

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

BOARD OF NURSING

Rule No.: N 1

Relating to: Faculty Accreditation Standards

Rule Type: Emergency and permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

This rule is essential for the public welfare by enabling nursing schools to broaden their clinical faculty. The expeditious promulgation of this proposed rule directly serves Wisconsin's economic interests and public well-being by alleviating nursing school staffing shortages and reducing barriers to nursing practice.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Board's primary objective is to alleviate nursing school faculty shortages and reduce barriers to nursing practice by allowing greater flexibility in clinical faculty availability. The goal is to promote a bigger nursing workforce, which is essential to the well-being of the state as a whole.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Chapter N 1 broadly covers the approval process for nursing schools, which includes specific faculty accreditation standards that schools must adhere to for approval and continued operation. These standards generally outline the criteria for employing qualified educational administrators and faculty members. The Board has identified the need to clarify these provisions to allow more flexibility in clinical faculty available to teach nursing students in clinical settings.

The alternative is to not update these provisions, which would restrict the flow of new nursing graduates into the workforce.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides an examining board "[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains. . ."

Section 227.24 (1) (a), Stats., provides "[a]n agency may, except as provided in s. 227.136 (1), promulgate a rule as an emergency rule without complying with the notice, hearing, and publication requirements under this chapter if preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare necessitates putting the rule into effect prior to the time it would take effect if the agency complied with the procedures."

Section 441.01 (3), Stats., provides "[t]he board may establish minimum standards for schools for professional nurses and schools for licensed practical nurses, including all related clinical units and facilities, and make and provide periodic surveys and consultations to such schools. It may also establish rules to prevent unauthorized persons from practicing professional nursing. It shall approve all rules for the administration of this chapter in accordance with ch. 227."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Nursing students, nursing school graduates, entities that hire or may hire nursing students and nursing school graduates, and individuals accessing health care services.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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