

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA

BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Rasmussen College
Practical Nursing Program

ORDER

WHEREAS the Minnesota Board of Nursing ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.251 to approve nursing programs, survey approved programs to determine compliance with Board Rules, and continue or revoke approval based on the determination of compliance or non-compliance; and

WHEREAS the Practical Nursing Program conducted by Rasmussen College is currently approved by the Board, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matter referred to herein; and

WHEREAS the above-entitled matter came on for hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Minnesota Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 6, 2015, convened at 2829 University Avenue S.E., Fourth Floor, Conference Room A, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414; and

WHEREAS, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On October 1, 2013, in accordance with Board rules, the Program submitted an Annual Survey for Evidence of Compliance with Education Standards and Additional Statutes and Board Rules.

2. On September 27, 2014, in accordance with Board rules, the Program executed and subsequently submitted an Annual Survey for Evidence of Compliance with Education Standards and Additional Statutes and Board Rules. On November 14, 2014, the Program submitted a revised survey to the Board.

3. By letter dated November 25, 2014, the Board notified the program there was reason to believe the Program was not in compliance with identified Board rules for nursing education programs, and pursuant to Board rules an on-site survey would be conducted.

4. On December 10, 2014, Board staff conducted a survey of the Program at the Eagan campus location. The survey included meetings with the Program Director, faculty responsible for instruction of students in identified courses of the Program at the Eagan campus location, students and a clinical site visit.

5. The Program fully cooperated with the Board's inquiry and provided all additional documentation requested as part of the survey and review of course materials.

6. The Board's survey identified the following violations of Board rules:

a. Course materials and student learning outcomes were not consistent with the scope of practical nursing, including assignments related to teaching and course objectives reflecting care of the family.

b. Students enrolled in the Program during the Winter Quarter 2014 did not have an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate competence in clinical settings with maternal/child patients while enrolled in the course. Although the clinical evaluation tool included elements that could not have been achieved in an observational clinical learning activity, such as "[i]s able to perform diagnostic medical procedures" and "[u]sed good judgment while caring for clients," 16 students received scores of "[a]cceptable" or higher in these elements.

c. Not all students enrolled in the Summer Quarter 2014 had opportunities to acquire and demonstrate competence with maternal/child patients in the Family Nursing course.

d. Not all students enrolled in the Fall Quarter 2014 completed a fundal height assessment as required during the onsite clinical learning activity conducted on December 1, 2014.

e. Information regarding clinical learning experiences in the Annual Compliance report was found to be inaccurate and incomplete.

f. Records and statements made by representatives of the program regarding the number of students enrolled for Fall Quarter 2014 were inconsistent with documentation of student enrollment.

7. The Program served a timely answer in which it set forth the basis upon which it agreed in part and disagreed in part with the cited deficiencies, and otherwise provided an explanation of the issues raised in the Board's review.

8. The Program affirmatively stated that it had taken all possible necessary corrective action to address the alleged violations.

9. At the March 16, 2015, conference with the Review Panel, the Review Panel determined that except as set forth *infra*, the deficiencies discovered during the survey had all been corrected. The Review Panel found that the Program had not provided Eagan campus students enrolled in the PN130–Maternal-Child Nursing course an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate competence in clinical settings with maternal/child patients while enrolled in the Winter Quarter 2014 course.

10. The Program affirmatively stated that as of the date of the conference the PN130-Maternal-Child Nursing course was no longer offered as part of the Program's curriculum and that no students who had been enrolled the course during Winter Quarter 2014 at the Eagan campus were still enrolled in the Program due to graduation or withdrawal. Because

the course at issue had been terminated, the Program was unable to retroactively correct or take remedial action on the cited deficiency.

11. The Review Panel recommended that the Board issue a Reprimand without changing the approval status of the Program.

12. The Program recommended that the Board notify the Director in writing that compliance with all rules had been determined. The Program asked for this recommendation because the PN130 course is no longer offered and therefore was unable to bring that course into compliance. The succeeding course, PN132, however, has been and is in compliance with all applicable requirements.

13. The Review Panel and the representative of the Program agreed to the submission of the Report to the Board.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 6301.2360 subp. 10(A)(2). provides that, upon submission of a report to the Board, the Board may issue a reprimand without changing the approval status if the program is in compliance either at the time of convening the review panel or hearing or by the time the board reviews the report of the panel or hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found, and the Program has acknowledged, that as of the date of the conference with the Review Panel, it was unable to demonstrate compliance with 6301.2340, subp. 3(D)(I) relating to its PN130-Maternal-Child Nursing course at the Eagan campus in Winter Quarter 2014 due to the course having been closed, and

WHEREAS the Board has found that that except as set forth *infra*, the deficiencies discovered during the survey had all been corrected prior to the Board's meeting on August 6, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Rule 6301.2360 subp. 10(A)(2), that the Program is hereby REPRIMANDED for its failure to comply with the Minnesota Rules 6301.2340, subp. 3(D)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, due to the Program's subsequent compliance with all applicable rules prior to the Board's meeting on August 6, 2015, the Practical Nursing Program conducted by Rasmussen College shall remain fully approved by the Board at this time.

Dated: August 25, 2015

MINNESOTA BOARD
OF NURSING



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