

Nevada State Board of
NURSING

STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY
Pursuant to NRS 233B.0613(1)

February 3, 2022

The Honorable Steve Sisolak
Governor of the State of Nevada
Executive Chambers
101 N. Carson Street, Suite 1
Carson City, Nevada 89701

BY EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Re: Emergency Regulation Concerning COVID-19 and Apprentice Nurses

Dear Governor Sisolak:

As the executive director of the Nevada State Board of Nursing, I have determined that an immediate need exists for an emergency regulation based on the current COVID-19 surge, the impact of COVID-19 on the nursing workforce in Nevada, and upon the limited locations that can currently employ Apprentice Nurses pursuant to NAC 632.252. Therefore, I present this Statement of Emergency for your endorsement of emergency regulation changes to NAC 632.252 as required by NRS 233B.0613.

As COVID-19 continues to be a threat the health of the world, it is essential that adequate staffing of health care workers is available to care for those who need nursing care. Nevada nursing students may practice as Apprentice Nurses. When nursing students practice as Apprentice Nurses they increase the number of health care workers available to provide nursing skills. The existing regulation is somewhat restrictive on the locations that Apprentice Nurses may practice their nursing skills. This emergency regulation will expand the locations where an Apprentice Nurse may practice thereby increasing Nevada patients' access to health care.

As this emergency regulation is necessary to provide immediate benefits to Nevadans, your endorsement is requested. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this important matter.

Respectfully,



CATHY DINAUER, MSN, RN
Executive Director
Nevada State Board of Nursing

Enclosures: Emergency Regulation
Informational Statement Pursuant to NRS 233B.066.1(a), (g)-(k)
Secretary of State Form for Filing Administrative Regulations

EMERGENCY REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

EXPLANATION – Matter in underline is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 632.120 AND 233B.0613.

A REGULATION relating to nursing; amending the locations where an apprentice nurse may practice

Section 1. NAC 632.252 is hereby amended:

NAC 632.252 Performance of tasks. (NRS 632.120)

1. A nursing student may, as an apprentice nurse, perform those tasks which the nursing student has successfully demonstrated in his or her program of education if:

(a) The nursing student may work[s] as an apprentice nurse in a Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151, [licensed hospital for acute care, a licensed hospital for long-term care] a community health clinic or a health maintenance organization [and works] under the supervision of a registered nurse who is at the site where care is provided;

(b) The nursing student presents to his or her employer satisfactory evidence from his or her school of nursing of successful demonstration of his or her skills;

(c) The nursing student has been evaluated by the chief nurse as safe to perform those tasks in the health care facility employing him or her;

(d) The description of the position of apprentice nurse provided by the health care facility employing the nursing student identifies the roles and responsibilities of the position;

(e) The tasks delegated to the nursing student acting as an apprentice nurse are identified in the health care facility's description of the position and have been approved by the Board as tasks that are delegable to the nursing student;

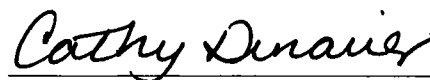
(f) There is a formal procedure for the nursing student to refuse to perform any task until he or she is comfortable with his or her ability to do so safely; and

(g) The nursing student, acting as an apprentice nurse, identifies himself or herself as an apprentice nurse on his or her name tag when recording patients' records and in his or her introduction to patients.

2. While performing nursing functions as an apprentice nurse, the nursing student is subject to the provisions of the Nurse Practice Act and regulations adopted by the Board.

The Executive Director has made the finding that an emergency affecting the health and safety of the public exists, and that adoption of the Emergency Regulation is appropriate.

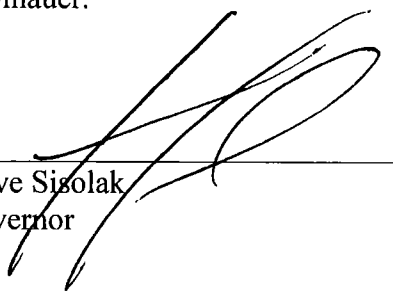
Dated this 3rd day of February, 2022



Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN
Executive Director

I, Governor Steve Sisolak, endorse the Statement of Emergency presented by the Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Nursing, Cathy Dinauer.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2022.



Steve Sisolak
Governor

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
EMERGENCY REGULATION

Informational Statement per NRS 233B.066(2)

- 1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation as required by RNS 233B.066(1)(a).**

This emergency regulation will increase the locations available for Nevada nursing students, acting as Apprentice Nurses to practice nursing skills. This increase in locations available for Apprentice Nurses will increase the number of health care workers in Nevada.

- 2. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public as required by NRS 233B.066(1)(g).**

Business:

Immediate and long-term effect is to protect public health and safety by increasing the number of competent health care workers in Nevada. This will be accomplished by increasing the types of facilities that may employ Apprentice Nurses.

Public:

Immediate and long-term effect of the emergency regulation is to protect public health and safety through the addition of competent Apprentice Nurses to the health care work force.

- 3. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation:**

Not applicable.

- 4. A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency as required by NRS 233B.066(1)(i).**

Not applicable.

- 5. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions as required by NRS 233B.066(1)(j).**

Not applicable.

- 6. 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 as required by NRS 233B.066(1)(k).**

Not applicable.