

September 3, 2024

A public hearing will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Friday, November 15, 2024, in Suite 1051 of the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, KS to consider the adoption of proposed changes in one existing regulation, K.A.R. 60-3-114, relating to satisfactory completion of a refresher course approved by the board.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulation. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Executive Administrator of the Kansas State Board of Nursing, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 1051, Topeka, KS 66612 or by email to carol.moreland@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally regarding the adoption of the proposed regulation during the public hearing. Phone comments will be taken by calling 1-877-278-8686 (access code 420360) at the time of the hearing. To provide all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Carol Moreland at (785) 296-5752. The north entrance to the Landon State Office Building is handicapped accessible. Handicapped parking is located at the north end of the Landon State Office Building, across the street from the north entrance to the building, and on Ninth Street, just around the corner from the north entrance to the building.

A summary of the proposed regulation and the economic impact follows. A copy of the proposed regulation and associated economic impact statement may be obtained by accessing the Kansas State Board of Nursing website at <https://ksbn.kansas.gov> or by contacting the Executive Administrator of the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 1051, Topeka, KS 66612, (785) 296-5752, or carol.moreland@ks.gov prior to the date of the hearing.

K.A.R. 60-3-114. Satisfactory completion of a refresher course approved by the board. The proposed revisions for this regulation include a change in the number of required hours of clinical learning for a registered professional nurse refresher course and a licensed practical nurse refresher course. The required number of clinical learning clock-hours for the registered professional nurse refresher course is changed to 120 with 96 clock-hours in an acute care setting and 24 clock-hours in a setting of choice. The required number of clinical learning clock-hours for a licensed practical nurse refresher course is changed to 90 clock-hours in an acute care or skilled nursing setting of choice.

There is minimal economic impact to the Board of Nursing. This proposed change will decrease the cost for the RN and LPN taking the refresher courses. It will also decrease the time involvement for the refresher course providers. This proposed change is more in alignment with the other states that require completion of a refresher course. There is no economic impact to the general public. This change will

enable nurses who are required to complete a refresher course to complete the refresher course faster, reinstate their license, enter the workforce, and increase the number of licensed nurses. These changes will help the nursing workforce shortage.