

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 632.120, 632.430 and 632.440.

A REGULATION relating to nursing; revising certain requirements relating to the approval of a program of nursing; authorizing the State Board of Nursing to deny or withdraw the approval of a program of nursing under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the State Board of Nursing to approve and deny applications for a program of nursing to operate in this State and to prescribe standards and curricula for schools of practical and professional nursing. (NRS 632.430, 632.440) Existing regulations establish standards for programs for education of nurses. (NAC 632.600-632.711) To prove compliance with such standards, existing regulations require a program of nursing to submit to the Board a report setting forth evidence satisfactory to the Board that the portion of the program conducted in this State is conducted in compliance with existing law and regulations. (NAC 632.703) This regulation: (1) requires a program of nursing to provide evidence satisfactory to the Board for the entirety of the program and not just the portion of the program conducted in this State; (2) requires a program of nursing to provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that the graduates of the program of nursing have a rate of passage on the National Council Licensure Examination of not less than 80 percent the first time the graduates take the examination; and (3) establishes that a failure to comply with these requirements may result in denial or withdrawal of the Board’s approval of the program.

Section 1. NAC 632.703 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 nursing accreditation body;

(b) All correspondence received within the preceding year from the accrediting body or bodies; and

(c) Evidence satisfactory to the Board that ~~the portion of~~ the program ~~conducted in Nevada~~ is conducted in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and chapter 632 of NRS relating to conducting a program of nursing ~~H~~, *which includes, without limitation, that 80 percent or more of graduates of the program who take the National Council Licensure for the first time pass the Examination, pursuant to subsection 2 of NAC 632.625.*

2. The administrator of the program of nursing shall:

(a) Notify the Board in writing of any action taken in favor of or 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 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.

4. A program of nursing conducted over the Internet or any other nontraditional course of instruction in nursing shall not provide clinical instruction in this State without the approval of the Board.

5. Each member of the faculty of a program of nursing who conducts a portion of the program in this State must be licensed in this State.

6. If a program of nursing fails to meet the requirements of this section, the Board may deny or withdraw the approval of a program of nursing pursuant to NAC 632.635.