

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**
January 2, 2025
TEAMS Meeting
1210 Northland Avenue #120

Members Present: Lynette How, Summer Hagy, Jessica Mieke, Tracy Sonterre-Rieger via TEAMS Meeting

Members Absent: none

Staff present: Deb Schuhmacher, JaCinda Downs, Melissa Wolfe via TEAMS Meeting

Call to order: 1:00 p.m. by D. Schuhmacher

Approval of Agenda

Motion by T. Sonterre-Rieger; seconded by J. Mieke. All approved.

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes: J. Mieke made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by T. Sonterre-Rieger. All approved.

Motion passed

Discuss Draft Board of Nursing Education Guideline Professional Nursing Program Faculty

Discussion on draft proposal guideline to interpret and define “majority” of part-time professional faculty and how to interpret “hold a graduate degree” for the educational requirement with part-time professional faculty, according to the MN Rule 6301.2340, Subp. 3 (11):

“ensure professional nursing program faculty have a graduate degree for full-time faculty and the **majority of part-time faculty hold a graduate degree from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university** recognized by the United States Department of Education, by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or successors, or by a comparable organization if the baccalaureate- or graduate-level degree is from a foreign country. If the major of the graduate degree is not in nursing, the faculty must hold a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing.”

Guideline Proposal:

Based on the review of evidence and consideration of MN Statue and Rule requirements:

- Define majority as 50% plus one; therefore, professional nursing programs need to have part-time faculty at a majority of 50% plus one with a graduate degree.
- Honor and account professional nursing faculty for holding a graduate degree who have completed a master credit equivalency of 30+ credits in a BSN to DNP program with formal confirmation from the academic institution of their enrollment and credit completion.
- Grant acceptance of a professional nursing program BSN faculty enrolled in an MSN or MAN program with expected graduation in December of the current year.
- A Nursing Rule Variance request as an option for professional nursing programs that are unable to meet the MN Rule 6301.2340, Subp. 3 (11) for part-time faculty.

Motion passed

Discussion to summarize guideline to inform all members of the Board. Committee will review messaging to nursing programs.

Discuss minimum faculty qualification according to MN Rule 6301.2340

Discussion of minimum faculty qualifications in PN programs due to potential non-compliance.

Informational

Agenda items tabled for next meeting:

Revisit MN Statute 148.271 Exemption for nursing students

- Nursing students practicing under supervision of instructor

Reflect on December Board meeting discussion Nursing Education role in Substance Use / Coping Skills

- What is nursing education role in educating nursing students on substance use and preparing nursing graduates with positive coping skills?
- Does the committee find a charge for this in 2025?

Discuss and Determine Action Plan for 2025-2027:

Revisit previous plan ideas:

- Explore nursing as a career: nursing has career options >100; nursing role expands
- Explore social media for Board presence: live links to website
- Develop educational tools for clarification of NPA, collaboration with Nurse Practice Committee
- Explore a website focus, more information on website to represent Boards work

Board Charges to the Education Staff:

- Explore social media presence opportunities for BON to represent all areas
- Research other HLBs presence on social media and explore management of sites

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00 p.m. by L. How

Next meeting: Survey will be sent to find a time for next meeting to complete agenda items.

Recorder: D. Schuhmacher