

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of  
Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical  
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 Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical Nursing Program is currently approved by the Board, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matters 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 5, 2010, 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 July 18, 1953, the Board first approved the program later known as the Minnesota State College Southeast Technical Practical Nursing Program - Red Wing (“Red Wing campus”). On June 12, 1954, the Board first approved the program later known as the Minnesota State College Southeast Technical Practical Nursing Program – Winona (“Winona campus”). The Red Wing campus was last granted renewal of approval on March 21, 1997. The Winona campus was last granted renewal of approval on April 1, 2004. Effective January 1, 2010, the two programs were merged as the Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical Practical Nursing Program.

2. In 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, and 2008, the success rate on the nurse licensing examination by graduates of the Red Wing campus was below 75%. Minnesota Rule 6301.0800, Subpart 1.B.(3) provides when the success rate of candidates from a program who are writing the licensing examination for the first time is below 75% for three consecutive periods, the Board shall require the Director of Nursing and another academic representative of the program to meet with a committee of Board members and Board staff for an on-site survey of the program's compliance with applicable Rules.

3. On February 5, 2009, the Board passed a motion consistent with Minnesota Rule 6301.0800, Subpart 1.B.(3), requiring the Director of Nursing and another academic representative of the Program to meet with a committee of Board members and Board staff for an on-site survey of the Program's compliance.

4. On March 31, 2009, the Board received a letter indicating that the Program's Red Wing campus and Winona campus would be merged into a single practical nursing program. On April 2, 2009, the Board passed a motion to revise the date of the on-site survey to Fall 2009, and conduct a single survey for renewal of approval for the merged Program.

5. On October 5, 2009, the Board received the completed survey form for the Program. Additional evidence was received October 7, 2009. On October 12, 2009, the on-site survey was conducted at the Red Wing campus. On October 13, 2009, the on-site survey was conducted at the Winona campus. The survey team reviewed additional documents and met with the college administration, the Director of Nursing, members of the nursing faculty, and students.

6. On November 12, 2009, the Program appeared before the Review Panel, pursuant to a Notice of Conference dated October 23, 2009, to discuss deficiencies identified during the review of documents and the on-site survey. These deficiencies included failure to ensure each registered nurse faculty member had Minnesota licensure and current registration as required by Minnesota Rule 6301.1300, Subpart 2.A.; failure to document that each registered nurse faculty member completed at least ten hours of educational preparation in principles and methods of evaluating student performance within two years of appointment, as required by Minnesota Rule

6301.1300, Subpart 2.B.; failure to complete the Board-supplied forms required to demonstrate all students were evaluated for all nursing abilities, as required by Minnesota Rules 6301.1800, Subpart 1; failure to identify the evaluation components which ensure patient safety, as required by Minnesota Rule 6301.2000, Subpart 1; and failure to provide written evidence students were evaluated on all required nursing abilities, as required by Minnesota Rule 6301.2000, Subpart 2 and Minnesota Rule 6301.2100, Subpart 3. The conference was continued to permit the Program a reasonable period to correct the deficiencies that had been discussed. On December 2, 2009; February 16, 2010; March 17, 2010; and April 17, 2010, the Program provided evidence indicating some of the deficiencies had been mitigated or corrected.

7. On June 16, 2010, the conference was reconvened to discuss the remaining deficiencies; the Program had not submitted the Board-supplied forms required to demonstrate compliance with Minnesota Rules 6301.1800, 6301.2000, and 6301.2100. At the conclusion of the conference, the Program agreed to submission of a report to the Board regarding the remaining deficiencies.

8. The report was scheduled to be considered by the Board on August 5, 2010. In the report, the parties agreed that the Program would have the opportunity to correct the deficiencies prior to the Board's meeting on August 5, 2010.

9. Prior to the Board's meeting on August 5, 2010, the Program submitted evidence that it had corrected the remaining deficiencies. Accordingly, the Panel recommended that the Board issue a Reprimand without changing the approval status of the Program.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 6301.0800, subpart 3, provides that, upon submission of a report to the Board, the Board may issue a Reprimand without changing the approval status of a Program if the Program is in compliance with applicable rules at the time the Board reviews the Panel's report; 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 Minnesota Rules 6301.1800, 6301.2000, and 6301.2100; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that the Program subsequently demonstrated compliance with all applicable rules prior to the Board's meeting on August 5, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Rule 6301.0800, subpart 3, the Program is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for its failure to comply with the Rules outlined above prior to the Program's meeting with the Panel, particularly for its failure to comply with the Rules after receiving notice of the deficiencies and a reasonable time to correct the deficiencies.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, due to the Program's subsequent compliance with all applicable rules prior to the Board's meeting on August 5, 2010, the Program shall remain fully approved by the Board at this time.

Dated: October 14, 2010

MINNESOTA BOARD  
OF NURSING

  
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