

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.066
LCB FILE R018-22**

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

This regulation is necessary to allow for more locations where a nursing student may practice as an Apprentice Nurse.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Copies of the proposed regulation, notices of workshop and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by U.S. Mail and email to all persons who were known to have an interest in nursing practices, including nursing delegation. These documents were also made available at the website of the Nevada State Board of Nursing www.nevadanursingboard.org, mailed to all county libraries in Nevada and posted at the following locations:

Nevada State Board of Nursing
5011 Meadowood Mall Way
Suite 300
Reno, NV 89502

Nevada State Board of Nursing
4220 S. Maryland Parkway
Building B, Suite 300
Las Vegas, NV 89119

A summary of the public response would be overwhelmingly supportive of the regulation. The comments from the general public were supportive because the regulation would now allow a greater number of locations where a nursing student may practice as an Apprentice Nurse, which means there will be more individuals practicing health care in Nevada. Nursing students are supportive of the regulation because the increase in locations where a nursing student can practice as an Apprentice Nurse allows the students to visit more health care facilities to check out where the nursing students may possibly work after graduation. Nurses were supportive because they could now have more Apprentice Nurses who can take some of the workload away from the nurses. The medical facilities that were previously not allowed to hire Apprentice Nurses are very supportive of the regulations because those facilities can now employ Apprentice Nurses. Also, those facilities can now evaluate possible new nurses as employees when the future nurses are nursing students.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary of the public comments by accessing the Nevada State Board of Nursing's website where all the information regarding the regulatory process can be found. Additionally, any interested person can call or drop by either of the Board's offices to discuss the regulation, or look at any of the written minutes of the meetings, workshops, and hearings on the regulation.

3. The number of person who:

5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Public comments were received from businesses that might hire Apprentice Nurses (health care facilities). The comments received were in support of the regulation. Public Comments were solicited from health care facilities in the same way that comments were solicited from the general public, with the exception that comments were directly sought from the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA).

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary of the public comments sought from businesses by accessing the Nevada State Board of Nursing's website where all the information regarding the regulatory process can be found. Additionally, any interested person can call or drop by either of the Board's offices to discuss the regulation, or look at any of the written minutes of the meetings, workshops, and hearings on the regulation

6. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

The original language approved by the Board was submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Although refined by the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the language did not materially change the meaning and intent of the original language. Therefore, the Board adopted it without change.

7. **The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:**

- (a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- (b) **Both immediate and long-term effects.**

- (1) The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects.

Adverse Effects

The Nevada State Board of Nursing does not anticipate any adverse economic impact from this regulation on businesses it is to regulate and none has been brought to the attention of the Board.

Beneficial Effects

The beneficial effects of this regulation on businesses it is to regulate will be that nursing students may work in an expanded number of locations as an Apprentice Nurse. A nursing student may work for, and be paid as, an Apprentice Nurse at certain health

care facilities. The Apprentice Nurse may only practice those tasks that he or she has learned in nursing school and has demonstrated competency to the Registered Nurse. This regulation should allow more nursing students to safely practice nursing skills, and should therefore allow a greater number of persons to practice in the health care field.

- (b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate Effects

The Immediate Effects of the regulation would be is to protect public health and safety, and business workers health and safety, by increasing the number of nursing students who can practice as an Apprentice Nurse at an increasing number of locations.

Long-Term Effects

The long-term effects would be the same as the Immediate Effects of the regulation.

- (2) The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the public

- (c) Both adverse and beneficial effects.

Adverse Effects

The Nevada State Board of Nursing does not anticipate any adverse economic impact from this regulation on the public and none has been brought to the attention of the Board.

Beneficial Effects

The beneficial effects of this regulation on the public will be that nursing students may work in an expanded number of locations as an Apprentice Nurse. A nursing student may work for, and be paid as, an Apprentice Nurse at certain health care facilities. The Apprentice Nurse may only practice those tasks that he or she has learned in nursing school and has demonstrated competency to the Registered Nurse. This regulation should allow more nursing students to safely practice nursing skills, and should therefore allow a greater number of persons to practice in the health care field.

- (d) Both immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate Effects

The Immediate Effects of the regulation on the public would be is to protect public health and safety by increasing the number of nursing students who can practice as an Apprentice Nurse at an increasing number of locations.

Long-Term Effects

The long-term effects would be the same as the Immediate Effects of the regulation.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the Nevada State Board of Nursing for enforcement of this regulation.

- 9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

There are no other state or government agency regulations that the proposed regulation duplicates.

- 10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

There are no federal regulations that apply.

- 11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.