

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

SECOND 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

Rationale for Necessity

1423.2(a)

The progression set out in section 1423.2(a) is necessary to give the program warning and sufficient time to correct most deficiencies. This is necessary because this avoids premature or unnecessary displacement of students from the nursing program. The one-year period is necessary because programs often need that amount of time to obtain additional funding, hire a replacement director or locate clinical facilities as part of corrective actions. One year is also necessary because students need at least that amount of time to find alternative programs for enrollment if it is believed that the nursing school may not be able to correct the deficiencies.

1423.2(b)

Section 1423.2(b) is necessary because nursing programs need to know exactly what actions to take to correct deficiencies and when they need to be completed for purposes of scheduling follow up review of the program's approval status. The Board shall provide specific requirements for correction along with a return date for an in-depth on-site evaluation of the nursing program to assess progress and compliance.

Placing a nursing program on "warning status, with the intent to close the nursing program" is necessary because the Board is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nursing Practice Act, the laws related to nursing education, licensure, practice and discipline. Students enrolled in an unmonitored program could risk not having the adequate training and clinical experience potentially putting the public at risk.

When extensive and/or highly serious regulatory noncompliance by a nursing program is discovered, they may also have intermediary restrictions imposed which can include suspension of program admission and enrollment. The program may quickly correct areas of deficiency and be restored to approval status, or if noncompliance is not corrected, the Board may proceed to withdraw the program's approval.