

6400.7040 COURSE PROVIDER REVIEW.

Subpart 1. **Program review and approval.** Upon request of a course provider, the board shall review course content offered by the course provider, and upon finding conformity between the proposed program and the requirements of this chapter, shall approve the course provider as offering courses that meet all of the course requirements for licensure.

Subp. 2. **Requesting course review.** When submitting a program of study offered by a course provider to meet the course requirements, the course provider shall provide the following information in an application for the board's review:

A. designation of a program director to coordinate the course provider's program or course offerings with the board. If the program director determines that courses from students transferring into the course provider's program or courses from students enrolled in the program who cannot arrange class schedules to permit timely completion of the board-approved courses are equivalent in content to those accepted by the board to fulfill the course requirements in parts 6400.7015 and 6400.7020, the program director must submit the students' equivalent courses to the board. The board must determine that the courses are equivalent in content to fulfill the course requirements in parts 6400.7015 and 6400.7020;

B. evidence of the establishment and use of an advisory group of assisted living directors and others in the long-term services and supports industry, including the names and experience of group members and the frequency of meetings, to review course requirements and practicum activities;

C. a published marketing description of the course of study offered or recommended by the provider for those interested in licensure as an assisted living director in Minnesota. Nothing in this chapter restricts course providers from designing or implementing curricula, or establishing requirements for courses, majors, or other designations offered by the institution, more comprehensive than required under this chapter for licensure;

D. a topic-by-topic review of how each course offered by the course provider meets the requirements in parts 6400.7015 and 6400.7020;

E. an outline of each course offered by the course provider to fulfill one or more of the licensure course requirements, listing texts and materials used in the course; and

F. identification of one or more course providers to:

(1) coordinate director in training field experiences for students; and

(2) provide instruction to any director becoming a mentor for the first time regarding objectives for the director in training or evidence of use of NAB's mentor training modules.

Subp. 3. **Review and approval process.** Upon receipt of an application package for approval of a course provider's program to meet board course requirements, the board shall acknowledge receipt of the request and identify any missing requirements to the program director. Upon receipt of all required information, the board shall review all materials presented and may request an

appearance by one or more representatives of the program at a meeting to review all material for conformance to requirements. The board shall base its decision to approve or reject the course provider's program on whether the application materials presented cover the course topics outlined in parts 6400.7015 and 6400.7020 with sufficient depth to enable students to attain the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to begin work as an assisted living director. If the application package and discussion with program officials fail to show compliance with parts 6400.7015 and 6400.7020 or to provide sufficient evidence to satisfy the board members that they can infer beginning-level competency among students completing the proposed course, the board shall notify the program director in writing of the deficiencies the course provider must remedy. Once all deficiencies are satisfactorily remedied, the board shall grant approval to the course provider in writing and include reference to the course provider's offerings in its correspondence with students interested in learning where courses approved by the board to meet licensure requirements are available. If the deficiencies are not corrected, the board shall deny approval for the course provider's program by written notice to the program director.

Subp. 4. Annual review. Annually on or before September 1, the program director of a course provider with an approved program or courses shall file with the board on forms prescribed by the board for that purpose a report indicating:

- A. any changes in any of the information presented to satisfy the requirements outlined in this part since the initial application or since the updated report of the preceding year; and
- B. to the extent available, a schedule of when throughout the year the approved courses will be offered by the course provider or the link to the course website.

Subp. 5. Five-year course provider review.

A. Every fifth year following the board's initial approval of a course provider's program or courses, the program director shall provide a complete review of the course provider's program by submitting to the board by September 1 of the fifth year a review application package in the same format and incorporating the same information as required in subpart 2 for a new program approval application. When no change has occurred since the initial application, the program director may submit a copy of the initially submitted information with an updated date and attestation that the information is current.

B. The board shall review the five-year program review package submitted by the course provider and approve or deny continued board approval for the program as provided in subpart 3. If the board finds it necessary to deny continued approval to a program or to specific courses, the board shall provide information to the program director about ways in which students currently enrolled in the program may obtain supplementary or alternative courses to complete the requirements for licensure in view of the revocation of approval for courses offered by the course provider. The program director shall provide the information to all students enrolled in the previously approved program or courses and shall work with the students to provide a smooth transition to alternative course providers offering approved courses.

C. In addition to the five-year program review, if the board receives information that the success rates fall below the national average for candidates from the program who, during the

annual review period, wrote for the first time the national examination for assisted living directors developed by NAB, the board must take one of the actions described in subitems (1) to (3):

(1) if success rates are below the national average for one period, the board shall require the program director to identify factors that potentially affect the low success rate of the licensure examination. The director shall submit a plan of corrective action by a specified date. The plan of action must be on a board-supplied form and include the signature of the program director and another course provider representative. If during the following year the success rate is above the national average, no action by the board is required;

(2) if the success rates are below the national average for two consecutive periods, the board shall notify the program director of a survey to identify additional factors affecting the low success rate and review progress on the plan for corrective action submitted the previous year. The survey must include the director, presenters, students, and a course presenter representative. The program director shall submit a revised plan of corrective action by a specified date. The plan of corrective action must be on a board-supplied form and include the signatures of the program director and course provider representative. If during the following year the success rate is above the national average, no action is required by the board; or

(3) if success rates are below the normal average for three consecutive periods, the board shall require the program director and another course provider representative to meet with a committee of board members and board staff for a survey for compliance with all applicable rules and for the implementation of the plan for corrective action submitted the previous year. Upon completion of the survey, the board shall take action according to subpart 3.

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