

July 15, 2025

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

Dear Program Representative:

The California Board of Registered Nursing (Board), at its Board meeting on February 26-27, 2025, agendized the following:

8.3 Discussion and possible action: Regarding a feasibility study for new prelicensure nursing programs (16 CCR §§ 1421, 1432)  
Gurnick Medical Arts Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (secondary site San Jose)

The Board voted to accept the feasibility study for an alternate campus in San Jose for Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with a projected enrollment pattern of:

- A projected start date of June 2025 with the following pattern:
  - 2025: In June enroll 56 students (28 generic and 28 advanced placement) and in September enroll 28 generic students for a total of 84 new BSN students for the year.
  - 2026 and ongoing: Every January, enroll 56 students (28 generic and 28 advanced placement students) and, each May and September enroll 28 new generic students for a total annual enrollment of 112 students a year.

Please review the information below to ensure timely completion of the initial prelicensure program approval process:

- When a proposed program is in the Feasibility Study (FS) development phase, the school is advised to start a projected 1-year time frame from anticipated Board acceptance of the FS to first enrollment/admission of program students, to allow ample time to secure all required program resources prior to opening. Programs will not be prohibited from opening earlier if all requirements are met and Board approval is granted.
- When more than one year has elapsed from the time of Board acceptance of the FS to acceptance of the Self-Study and/or admission of students, the program will provide information as requested by the NEC for re-evaluation and verification of continuing availability of adequate clinical placement and other required program resources.



- Proposed programs that have not submitted an acceptable Self-Study at least 6 months prior to the proposed date for enrollment of students (Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1421(a)(4)), as stated in the FS accepted by the Board, will be required to begin the new program application process at step one (submission of a Letter of Intent).

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts must receive initial program approval from the Board and begin student enrollment no later than February 2027.

Please submit the name of program director to the Board pursuant to Title 16, CCR section 1421(a)(3) and as described in Step 6 Appointment of Program Director in the document, *"Instructions for Institutions Seeking Approval of New Prelicensure Registered Nursing Program."*

If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact your assigned Nursing Education Consultant.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nursing Program File