

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

ORDER OF ADOPTION

NURSE PRACTITIONER EDUCATION-
STANDARDS FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Amend Sections 1484 of Article 8 of Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 1484. Standards for Nurse Practitioners

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(h) Nurse Practitioner Education Program Curriculum.

The nurse practitioner education program curriculum shall include all theoretical and clinical instruction that meet the standards set forth in this section and be consistent with national standards for graduate and nurse practitioner education, including nationally recognized core role and category competencies and be approved by the board.

(1) The program shall evaluate previous education and experience in health care for the purpose of granting credit for meeting program requirements.

(2) The curriculum shall provide broad educational preparation and include a graduate core, advance practice registered nursing core, the nurse practitioner core role competencies, and the competencies specific to the category.

(3) The program shall prepare the graduate to be eligible to sit for a specific national nurse practitioner category certification examination consistent with educational preparation.

(4) The curriculum plan shall have appropriate course sequencing and progression, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

(A) The advanced practice registered nursing core courses in advanced health assessment, advanced pharmacology, and advanced pathophysiology shall be completed prior to or concurrent with commencing clinical course work.

(B) Instruction and skills practice for diagnostic and treatment procedures shall occur prior to application in the clinical setting.

(C) Concurrent theory and clinical practice courses in the category shall emphasize the management of health-illness needs in primary and/or acute care.

(D) The supervised direct patient care precepted clinical experiences shall be under the supervision of a certified nurse practitioner.

(5) The program shall meet and may exceed the minimum of 500 clinical hours of supervised direct patient care experiences, as specified in current nurse practitioner standards provided in this section. Additional clinical hours required for preparation in

more than one category shall be identified and documented in the curriculum plan for each category.

(6) The nurse practitioner education curriculum shall include content related to California Nursing Practice Act, Business & Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6, Article 8, "Nurse Practitioners", and California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 14, Article 7, "Standardized Procedure Guidelines" and Article 8, "Standards for Nurse Practitioners," including, but not limited to:

(A) Section 2835.7 of Business & Professions Code, "Additional authorized acts; implementation of standardized procedures";

(B) Section 2836.1 of Business & Professions Code, "Furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices."

(7) The program may be full-time or part-time, and shall be consistent with standards as established by The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) in "Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies Content" (2017) or the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in "Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs" (2016), which is hereby incorporated by reference. The program must also include theory and supervised clinical practice.

(8) The course of instruction program units and contact hours shall be calculated using the following formulas:

(A) One (1) hour of instruction in theory each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one (1) unit.

(B) Three (3) hours of clinical practice each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one (1) unit. Academic year means two semesters, where each semester is 15-18 weeks; or three quarters, where each quarter is 10-12 weeks.

(9) Supervised clinical practice shall consist of at least 12 semester units or 18 quarter units.

(10) The duration of clinical experience shall be sufficient for the student to demonstrate clinical competencies in the nurse practitioner category.

(11) The nurse practitioner education program shall arrange for clinical instruction and supervision of the student.

Authority cited: Sections 2715, 2835.7 and 2836, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 2835, 2835.5, 2835.7, 2836, 2836.1, 2836.2, 2836.3 and 2837, Business and Professions Code.