

60-2-103. Nursing program faculty and preceptor qualifications. (a) Professional nursing programs.

(1) Each nurse faculty member shall be licensed as a registered professional nurse in Kansas.

(2) Each preceptor shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the state in which the individual is currently practicing nursing; and

(B) complete a preceptor orientation that includes information about the pedagogical aspects of the student-preceptor relationship and course information.

(3) Each nursing program shall have a written plan that includes the method of selection of preceptors, the roles of the faculty members and preceptors, and the methods of contact between faculty members and preceptors during the preceptorship.

(4) Each nurse faculty member shall have academic preparation and experience as follows:

(A) Each nurse faculty member who is assigned the responsibility of a course shall hold a graduate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member shall have a graduate degree in nursing, preferably in the clinical area being taught, except for any person whose graduate degree was conferred before July 1, 2001.

(B) Each nurse faculty member responsible for clinical instruction shall possess a graduate degree or provide to the board a faculty degree plan that projects completion of a graduate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member responsible for clinical instruction shall meet one of the following requirements:

(i) Have a graduate degree in nursing, preferably in the clinical area being taught, except for any person whose graduate degree was conferred on or before July 1, 2001; or

(ii) provide to the board a faculty degree plan that projects completion of a graduate degree in nursing.

(b) Practical nursing programs.

(1) Each nurse faculty member shall be licensed as a registered professional nurse in Kansas.

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(2) Each preceptor shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the state in which the individual is currently practicing nursing; and

(B) complete a preceptor orientation that includes information about the pedagogical aspects of the student-preceptor relationship and course information.

(3) Each nursing program shall have a written plan that includes the method of selection of preceptors, the roles of the faculty members and preceptors, and the methods of contact between faculty members and preceptors during the preceptorship.

~~(2)~~(4) Each nurse faculty member shall have academic preparation and experience as follows:

(A) Each nurse faculty member who is assigned the responsibility of a course shall hold a baccalaureate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member shall have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing, except for any person whose degree was conferred on or before July 1, 2001.

(B) Each nurse faculty member responsible for clinical instruction shall possess a baccalaureate degree or provide to the board a faculty degree plan that projects completion of a baccalaureate degree. Each person who is hired as a nurse faculty member responsible for clinical instruction shall meet one of the following requirements:

(i) Have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing, except for any person whose degree was conferred on or before July 1, 2001; or

(ii) provide to the board a faculty degree plan that projects completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing.

(c)(1) For each nursing program, each nursing program administrator shall submit to the board the following:

(A) A faculty qualification report for each faculty member newly employed. Faculty with a continuing appointment shall have an appropriate degree;

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(B) a faculty degree plan reflecting completion of the degree within six years for each instructor without the appropriate degree. Upon completion of the degree, a transcript showing completion of the nursing program shall be submitted to the board; and

(C) notification and a rationale for each faculty member who is not following the degree plan as submitted.

(2) The nursing program administrator may request a faculty hire exception to be approved by the board's professional staff, if faculty meeting the criteria specified in this regulation are not available, by providing documentation of the following:

- (A) A lack of qualified applicants;
- (B) a rationale for the need to hire the applicant;
- (C) the applicant's qualifications; and
- (D) a plan for faculty recruitment.

~~This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2022.~~ (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-1129; implementing K.S.A. 65-1119; effective April 4, 1997; amended Jan. 24, 2003; amended January 1, 2022; amended P- _____.)

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