

6301.2410 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN NURSING EDUCATION.

Subpart 1. **Application.** A nursing education program may apply to implement an innovative approach by complying with this part. Nursing education programs approved to implement innovative approaches shall continue to provide quality nursing education that prepares graduates to practice safely, competently, and ethically within the scope of practice as defined in Minnesota Statutes.

Subp. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of applying for exemption from certain rules is to:

A. foster innovative models of nursing education to address the changing needs in health care;

B. ensure that innovative approaches are conducted in a manner consistent with the board's role of protecting the public; and

C. ensure that innovative approaches conform to the quality outcome standards and core education criteria established by the board.

Subp. 3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the exemption, the program must:

A. hold full board approval without conditions;

B. have no substantiated complaints in the past two years; and

C. have no rule violations in the past two years.

Subp. 4. **Application.** The following information must be provided to the board at least 30 calendar days prior to a board meeting:

A. identifying information, including name of nursing program, address, responsible party, and contact information;

B. a brief description of the current program, including accreditation and board approval status;

C. length of time for which the exemption is requested;

D. description of the innovative approach, including objectives;

E. brief explanation of why the program wants to implement an innovative approach at this time;

F. explanation of how the proposed innovation differs from approaches in the current program;

G. rationale with available evidence supporting the innovative approach;

H. identification of resources that support the proposed innovative approach;

I. expected impact the innovative approach will have on the program, including administration, students, faculty, and other program resources;

- J. plan for implementation, including timeline and the impact on current students;
- K. plan for evaluation of the proposed innovation, including measurable criteria and outcomes, method of evaluation, and frequency of evaluation; and
- L. additional application information as requested by the board.

Subp. 5. **Standards for approval.** The application must meet the following standards:

- A. the eligibility criteria in subpart 3, and application criteria in subpart 4;
- B. the innovative approach will not compromise the quality of education or safe practice of students;
- C. resources are sufficient to support the innovative approach;
- D. rationale with available evidence supports the implementation of the innovative approach;
- E. the implementation plan is reasonable to achieve the desired outcomes of the innovative approach;
- F. the timeline provides for a sufficient period to implement and evaluate the innovative approach; and
- G. the plan for periodic evaluation is comprehensive and supported by appropriate methodology.

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