

LCB File No. R212-99

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.600 to read:

Definitions. As used in NAC 632.600 to 632.711, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Conditional **[accreditation] approval**" means **[accreditation] approval**, with conditions or restrictions, granted by the board to a program of nursing which does not meet the standards for curriculum established by the board.
2. "Full **[accreditation] approval**" means **[accreditation] approval** granted by the board to a program of nursing if it meets the standards established by the board and the requirements of law.
3. "Provisional **[accreditation] approval**" means **[accreditation] approval** granted by the board to a program of nursing which has not graduated its first class and demonstrated eligibility for full **[accreditation] approval**.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.615 to read:

Provisional **[accreditation] approval: Requirements for application.** A university or college may apply for provisional **[accreditation] approval** if:

1. A qualified administrator is at the site and there are sufficient qualified members of the faculty to begin the program;
2. A written proposal for the program, developed in accordance with the standards for nursing education approved by the board, has been submitted to the board; and
3. A visit to the facilities has been conducted by the board.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.620 to read:

Provisional **[accreditation] approval: Conditions; hearing upon denial; visitation of site by board.**

1. The board will not grant provisional **[accreditation] approval** to a program of nursing offered by a university or college unless students have been admitted to the program. If the board does not grant provisional **[accreditation] approval** to the program, the university or college may request a hearing before the board.

2. If the board grants provisional **[accreditation] approval** to *a* program of nursing offered by a university or college, the administrator of the program shall submit a report concerning the program to the board every 6 months.
3. A self-evaluation report demonstrating compliance with the standards for nursing education approved by the board must be submitted by the administrator of the program to the board within 6 months after graduation of the first class.
4. The board will visit the site of the program after the graduation of the first class of students.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.625 to read:

Full **[accreditation] approval: Application; qualifications; basis for granting.**

1. A university or college which has been granted provisional **[accreditation] approval** for a program of nursing and wishes to receive full **[accreditation] approval** for the program must apply for that **[accreditation] approval** within 2 years after the first class is graduated.
2. The board will grant full **[accreditation] approval** to the program of nursing:
 - (a) If 80 percent or more of the graduates of the program who take the National Council Licensure Examination for the first time pass the examination.
 - (b) Based on information:
 - (1) Included in the application for approval submitted to the board;
 - (2) Submitted concerning the pass rate of graduates of the program who take the National Council Licensure Examination for the first time; and
 - (3) Obtained by the board from visits to the program.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.630 to read:

Conditional **[accreditation] approval; identification and correction of deficiencies; removal of **[accreditation] approval**.**

1. A program of nursing which does not meet the minimum standards prescribed by the board or by statute must be placed on conditional **[accreditation] approval**.
2. If a program of nursing has a pass rate of less than 80 percent for graduates of the program who take the National Council Licensure Examination for the first time, the administrator of the program shall conduct a study to determine the deficiencies of the program and the measures which must be taken to correct those deficiencies. The administrator shall submit a copy of the study to the board within 3 months after the program receives the results of that examination.
3. If a program of nursing has a pass rate of less than 80 percent for graduates of the program who take the National Council Licensure Examination for the first time, for two such examinations within 2 years, the board will place the program on conditional **[accreditation] approval** and conduct a review of the program at the site of the program.

4. The board will notify the administrator of the program of any deficiencies in the program and establish a plan to correct those deficiencies. The administrator shall submit a report to the board within 6 months after the board establishes the plan. The report must include proof of compliance with the board's plan.

5. If the program complies with the plan, the board will withdraw the conditional ~~accreditation~~ approval. If the program does not comply with the plan, the board will remove the program from the list of ~~accredited~~ approved programs.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.635 to read:

Denial, withdrawal and reinstatement of ~~accreditation~~ approval.

1. The board will deny ~~accreditation~~ approval for 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 ~~accreditation~~ 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 ~~accreditation~~ 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.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.640 to read:

~~Accreditation~~ Approval of school offering program; requirements for program.

1. A program of nursing offered by a university or college must:

- (a) Be an integral part of the university or college;
- (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.

2. The policies and procedures of the program of nursing must be in writing.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.703 to read:

Reports by program which conducts portion of its program in Nevada; visits to determine eligibility for ~~accreditation~~ approval.

1. A program of nursing which conducts a portion of its program in Nevada shall submit to the board a report, on a form provided by the board, which includes:
 - (a) Proof of its current accreditation or approval by the state in which the program originates or by any applicable national accreditation body; and
 - (b) All correspondence received within the preceding year from the accrediting body or bodies.
2. The administrator of the program of nursing shall:
 - (a) Notify the board in writing of any adverse action taken against the program by the accrediting body or bodies within 30 days after the action is taken; and
 - (b) Complete and submit an annual school report on forms provided by the board.
3. The board may conduct a complete visit to the program of nursing to determine its eligibility for ~~accreditation~~ approval at any time, or may accept all or part of the survey and findings on accreditation from the state in which the program originates.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.706 to read:

Periodic ~~review~~ survey of program; required reports; objections to report of board.

1. The board will ~~review~~ survey each program of nursing, under the direction of the executive director appointed by the board, at least every 4 years.
2. The board, ~~or~~ a member of the board's staff, *or an educational consultant* will visit the site of the program during the ~~review~~ survey. The visits must be scheduled at a time agreed upon by the board and the administrator of the program.
3. The administrator of the program shall submit to the board a self-evaluation report prepared by the administrator and members of the faculty in the form prescribed by the board.
4. The self-evaluation report which is required by ~~the National League for Nursing~~ a *national nursing accrediting body* may be submitted in lieu of the report required by subsection 3 if a national accreditation survey of the program is scheduled in the same year as the board's review or was completed in the previous year.
5. The board will prepare a report of the visits to the site of the program and furnish a copy of the report to the administrator of the program. If the administrator objects to the report, he may submit to the board a written statement which sets forth his objections to the report.

Authority NRS 632.120

Amend NAC 632.711 to read:

Termination of program.

1. If a university or college wishes to terminate a program of nursing, it shall notify the board in writing of the reasons for and the proposed date of the termination of the program.
2. The program must continue to comply with the standards for ~~accreditation~~ *approval* until all the matriculating students are graduated from the program.
3. The university or college shall notify the board if the actual closing date will be different from the proposed closing date.
4. If the university or college closes or terminates its program of nursing, it is responsible for the management and storage of the records of the students who enrolled in that program and shall notify the board of the arrangement made for the management and storage of those records.

Authority NRS 632.120, 632.237

Amend NAC 632.775 to read:

Instructors: Qualifications; certificate of approval.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, instructors for an approved program must be registered nurses who are approved by the board.
2. The board will approve a registered nurse to be an instructor if the nurse:
~~[(a) Holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing or submit evidence of teaching experience in a training program for nursing assistants or licensed practical nurses, a program that provides training while on the job or a program of continuing education;]~~
 - (a) ~~[(b)]~~ Holds a current active license in good standing to practice nursing in this state;
 - (b) ~~[(e)]~~ Has at least ~~[3] 2~~ years of experience ~~[taking direct care of patients, with at least 2 years of experience in caring for the elderly or the chronically ill]~~ *in nursing, one year of which must be in the provision of long term care;*
 - (c) ~~[(d)]~~ Has successfully completed a course designated by the board;
 - (d) ~~[(e)]~~ Complies with the requirements for continuing education prescribed by the board;and
 - (e) ~~[(f)]~~ Meets any federal and state criteria established for instructors of an approved program.
3. The board will approve a licensed practical nurse to be an instructor if:
 - (a) The board determines that the circumstances require his appointment; and
 - (b) The nurse meets the requirements set forth in paragraphs ~~[(b)](a)~~ to ~~[(e)](d)~~, inclusive, of subsection 2.
4. The board will issue a certificate of approval to teach if the instructor:
 - (a) Meets the requirements of subsection 2 or 3;
 - (b) Submits an application to the board; and
 - (c) Pays the applicable fee to the board.

5. The board will renew a certificate of approval to teach annually if an instructor provides evidence satisfactory to the board that the instructor meets the requirements of this section and has received compensation for teaching at least once in the preceding 2 years.

6. The coordinator of an approved program may select a person who is qualified to carry out the duties set forth in NAC 632.785 to act as an instructor in his area of specialization, even though he is not a registered or licensed practical nurse. The person so selected must:

(a) Have at least 1 year of experience in caring for the elderly or chronically ill, or its equivalent; and

(b) Where applicable, be licensed, registered or certified in good standing in his area of specialization.

Such an instructor may not be the primary instructor or supervise the testing of manual skills.

Authority NRS 632.120, 632.237

Amend NAC 632.785 to read:

Duties of coordinator of approved program. The coordinator of an approved program shall:

1. Assist with the development of the budget of the program.
2. Assist with the development of procedures for admission to the program.
3. Select and supervise such number of qualified instructors as is necessary to carry out the program.
4. Obtain adequate educational facilities for training, including areas to practice nursing skills.
5. Obtain adequate clinical facilities for training.
6. Provide each trainee with instructional materials during those hours in which they can be put to maximum use.
7. Plan an orientation program for trainees at each clinical facility used for training. The time spent for orientation may not be included in the 75 hours required for training.
8. Ensure that each trainee is clearly identified as a trainee in a manner which is easily recognizable to each patient, member of a patient's family, visitor or member of the medical staff with whom the trainee works.
9. Develop a system of maintaining permanent records which are essential to the operation of the program, including:
 - (a) The current and final records of each trainee, which may include a list of the duties to be performed and the skills to be learned in the program, with notations of satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance, the date of the performance and the name of the supervising instructor.
 - (b) The current records of the activities of the program.
 - (c) The records of each instructor.
10. Develop written policies for admission to, continuance in, and dismissal and withdrawal from the program.

~~[11. Report to the board the name, address and social security number of each trainee at the beginning of a program.~~

~~—12. Notify the board of the withdrawal or dismissal of each trainee within 3 working days after the withdrawal or dismissal.]~~

~~[13]~~ **11.** Report to the ~~[board]~~ *academic administrator* the name of each trainee who satisfactorily completes the program within 30 days after the completion of the program.

~~[14]~~ **12.** Submit annual reports on forms provided by the board containing information required by the board.

Authority NRS 632.120

Add NAC 632.____ to read:

The board may deem as surveyed, a nursing program which has received accreditation, by a national nursing accrediting body approved by the board, within the previous four years in lieu of a survey by the board.