BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

SUPPLEMENT TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Credit for Military Education/Experience

Sections Affected: Section 1418, 1423.1, 1423.2, 1424, 1426, 1430

Addition of Reference Citations for sections 1423.1 and 1423.2

There were no current reference citations for sections 1423.1 and 1423.2; therefore, sections were added as references for clarity. Sections 2786.1 and 2786.6 were added as references for section 1423.1. Section 2786.1 was added as a reference for section 1423.2.

Rationale for Necessity

1423.1(a)

The necessity to include "previous education, including" as the Board can deny and remove approval of a prelicensure nursing program that fails to provide evidence of granting credit, in the field of nursing, for military education and experience but also any previous education as the Board does an overall review of the prelicensure nursing program when it determines all causes for grounds to deny or remove board approval.

1423.1(a)(1)

The necessity to include "specific courses, including the" as each prelicensure nursing program's policies and procedures will encompass more than just the process to award credits for prior military education and experience. Prelicensure nursing programs already have policies and procedures for review, this section adds prior military and experience as an additional area for policies and procedures of review for the prelicensure nursing program.

1423.1(a)(2)

The necessity for this section is to ensure that each program make information available regarding evaluation of and granting credit in the field of nursing to also include information regarding military education and experience. When the Board does its review of prelicensure nursing programs policies and procedures, it checks for previous education in the field of nursing, but will also review for military education and experience because the Board's review encompasses all prelicensure nursing program documentation.

1423.1(a)(3)

This section is necessary as the Board can inspect to ensure compliance and take action absent compliance. Each prelicensure nursing program is required to maintain a record that shows applicants and results of transferred/challenge credits. These regulations were made to now include military education and experience as a part of this review.

1423.1(c) and 1423.1(d)

These sections were removed from the language as it was found not to hold relevance to the regulation subject matter.

1423.1(b)

This section is necessary for prelicensure nursing programs to take the appropriate steps to correct noncompliance to the satisfaction of the board. Prelicensure nursing programs need to know from the board what those steps are. Because a prelicensure nursing program's failure to take appropriate steps within one year pursuant to Section 1423.2(a)(4) can result in approval revocation, the date by which those steps must be taken must be specified by the board for the benefit of the prelicensure nursing program.

1423.2(a)

The necessity for the progression set out in this section is for the Board to take action on prelicensure nursing programs who show evidence of noncompliance with Article 3.

1423.2(c)

This section was removed from the language as it was associated with Section 1423.1(d) which was also deleted from the language.

1423.2(d)

This section was removed from the language as Section 1423.2(a) will include noncompliance with Article 3 (Prelicensure Nursing Programs of the Nursing Practice Act) and lack of demonstrative corrective actions to remove noncompliance giving the board authority to take action on a prelicensure nursing program.

1424(b)(4)

This section is necessary because Business and Profession code section 2786.1(c) states that the Board shall post on its Internet Web site information related to the acceptance of military coursework and experience at each approved prelicensure nursing program.