certification exam

**To prepare for this Practicum Journal:**

* Review the interactive nurse practitioner (NP) scope of practice law guide in your Learning Resources.
* Review your state regulations and a neighboring state or state in which you would like to practice.
* Reflect on how to approach relocating licensure from one state to another.
* Review certification exam requirements for PMHNPs.

**Write a 2- to 3-page paper in which you do the following:**

* Describe the PMHNP practice environment for your home state, highlighting restrictions or limitations for practice.
* Compare the PMHNP practice environment in your home state with a neighboring state or a state in which you would like to practice.
* Describe a professional and/or clinical practice issue a new PMHNP will need to consider and address with the certification, licensure, credentialing, or relocation process.
* Develop a checklist for passing the national certification exam, including a detailed timeline that includes academic preparation (study plan), registration, financial preparation, etc.