

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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NAC 632.610 Review of application; inspection of facilities; notice of decision. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. A representative of the university or college that wishes to establish a program of nursing must meet with the Board to review the application. *The proposed director of the program must meet with the Board prior to the Board awarding the program provisional status.*
2. A representative of the Board shall visit the educational and clinical facilities to be used and submit a written report to the Board.
3. The Board will notify the university or college of its decision.
(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90)

NAC 632.635 Denial, withdrawal and reinstatement of approval. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. The Board will deny the approval of a program of nursing if it determines that the program fails to comply with the standards for nursing education approved by the Board or the requirements of the law.
2. The Board may withdraw the approval of a program of nursing if it determines that the administrator of the program has not provided sufficient evidence of the program's compliance with the standards for nursing education approved by the Board and the requirements of the law.
3. The Board may reinstate the approval of a program of nursing if the administrator of the program submits proof that the program has complied with the standards of nursing education approved by the Board and the requirements of the law.
4. *The Board may permit a "teach out" by a program of nursing that has failed to meet the requirements for full Board approval. The program of nursing must submit a request for "teach out" and an acceptable plan to retain faculty, sufficient clinical resources and enlist the services of a Board approved consultant to monitor the progress.*
(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90; A by R212-99, 5-8-2000)

NAC 632.640 Requirements for approval. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. A program of nursing offered by a university or college must:
 - (a) Be an integral part of the university or college or, if the program is a program for licensed practical nurses, be licensed by the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education;
 - (b) Adopt statements of purpose, philosophy and objectives which are consistent with those of the institution offering the program;
 - (c) Be organized with clearly defined lines of authority, areas of responsibility and channels of communication;
 - (d) Allow the members of the faculty to participate in the determination of academic policies and procedures and the development and evaluation of the curriculum; and
 - (e) Allow students to participate in the evaluation of the curriculum and other aspects of the program to which they may be able to contribute;
 - (f) *Ensure that, upon graduation, students are prepared for safe and effective practice.*

2. The policies and procedures of the program of nursing must be in writing and must include policies and procedures to ensure the safety of patients during clinical experiences.

3. The program of nursing must have, or be in the process of attaining, nursing programmatic accreditation by a Board approved nursing accrediting body.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90; A 6-21-94; R063-08, 9-18-2008)

NAC 632.660 Administrator: Qualifications. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. Each administrator of a program of nursing must:

(a) Be licensed to practice as a registered nurse in this State;

(b) Have at least 5 years of experience as a registered nurse, 3 years of which must be teaching in a program of nursing accredited *by a Board* ~~[National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education]~~ *approved nursing programmatic accrediting agency; and*

(c) Have evidence of qualifications in academic and professional administrative responsibility,

(d) If the administrator does not have experience in the administration of a program of nursing, develop and complete a plan for his or her own mentoring and development.

2. The administrator of a program of nursing which grants a bachelor's degree in nursing must have a master's degree with a major in nursing and a doctorate degree in nursing or a related field from an accredited school.

3. The administrator of a program of nursing which grants an associate degree in nursing must have a master's degree in nursing from an accredited school.

4. The administrator of a program of practical nursing must have a master's degree in nursing from an accredited school.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90; A by R063-08, 9-18-2008; R112-11, 2-15-2012)

NAC 632.670 Faculty: Licensing. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440) A member of the *program of nursing* faculty *who teaches either didactic or clinical nursing courses must* be licensed to practice as a registered nurse in this State. *Interprofessional faculty teaching nonclinical nursing courses shall possess advanced preparation appropriate for the content being taught, but are not required to be licensed to practice as a registered nurse.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90; A by R091-04, 8-13-2004)

NAC 632.680 Students: Admission; policies. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. The requirements for admission to a program of nursing must be clearly stated. The number of students enrolled in the program of nursing must be determined by the number of members of the faculty and the availability of clinical learning experiences.

2. Students who seek admission to a program of nursing by transferring from a program of nursing from another accredited school of nursing or who seek readmission for the completion of a program must comply with the requirements for admission which are effective at the time of the transfer or readmission.

3. All policies concerning students must be in writing and must include, without limitation, processes for revision of the policies and requirements for providing notice of any revisions to the students.

4. The administrator of a program of nursing shall establish a policy for the resolution of complaints and disputes concerning students.

5. The administrator of a program of nursing shall hold students accountable for professional behavior, including honesty and integrity.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 9-17-90; A by R212-99, 5-8-2000; R063-08, 9-18-2008)

NAC 632.690 Requirements for instruction; records of evaluation of curriculum. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440)

1. A program of nursing which educates practical nurses must include instruction in the following areas of nursing:

- (a) Care provided to persons who require medical and surgical care;
- (b) Maternal and child health; and
- (c) Mental health.

(d) Patients in community settings

(e) Patient safety with evidence based practice

(f) Geriatric nursing care

2. A program of nursing which educates registered nurses must include instruction relating to:

(a) Basic principles of biology, microbiology, psychology, sociology, mathematics and therapeutic communication;

(b) The theory and practice of nursing, including, without limitation, the attainment, intervention and maintenance of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness across the life span of patients, in a variety of clinical settings, and must include, without limitation, instruction in evidence-based nursing practice and technological skills commensurate with safely delivering patient care;

(c) Professional values, boundaries and ethics, including, without limitation, the appropriate use of social media;

(d) The provisions of this chapter and chapter 632 of NRS; and

(e) The role of regulation and accreditation in the provision of health care and patient safety.

3. Courses relating to theory and clinical experience must be taught in a concurrent or sequential manner.

4. Courses in the management of health in patients of diverse culture, ethnicity, social and economic backgrounds.

5. Clinical and theory courses must include principles related to the national patient safety agenda and bioethics.

6. The administrator of a program of nursing shall prepare and maintain records of the evaluation of the curriculum by members of the faculty and students enrolled in the program.

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NAC 632.695 Substantial revision of curriculum. (NRS 632.120, 632.430, 632.440) If the curriculum of a program of nursing is substantially revised, the administrator of the program shall submit the revision to the Board for approval at least 4 months before the revision is effective. A substantial revision means:

- 1. A reorganization of the curriculum;
- 2. A revision of the length of the program;
- 3. A revision of the objectives of the program;

4. Any revision of the curriculum of a program that affects the ability of the program to comply with the requirements of this chapter or chapter 632 of NRS; or

5. A revision of the type or amount of clinical experience approved for the program.

☐ The term does not include a change in the order in which courses must be taken.

6. Programs of nursing which possess full Board approval may apply to implement innovative educational approaches as long as the innovative approach prepares graduates to practice safely, competently, and ethically. The Board may set the guidelines and define the application process for consideration of all plans for proposed innovative educational approaches. The program of nursing must have Board approval for any innovative educational approaches prior to initiating the approach.

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