

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: 5.5
DATE: November 19-20, 2025

ACTION REQUESTED: Presentation on the approval process of out of state nurse practitioner programs, the role of the Board and the effect of these approvals on in-state nurse practitioner programs

REQUESTED BY: Jovita Dominguez, Chair of the Education/Licensing Committee (ELC)

BACKGROUND: During the October 2025 ELC Committee meeting, committee members requested the Board to discuss the out of state Nurse Practitioner program approvals.

Prior to [16 CCR 1486](#) - Requirements for Clinical Practice Experience for Nurse Practitioner Students Enrolled in Non-California based Nurse Practitioner Education Programs, effective January 2019, there were no requirements governing clinical preceptorships for students enrolled in nurse practitioner programs outside California. The intent of this regulation was to ensure that the students who are educated by a non-California program meet the Board's standards ensuring that the nurse practitioner students have the proper training and supervision to provide care in California during their academic program.

Beginning in August 2020, the Board implemented the review and approval process of these non-California based nurse practitioner education program. The approval process starts with the submission of an [application](#) and must include enrollment numbers for the past four academic terms. Once the review is completed, the program is placed on the ELC agenda for consideration, after which the ELC makes a recommendation for approval to the Board.

The enrollment data submitted during the application process provides the Board with insight into the scale of each program and its potential impact in California. To date, more than 60 non-California academic institutions have been approved to complete their clinical preceptorship in California. Of these, 17 were approved prior to the Board's collection of enrollment and various track data.

NEXT STEP: Place on Agenda

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