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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
AND
FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Exam. for Reg. Prof. Nurses TITLE NUMBER: 19

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. §§30-7-4 and 30-1-4

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 1

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of
Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.


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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
101 Dee Drive, Suite 102
Charleston, WV 25311-1620

July 29, 2008

The Honorable Betty Ireland
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
1900 Kanawha Blvd
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

RE: Proposed Rule Revisions

Dear Secretary Ireland:

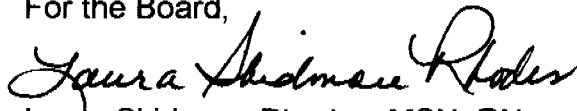
The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) in session July 17, 2008 gave agency approval of the proposed revisions to WV 19 CSR 1 Policies and Criteria for The Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing. This letter serves to provide the required brief summary for the proposed changes.

The proposed revisions to this rule will benefit the citizens of West Virginia by providing the Board with continued regulatory authority that will improve upon the evaluation of nursing education programs for accreditation. The revisions to the rule support current trends and innovations in professional nursing education, provide a process for programs outside of West Virginia to apply for use of health care facilities for student experiences in West Virginia, provide mechanisms to monitor nursing education programs in maintaining accreditation standards and provide for a fee increase for new programs and a new fee for ongoing accreditation each of which will assist in providing adequate financial resources to continue this important work.

The proposed revisions were reviewed by the Board during an open public meeting for which all nursing education programs had notice. All schools of nursing received a copy of the proposed rule.

Should you have any questions or desire more information please contact me.

For the Board,


Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN
Executive Director

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)

DATE: July 28, 2008

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No.) West Virginia Board of Examiners for Reg. Prof. Nurses
101 Dee Drive, Suite 102
Charleston, WV 25311
304-558-3596

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: _____
Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation W. Va. Code §§30-7-4 and 30-1-4

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:
June 13, 2006

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?
The news magazine included information about the proposed changes. This magazine is mailed to all registered professional nurses with an active license and to interested parties such as the news media and WV AARP. A copy of the proposed rule was placed on the Board's web site and mailed directly to all schools of nursing.

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) *or* Public Comment Period ended:
July 14, 2008

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.
Attached 1 No comments received _____

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- e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

July 29, 2008

- f. **Name, title, address and phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

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- g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give **Name, title, address and phone number(s)** of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

- a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

Notice of Comment Period filed June 13, 2008.

b. Date of hearing or comment period:

June 13, 2008 - July 14, 2008

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

July 29, 2008

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached See attached.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges,

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Board of Exam. for Reg. Prof. Nurses

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Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

This rule change will have no fiscal impact on costs and revenues of state government. The Board is a self sustaining agency. With the addition of schools of nursing the Board's related costs for completing the approval process have increased significantly. The Board is proposing an increase in the fee for new programs and the implementation of a new fee for ongoing accreditation visits. This rule references the Board's Fees Rule. If the Fees Rule is approved there could be an increase in revenue if any new programs apply for approval. In addition, there is a fee for the visit pertaining to legal accreditation of a professional nursing education program. This amount is \$1,000.00. The Board does not anticipate any new programs opening. The Board completes at least two (2) to five (5) ongoing accreditation visits a year. The related revenue will be \$2,000.00 or \$5,000.00 depending on the number of visits.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Alterations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

Rule Title: _____

DAE 7/29/08

Rule Title: Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, E

3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

This rule references the Board's Fees Rule. If the Fees Rule is approved there could be an increase in revenue if any new programs apply for approval. In addition, there is a proposed new fee for the visit pertaining to legal accreditation of a professional nursing education program. This amount is \$1,000.00. The Board does not anticipate any new programs opening. The Board completes at least two (2) to five (5) ongoing accreditation visits a year. The related revenue will be \$2,000.00 or \$5,000.00 depending on the number of visits.

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

The Board does not receive funds from the state's General Revenue.

Date: July 28, 2008

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Heena Sidman Rhodes

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TITLE 19
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

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OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
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SERIES 1
POLICIES, STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION
OF COLLEGES, DEPARTMENTS OR SCHOOLS OF NURSING

§19-1-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes the policies and standards criteria for the evaluation and accreditation of colleges, departments or schools of nursing.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§30-7-4 and 30-1-4.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

§19-1-2. Definitions.

2.13. "Accredited college, department or school of nursing" means a college, department or school which meets the requirements of W. Va. Code §30-7-1 et seq, this rule, and any other applicable laws and rules. For purposes of considering applications for licensure, the board may recognize nursing education programs accredited or approved by a comparable board or other recognized authority in another jurisdiction.

2.2 Administrator employment time is means the devotion of eighty (80%) devoted to school administrative duties. The administrator of the nursing program's teaching responsibilities not to exceed six academic semester credits per year, no more than three (3) academic credits per semester.

2.3.7. "Associate degree program in nursing" means a program conducted by a college or university that leads to an associate degree with a major in nursing.

2.4.6. "Baccalaureate degree program in nursing" means a program conducted by a

college or university and leads to a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing.

2.5.4. "Board" means the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses.

2.6.14. "Clinical Preceptor" means a registered professional nurse who:

2.6.14.a. is currently licensed as a registered professional nurse in good standing in the state in which he or she is providing the preceptorship with education preparation at or above the level for which the student is preparing;

2.6.14.b. has a minimum of two (2) years of experience as a registered professional nurse providing direct patient care during the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the written agreement;

2.6.14.c. has a philosophy of health care congruent with that of the nursing program; and,

2.6.14.d. has current knowledge of nursing practice at the registered professional nurse level.

2.7.2. "College", "Department" or "School" mean a nursing education unit charged with responsibility to prepare its graduates for practice as registered professional nurses, qualified to meet licensing requirements in West Virginia. This nursing education unit may have multiple programs and may be structured in a university, college or hospital.

2.8.10. "Credit hour" means that credit assigned for one (1) hour of lecture per week, or two (2) to four (4) hours of lab per week, per

semester.

2.9. Curriculum means a planned nursing educational experience based on the philosophy, mission, goals and outcomes of the nursing education program. The curriculum will include clinical assignments to meet the objectives of each nursing course.

2.10.5- "Diploma program" means a program which is usually, but not necessarily, conducted by a hospital and leads to a diploma in nursing.

2.11. Distance education means a formal educational process in which the majority of the instruction in a course/program occurs when instructors and students are not physically in the same location. The educational process may use various methodologies for communication, instruction, and evaluation.

2.12. Generic Masters degree program means a program conducted by a university and leads to a masters degree in nursing for individuals preparing for initial licensure as a registered professional nurse.

2.13. "Governing organization" means the university, college, or other organization of which the nursing education unit is an integral part.

2.14. 41- "Graduation" means the candidate has satisfied all requirements of the college, department or school of nursing granting the diploma or degree.

2.15. New program means any education program planning to prepare individuals for initial licensure that has not been accredited by the Board. This includes but is not limited to diploma, associate, baccalaureate, generic masters, second degree programs, accelerated programs, cohorts, sites, distance education through technology, Internet or web-based programs.

2.16. Part-time faculty means faculty employed by the nursing education program in a position with fewer hours than the organization's definition of full-time faculty

status.

2.17.4. "Provisionally accredited college, department or school of nursing" means a college, department or school of nursing which either has been temporarily approved but has not been in operation long enough to qualify for full accreditation, or one which fails to meet the requirements of the law and of the board, and has received notification of its deficiencies.

2.18.9. "Recommendations" means suggestions for the guidance of colleges, departments or schools of nursing in the development of their programs.

2.19.12- "Recommendation for admission to the licensure examination for registered professional nurses" means a written statement required in order to take the license examination. The applicant must be recommended to the board by a faculty member of the program. This recommendation is based on satisfactory completion of the program.

2.20. Renewal of accreditation means continuation of accreditation based on survey visits, conferences, correspondence, and contents of the annual report during the reporting period and is granted for a time period determined by the Board.

2.21.8- "Requirements" means mandatory conditions which a college, department or school of nursing must meet in order to be accredited.

2.22. Scheduled on-site visit means the on-site accreditation visit occurring as part of the ongoing accreditation process of the nursing education unit.

2.23. Standards means a standard prescribed by the Board for educational programs preparing persons for licensure to practice registered professional nursing as per §30-7-7.(b).

§19-1-3. Purposes of Accreditation.

3.1. The purposes of accreditation include:

3.1.a. Protection of the public through evaluation of pre-service professional nursing education programs in terms of the criteria set forth in this rule;

3.1.b. Improvement in the quality of nursing service through the improvement of professional nursing education;

3.1.c. Guidance of prospective students in the selection of approved professional nursing education programs; and

3.1.d. Assurance of eligibility to take the state licensing examination and to apply for state licensure to graduates of state accredited nursing programs.

§19-1-4. Application for Legal Accreditation.

4.1. The application fee for establishing a new program and to receive legal accreditation of a professional nursing education program and initial on-site visit is fifty dollars (\$50.00 as set forth in the board's rule, Fees, 19 CSR 12. A governing institution that plans to establish a new nursing education program university, college, or hospital desiring to be accredited by the board for the preparation of practitioners of registered professional nursing shall complete and submit such application for accreditation to the board a minimum of six (6) months in advance of the expected opening date:

4.1.a. a letter of intent identifying the governing institution, the type of nursing education program, and the status of approval from accrediting bodies and state agencies.

4.1.b. a feasibility study that includes:

4.1.b.1. the purpose of establishing the new nursing education program;

4.1.b.2. a comprehensive needs assessment establishing the need for a new undergraduate professional nursing program;

4.1.b.3. availability of health care agencies, educational facilities and practice sites with sufficient clinical learning experiences throughout the lifespan to support the program. Letters of commitment and contract proposals from the clinical facility are accepted documents for inclusion to demonstrate meeting the

standard;

4.1.b.4. enrollment projections and identification of potential students;

4.1.b.5. determination of demand for graduates of specific proposed program in geographical area;

4.1.b.6. submission of the proposed initial budget with assurance of adequate financial resources to support the implementation and continuing program including submission of the proposed initial budget and continuing budget;

4.1.b.7. availability of qualified faculty for theoretical and clinical instruction;

4.1.b.8. timeline for planning and implementation of the proposed program;

4.1.b.9. impact on existing nursing programs within a fifty (50) mile radius of the proposed program;

4.1.b.10. organizational structure of the governing institution and placement of proposed nursing education program within the overall organization.

~~The needs assessment shall provide support to show that clinical resources are available and adequate for providing clinical instruction to students; faculty resources are available; and clear documentation of the need for graduates prepared at the proposed level.~~

4.1.c. documentation that demonstrates the potential to meet all standards identified in this rule;

4.1.d. verification that a qualified nursing program administrator meeting the requirements of this rule is employed to develop the nursing program;

4.1.e. verification of availability of qualified nursing faculty to support the proposed numbers of student admissions to the new nursing education program; and

4.1.f. a curriculum plan that complies with the standards identified in §19-1-14.

4.2. A survey may be conducted to amplify, clarify, and verify information in the application.

4.3 If all standards for accreditation are met, the program shall receive provisional accreditation.

4.4 Following receipt of the first calendar year report of performance of graduates on the national licensure examination, the Board shall conduct a survey to determine if all standards for approval of a nursing education program have been met. The Board may:

4.4.a. grant full accreditation if standards of a nursing education program are met;

4.4.b. continue provisional approval and provide to the governing institution and nursing program administrator a written notice of deficiencies that establishes a reasonable time, based upon the number and severity of deficiencies, to correct deficiencies.

§19-1-5. Accreditation of Education Unit.

5.1. Visits and surveys. The board, through its executive secretary and staff or other qualified persons, shall periodically survey all nursing education programs accredited by the board, including all satellite sites of any program. The fee for visits pertaining to legal accreditation of a professional nursing education program as set forth in the board's rule, Fees, 19 CSR 12.

5.2. Maintenance of accreditation standards. The nursing education unit shall maintain accreditation standards as set forth in this rule. The nursing education unit shall submit to the Board a copy of the national accreditation report, recommendations and final decision for each national accreditation visit once received by the program within ten (10) days of the program's receipt of the report.

5.3 Program visits, in addition to regularly scheduled visits, shall be conducted more frequently if:

5.3.a. there is a concern regarding the school's compliance with standards for nursing education programs;

5.3.b. the director of the nursing program changes;

5.3.c. a major curriculum change is proposed; and/or

5.3.d. a complaint has been submitted to the Board.

5.4. Accreditation of an existing program when ownership and control are changed. When a governing organization contemplates a change of ownership and control of a program, it shall send notice of the intended change to the board ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the intended change. The owner or governing organization expecting to assume responsibility for the program shall immediately make application for accreditation. If the board is satisfied the owner or governing organization which will be responsible for the new program meets the criteria for accreditation and will comply with the recommendations of the board, it may be provisionally accredited.

5.5 Delivery of instruction by distance education methods shall enable students to meet the goals, competencies, and objectives of the educational program and standards of the Board, including supervised clinical learning experiences.

5.6 A distance-learning program shall establish a means for assessing individual student and program outcomes.

5.7 A nursing education program based outside the state of West Virginia desiring to have students in a clinical facility in West Virginia shall:

5.7.a. notify the Board, in writing, thirty (30) days in advance of the clinical learning experience for Board approval;

5.7.a.1. name of student, including license number if student is licensed in West Virginia;

5.7.a.2. name and license number of clinical supervisor;

5.7.a.3. name and location of the clinical facility;

5.7.a.4. name and license number of the nursing faculty responsible for the evaluation and oversight of the student's clinical learning experiences;

5.7.a.5. submit documentation verifying the program has accreditation by the residing state board of nursing or national

nursing accreditation body:

5.7.a.7. comply with all standards of the rule including those related to clinical supervision of student learning experiences. The Board may request periodic report for the purpose of data collection or to determine compliance with the provisions of this rule.

5.8 Expansion of a program requires approval from the Board. Only those programs with full accreditation status may submit requests to the Board to initiate expansion of a program.

§19-1-6. Loss of Accreditation.

6.1. Loss of accreditation through failure to meet standards. The Board may withdraw accreditation from any nursing education program which fails to meet legal and educational requirements or Board standards to the satisfaction of the Board within a reasonable time period as determined by the Board. The program shall be removed from the list of Board-approved professional nursing education programs. The board shall notify the administrator of the nursing education unit in writing of deficiencies in the nursing education program. ~~The board shall withdraw accreditation of any nursing education program which fails to correct the deficiencies in the nursing education program to the satisfaction of the board within a reasonable time period.~~

6.1.a. Factors jeopardizing program accreditation status include but may not be limited to:

6.1.a.1. deficiencies in compliance with this rule;

6.1.a.2. utilization of students to meet staffing needs in health care facilities;

6.1.a.3. noncompliance with school's stated philosophy/mission, program design, objectives/outcomes, and/or policies;

6.1.a.4. continual failure to submit records and reports to the Board office within designated time frames;

6.1.a.5. failure to provide sufficient variety and number of clinical learning opportunities for students to achieve stated objectives/outcomes;

6.1.a.6. failure to comply with Board requirements or to respond to Board

recommendations within a specified time:

6.1.a.7. student enrollments without sufficient faculty, facilities and/or patient census;

6.1.a.8. failure to maintain at least 80% passing rate on the licensure examination by first-time candidates;

6.1.a.9. failure of the program dean or director to document annually the currency of faculty licenses;

6.1.a.10. failure to maintain adequate budget to meet the needs of the program; or

6.1.a.11. other activities or situations that demonstrate to the Board that a program is not meeting legal requirements and standards.

6.2. Loss of accreditation through change of organization. When a program changes ownership or control, the board shall automatically withdraw accreditation. The new owner or organization shall comply with the provisions of subsection 5.3. of this rule to continue the nursing education program.

6.3. Provisional accreditation for failure to meet standards. At the board's discretion, it may grant provisional accreditation to a nursing education program during the time in which it takes corrective action in order to meet the accreditation standards set forth in this rule.

6.4 Any professional nursing school having a 20% or higher failure rate on the national licensure examination, shall receive a warning from the Board. If changes, correction and/or adjustment relative to faculty, facilities, student admission, curriculum content, and /or methods of teaching are not initiated within a specified time and such action approved by the Board, the Board may impose additional requirements or restrictions on the program.

§19-1-7. Closing of a Program.

7.1. The governing organization shall advise the board in writing of the intent to close a nursing education program at least six (6) months prior to the planned closing date. The governing organization shall submit a plan for

safeguarding the quality of instruction and practice during the closing period ~~as well as provide for the transfer of students and custody of records.~~

7.2 The governing organization shall ensure that all standards for nursing education programs are maintained and all necessary courses are taught until the last student is transferred or graduated.

7.3 The governing institution shall secure and provide for the permanent custody and storage of records of students and graduates. The Board shall be notified of the location and method of retrieving information from these records.

~~7.4.1.~~ At the board's discretion, it may request additional information and plans for the closing of a nursing education program and the transfer of students and records.

~~7.5.2.~~ The board shall automatically withdraw accreditation of the program on the day the last student completes curriculum requirements of the program that is closing.

§19-1-8. Reports.

8.1. The nursing education unit shall submit an annual report to the board by September 15 of each year for each nursing program accredited by the board. Data included in this annual report shall be determined by the board, and shall include, but not be limited to, statistical data, faculty data, faculty qualifications information, plans for the next academic year, student enrollment data, faculty workload data and a brief evaluation statement.

8.2. The nursing education unit shall submit a self-study and fee or program evaluation report to the board one month prior to a scheduled on-site visit to the nursing education program. The board shall determine the format and guidelines for the submission of this report. The fee for on-site visits pertaining to legal accreditation of a professional nursing education program as set forth in the board's rule, Fees, 19 CSR 12.

8.3. The nursing education unit shall notify the board on forms provided by the board of potential faculty of the university, college, or hospital to teach in any accredited nursing program whose qualifications fall within the exceptions defined in 19CSR1-11.1.a.1. at the time a new faculty member that that is hired by

8.4. A university, college, or hospital desiring to initiate a new nursing education program shall complete a needs assessment report for submission to the board at least one month prior to the a scheduled board meeting. The board shall determine the format and guidelines for submitting this report.

8.5. A nursing education unit desiring to implement a substantial change to the nursing education program shall submit its request to the board one month prior to a scheduled board meeting. The nursing education unit shall not implement a substantial change to a nursing education program prior to receiving permission to do so by the board.

8.6. At the board's discretion, it may request additional reports from a nursing education unit to include, but not be limited to, written plans for improving licensure examination pass rates of graduates and progress reports.

§19-1-9. Mission and Goals/Outcomes of the Nursing Education Unit.

9.1. The mission or philosophy and goals or outcomes of the nursing education unit shall be clearly stated, periodically reviewed by nursing faculty, and consistent with those of the governing organization.

9.2. Implementation through an adequate program. The nursing education unit shall accomplish its stated goals or outcomes.

§19-1-10. Organization and Administrative Control of the Nursing Education Unit.

10.1. The nursing education unit in the governing organization.

10.1.a. Organization of the nursing education unit. The organization pattern of the

nursing education unit shall be comparable to that of other like education units in the governing organization. The nursing education unit shall make a chart showing the structure of the nursing education unit, its relationship to administration, and with other education units available to the board upon request.

10.1.b. Budget of the nursing education unit. The budget of the nursing education unit shall be part of the budget of the governing organization. The administrator of the nursing education unit has input into ~~is responsible for~~ the preparation, presentation and is responsible for ~~the~~ administration of the budget for the nursing education unit. The administrator of the nursing program has input into the budget and it shall be adequate to achieve the mission of the nursing education unit.

10.1.b.1. Financial support for faculty, equipment, supplies and services shall be adequate to achieve the outcomes of all nursing programs within the nursing education unit.

10.1.b.2. Secretarial and other support services shall be sufficient to accomplish the goals and expected outcomes of all nursing programs within the nursing education unit.

10.1.c. Administration of the nursing education unit. The nursing education unit shall be administered by a nurse who (a) holds a graduate degree with a major in nursing, (b) has five (5) years professional nursing experience, two (2) years of which were teaching in a professional nursing program, and (c) holds a license as a registered professional nurse in the state of West Virginia. In addition, qualifications are comparable to those qualifications required of other faculty in the governing organization. The administrator of the nursing education unit is responsible for the following:

10.1.c.1. Providing leadership for faculty and staff;

10.1.c.2. Developing and maintaining relationships with local, state,

regional, and national agencies involved in professional nursing or nursing education;

10.1.c.3. Establishing and maintaining liaison with the central administration and other departments of the governing organization;

10.1.c.4. Preparing and administering the budget;

10.1.c.5. Facilitating faculty development and conducting performance reviews;

10.1.c.6. Recommending faculty for appointment, promotion, tenure and retention; and

10.1.c.7. Notifying the board of any major changes in the nursing education program or its administration.

10.1.d. Agreements with an agency or agencies for clinical practice experiences. There shall be a written agreement between the governing organization and the agency or agencies which provide clinical education experiences for students.

§19-1-11. Faculty of the Nursing Education Unit.

11.1. Nursing faculty members, both full and part-time shall be academically and professionally qualified and shall:

11.1.a. Have a graduate degree with a major in nursing;

11.1.a.1. The Board may grant an exception to the requirements in subdivision 11.1.a. of this rule for faculty members who:

11.1.a.1.A. Have a bachelor degree with a major in nursing and are admitted and enrolled in a graduate degree program with a major in nursing within one (1) year of employment in the faculty position;

~~11.1.a.1.B. Have a bachelor degree with a major in nursing and are only~~

~~employed part time solely for the purposes of working with students in lab and clinical settings; or;~~

11.1.a.1.B.C. Have qualifications other than those set forth in this subsection which are acceptable to the board.

11.1.b. Have evidence of current experience in nursing practice and education sufficient to demonstrate professional competence. For faculty with less than two years experience in education, the nursing program administrator will submit to the Board mentoring and orientation plans as defined by Board guidelines and function under the guidance of a faculty member fully qualified in the specific teaching area and professional competence; and

11.1.c. Have credentials which verify status as a registered professional nurse in West Virginia.

11.2. Reports on faculty qualifications. ~~At the time of appointment of a faculty member,~~ The nursing education unit shall submit to the board ~~on special forms;~~ a record of the qualifications of each faculty member with the program annual report.

11.3. Conditions of nursing faculty employment. Faculty policies of the nursing education unit shall be nondiscriminatory and consistent with that of the governing organization. Faculty policies which differ from the governing organization shall be justified by the nursing education unit goals. The policies shall be written, implemented and available to faculty and to the board upon request.

11.4. Assignment and workload of nursing faculty. The governing organization shall hire and maintain sufficient faculty with the experience and competence in the respective specialties of nursing education to accomplish the goals or outcomes of the nursing education unit. Assignment and workload shall be consistent with the governing institution and includes clinical lab. Workload should provide for regeneration, reflection and wellness opportunities for nursing faculty. Factors to be

included but not limited to when establishing the ratio of faculty to students should include:

11.4.a. the students' level of knowledge/skill;

11.4.b. course objectives;

11.4.c. acuity level of clients;

11.4.d. affiliating agency's goal and priorities;

11.4.e. percentage of temporary personnel staffing;

11.4.f. physical layout of facility;

11.4.g. current usage by other affiliating students; and

11.4.h. the Boards standards.

11.5. Organization of nursing faculty. The nursing faculty shall organize under its own governing rules, and meet regularly. Students shall have opportunities to participate in meetings of the faculty organization. The nursing education unit shall maintain minutes of meetings recorded and shall maintain minutes on file. The nursing education unit shall provide evidence of part time faculty participation in governance and communication within the nursing education unit.

11.6. Malpractice insurance for nursing faculty. The faculty shall have liability insurance for clinical practice required in nursing education courses.

§19-12. Students in the Nursing Education Unit.

12.1. The nursing education unit shall base the selection and admission of students on established criteria, and be consistent in the recruitment and admission of students, and shall determine student enrollment by the clinical and teaching facilities available and by the numbers of nursing faculty. Enrollment into the nursing education program may not increase if the program does not have full accreditation by the Board. An increase in enrollment of greater than ten (10) percent must have prior approval by the Board.

12.1.a. Requirements for admission. A high school diploma or general education development (G.E.D.) certificate is required for

admission to any nursing education program. Requirements for admission shall be consistently applied throughout the program. Changes in requirements shall be communicated to the students in a reasonable timeframe.

12.1.b. Transfer or readmission of students. The nursing faculty members shall establish policies for students requesting readmission or admission by transfer from another university, college, or hospital's nursing education program. Requirements for transfer and readmission shall be consistently applied throughout the program. Changes in requirements shall be communicated to the students in a reasonable timeframe.

12.2. Student policies. Policies concerning students shall be clearly stated in the student handbook and/or catalog of the governing organization. There shall be evidence of communication of policies of the governing institution and nursing education program to the students. Changes in requirements shall be communicated to the students in a reasonable timeframe.

12.3. Liability insurance for students. Students shall be covered by liability insurance for clinical practice.

12.4. Students shall adhere to the standards for professional conduct as stated in the board's rule, Standards for Professional Nursing Practice, 19CSR10, and are subject to disciplinary action by the board for acts of professional misconduct as defined as stated in the board's rule, Disciplinary Action, 19CSR9 Professional Misconduct, 19CSR3.

§19-1-13. Curriculum.

13.1. The curriculum of each nursing education program within the nursing education unit shall be based on the philosophy or mission and goals or outcomes of the nursing education unit.

13.1.a. The curriculum shall incorporate the concepts of nursing process and the standards for nursing practice as defined in the board's rule, Standards for Professional Nursing,

19CSR10. Clinical assignments shall be designed to meet the objectives of each nursing course. Faculty shall provide evidence of ongoing review and updating of instructional materials, lecture notes, handouts and resources provided to students to ensure students receive current information and standards of practice.

13.1.b. Curricula for programs offering the diploma, the associate degree, ~~or~~ baccalaureate degree, generic masters, accelerated programs, cohorts, sites, or distance education in nursing shall include theory and practice in nursing, encompassing the attainment and maintenance of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness for individuals and groups throughout the life process.

13.2. The nursing courses shall be supported by courses which meet the requirements of the governing organization, including biological, physical and behavioral science courses.

13.3. Major changes in the nursing curriculum or the nursing education pattern. The nursing education unit shall send ~~eight (8)~~ electronic copies of proposed major changes in the curriculum or nursing education pattern of courses currently approved by the board to the board office one month prior to a scheduled board meeting. The nursing education unit shall not effect these changes unless and until it receives board approval. Examples of major changes include but are not limited to:

13.3.a. The total number of credit hours;

13.3.b. The re-distribution of credit hours;

13.3.c. An additional instructional site for the program;

13.3.d. A comprehensive change in philosophy or mission and goals or outcomes;

13.3.e. The addition of new faculty; and

13.3.f. Changes in required cognate (general education) courses.

§19-1-14. Resources, Facilities, and Services.

14.1. The nursing education unit shall provide adequate teaching facilities to accomplish the goals or outcomes of the nursing education programs. These shall include well-equipped classrooms, conference rooms, libraries, laboratories and offices for faculty members.

14.2. Comprehensive and current library resources, computer facilities, laboratory and other learning resources shall be available and accessible. The nursing faculty shall have input into the development and provision of learning resources.

14.3. The resources, facilities and services of the governing organization shall be available to and used by the nursing education unit.

14.4. The hospitals or other health care facilities and services utilized for clinical learning experiences shall be adequate in number and kind to meet program goals or outcomes. A preceptor serves as a role model and resource to students in the clinical setting in conjunction with a faculty member.

§19-1-15. Evaluation of the Nursing Education Unit.

15.1. The nursing education unit shall have an ongoing systematic evaluation of all program components which is used for development, maintenance and revision of the program. The evaluation shall include but not be limited to curriculum content review and test review.

15.2. The evaluation plan shall include measurable outcomes, e.g., licensure examination passage rate, employment patterns, graduation rates and attrition.

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From: Elizabeth Viens [mailto:elviens@comcast.net]
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Subject: Proposed changes to Title 19 Series 1

I have reviewed the proposed changes to Title 19 Series 1. I believe these add greater clarification to the organization and delivery of nursing education and should be approved. Specific improvements include:

- o 19-1-4.1.b.9 identifying the impact of additional schools of nursing on existing schools within a 50 mile radius addresses indirectly the limited clinical agencies and available faculty within a region. This will only improve the student outcomes. Competition between schools of nursing is not always favorable in light of faculty shortages.
- o 19-1-10.1.b this proposed change is a better reflection of the reality of multiple school administration organizations and budgetary controls
- o 19-1-14 provides better structure for faculty assignments and the augments the difference between teaching nursing and other non-professional education within an organization

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Re: Proposed Rule, 19 CSR 1 Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing

Dear Ms. Rini:

Thank you for your comments of support regarding the proposed changes to 19 CSR 1 Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing. The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) found them helpful

You may review the Agency Approved Rule by visiting the Board's web site at www.wvrnboard.com after August 1, 2008.

Again, thank you for taking time to review the proposed rule and providing your comments and assistance to the Board.

For the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Skidmore Rhodes".

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