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Good morning,

The attached rules are the new "final rules" for the special February meeting. It is my intention to recommend approval as revised.

Thank you.

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## Good afternoon,

**Attachments:** 

We have reviewed the Letters of Objection and amended language within the Rules for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting. Attached are the following amended Rules:

- 21 NCAC 36 .0317 Administration
- 21 NCAC 36 .0318 Faculty
- 21 NCAC 36 .0321 Curriculum
- 21 NCAC 36 .0322 Facilities
- 21 NCAC 36 .0323 Records and Reports

We will bring hard copies of the revised Rules to next week's meeting unless directed otherwise.

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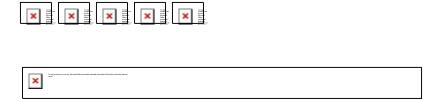
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1	21 NCAC 36 .03	17 is am	nended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 36 .03	317	ADMINISTRATION
4	(a) The [program	<del>n shall s</del>	ecure from the] controlling institution of a nursing program shall provide human, physical,
5	technical, and fir	<del>nancial r</del>	esources and services essential to support program processes and outcomes, including those
6	<del>listed in Paragrap</del>	<del>oh (f) an</del>	d (g) of this Rule, and maintain compliance with Section .0300 of this Chapter.
7	(b)(a) The contro	olling ins	<del>vitution program</del> shall ensure that a full-time registered nurse, qualified pursuant to Paragraph
8	employed by the	instituti	on who is regularly assigned to work at least 40 hours each week in the position of program
9	director.		
10	(e)(b) The contro	olling in	stitution program shall ensure that the program director has the authority and responsibility
11	for maintaining o	complian	ice with the Rules in this Chapter and other legal requirements in all areas of the program.
12	(d)(c) The contro	olling in	stitution program shall ensure that the program director has non-teaching time sufficient to
13	allow for program	n organi	zation, administration, continuous review, planning, and development.
14	(e)(d) The prog	ram dire	ector in a program preparing students for initial nurse licensure shall satisfy the following
15	<del>requirements:</del> <u>sh</u> a	<u>all:</u>	
16	(1)	hold ar	n active unencumbered license or multistate licensure privilege to practice as a registered
17		nurse i	n North Carolina;
18	(2)	have tv	vo years of full-time experience as a faculty member in a Board-approved <del>nursing</del> program;
19	(3)	<del>be exp</del>	erientially qualified, having have experience in clinical nursing experience, as a faculty
20		membe	er in a <del>nursing</del> program, and academic or nursing leadership experience to lead the program
21		to acco	mplish the mission, goals, and expected program outcomes;
22	(4)	hold ei	ther a baccalaureate in nursing or a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited institution.
23		institut	ion; If newly employed on or after January 1, 2016, hold a graduate degree from an accredited
24		institut	ion. If newly employed on or after January 1, 2021, hold a graduate degree in nursing from
25		an accr	edited institution;
26	(5)	prior to	o or within the first three years of employment, have education in teaching and learning
27		princip	les for adult education, including curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation,
28		approp	riate to the program director role. Once completed, this education need not be repeated if
29		employ	ring organization is changed. This Proof of this education may be demonstrated by is one of
30		the foll	owing:
31		(A)	completion of 45 contact hours of Board-approved continuing education courses; courses
32			pursuant to Rule .0223 of this Chapter. A list of Board-approved continuing education
33			courses is posted at www.ncbon.com;
34		(B)	completion of a certificate program in nursing education;
35		(C)	nine semester hours of graduate course work in adult learning and learning principles;
36		(D)	national certification in nursing education; or

1	(E)	documentation of completion of structured, individualized development activities of at
2		least 45 contact hours approved by the Board. Criteria for approval shall include content in
3		the faculty role in curriculum implementation, curricular objectives to be met and
4		evaluated, review of strategies for identified student population, and expectations of
5		student and faculty performance. performance; or
6	<u>(F)</u>	A letter from the controlling institution attesting that the program director has been
7		approved by the controlling institution following the submission of a portfolio.
8		Individuals with prior teaching experience in an academic [nursing program] setting [may
9		be evaluated by administration to assess each individual's prior teaching experience
10		commensurate with] seeking the program director position shall submit to the controlling
11		institution for approval a portfolio detailing the individual's formal education in teaching
12		and learning principles for adult education, [including] which includes curriculum
13		development, implementation, and evaluation, appropriate to the program director role.
14		A copy of this submission shall be provided to the Board upon request.
15	(6) mai	ntain competence pursuant to Rule .0232 of this Chapter in the areas of assigned responsibility;
16	<del>and</del>	responsibility.
17	<del>(7) hav</del> e	e knowledge of current nursing practice for the registered nurse and the licensed practical nurse.
18	(f)(e) A nursing educ	ation program shall implement, for quality improvement, a comprehensive program evaluation
19	in writing that shall in	clude the following:
20	(1) stud	ents' achievement of program outcomes;
21	(2) evid	lence description of program resources, including fiscal, physical, human, clinical, and technical
22	lear	ning resources; student support services; and the availability of clinical sites and the viability of
23	thos	e sites adequate to meet the objectives of the program;
24	(3) mea	sures of program outcomes for graduates;
25	(4) evid	lence that the public's access to accurate program information for the public is available;
26	<u>info</u>	<mark>rmation;</mark>
27	(5) evid	<del>lence that how the program and</del> the controlling institution and its administration support program
28	<u>achi</u>	eve concurrent outcomes;
29	(6) evid	lence that an attestation from the program director and that all program faculty meet Board
30	qual	lifications and are sufficient in number to achieve program outcomes;
31	(7) evid	lence that reporting of collected evaluative data is used in implementing quality improvement
32	activ	vities; and
33	(8) evid	lence description of student participation in program planning, implementation, evaluation, and
34	cont	tinuous improvement.
35	(g)(f) The controlling	ginstitution and the nursing education program shall communicate information describing the
36	nursing education pro	gram that is accurate, complete, consistent across mediums, and accessible by the public. The
37	following shall be acc	essible to all applicants and students:

1	(1)	admission policies and practices;
2	(2)	policy on advanced placement and transfer of credits;
3	(3)	the number of credits required for completion of the program;
4	(4)	tuition, fees, and other program costs;
5	(5)	policies and procedures for withdrawal, including refund of tuition or fees;
6	(6)	the grievance procedure;
7	(7)	criteria for successful progression in the program, including graduation requirements; and
8	(8)	policies for clinical performance.
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10	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38;
11		Eff. June 1, 1992;
12		Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2015; April 1, 2008; March 1, 2006;
13		Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019;
14		Amended Eff. [ <del>January 1, 2024;</del> ] <u>March 1, 2024;</u> September 1, 2021.

1	21 NCAC 36 .03	318 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows:
2		
3	21 NCAC 36 .03	318 FACULTY
4	(a) The [nursin	g] program shall develop Policies policies for nursing program faculty members shall be consistent
5	with those for o	ther faculty of the controlling institution, with variations as needed due to the nature of the nursing
6	curriculum.	
7	(b) Fifty percen	t or more of the nursing faculty per program shall hold a graduate degree.
8	(c) Nurses licer	nsed pursuant to this Chapter who are full-time and part-time faculty and who teach in a program
9	leading to initial	licensure as a nurse shall:
10	(1)	hold an active unencumbered license or multistate licensure privilege to practice as a registered
11		nurse in North Carolina;
12	(2)	hold either a baccalaureate in nursing or a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited institution;
13	(3)	have two calendar years or the equivalent of full-time elinical experience as a registered nurse.
14		Full time full-time registered nurse is a registered nurse employed by the institution program who
15		is regularly assigned to work at least 40 hours each week in the a position of faculty member;
16		position:
17	(4)	if newly employed in a full-time faculty position on or after January 1, 2016, full-time faculty shall
18		hold a graduate degree from an accredited institution or obtain a graduate degree in nursing from an
19		accredited institution within five years of initial full-time employment;
20	(5)	prior to or within the first three years of employment, have education in teaching and learning
21		principles for adult education, including curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation,
22		appropriate to faculty assignment. Once completed, this education need not be repeated if the
23		employing organization is changed. This education may be demonstrated by one of the following:
24		(A) completion of 45 contact hours of Board-approved continuing education courses;
25		(B) completion of a certificate program in nursing education;
26		(C) nine semester hours of graduate course work in adult learning and learning principles;
27		(D) national certification in nursing education; or
28		(E) documentation of completion of structured, individualized development activities of at
29		least 45 contact hours approved by the Board. Criteria for approval shall include content in
30		the faculty role in the curriculum implementation, curricular objectives to be met and
31		evaluated, review of strategies for identified student population, and expectations of
32		student and faculty performance. performance; or
33		(F) individuals with prior teaching experience in an academic [nursing program] setting
34		seeking a faculty position [may] shall be evaluated by the Program Director to assess each
35		individual's prior teaching experience commensurate with formal education in teaching
36		and learning principles for adult education including curriculum development,
37		implementation, and evaluation, appropriate to faculty assignment.

1	(0)	maintain competence pursuant to Rule .0232 of this Chapter in the areas of assigned responsibility;
2		and responsibility.
3	<del>(7)</del>	have knowledge of current nursing practice for the registered nurse and the licensed practical nurse.
4	(d) Interdiscip	linary faculty who teach in nursing program courses shall have academic preparation, including a
5	conferred degre	e, with applicable licensure or certification be licensed or certified in the content area in which they
6	are teaching.	
7	(e) Clinical pro	eceptors shall have competencies, assessed by the nursing program, related to the area of assigned
8	<del>clinical teachin</del>	g responsibilities. Clinical preceptors may be used to enhance faculty directed clinical learning
9	experiences afte	or a student has received basic instruction for that specific learning experience. Clinical preceptors shall
10	hold an active u	nencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina.
11	(f) Nurse [Prog	ram] faculty members shall have the authority and responsibility [be responsible] for:
12	<del>(1)</del>	student admission, progression, and graduation requirements; and
13	<del>(2)</del>	the development, implementation, and evaluation of the curriculum.
14	(g) Nurse facul	ty members shall be academically qualified and sufficient in number to implement the curriculum as
15	required by the	course objectives, the levels of the students, the nature of the learning environment, and to provide for
16	teaching, superv	<del>vision, and evaluation.</del>
17	[ <del>(h)(g)</del> ](e) The	[controlling institution] program shall provide workshops and presentations devoted to faculty
18	development.	
19	$\frac{\text{(i)}[\text{(h)}](\text{f})}{\text{The}}$	faculty-student ratio for faculty-directed preceptor clinical experiences shall be no greater than 1:15.
20	The faculty-stud	lent ratio for all other clinical experiences shall be no greater than 1:10.
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22	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38; 90-171.83;
23		Eff. February 1, 1976;
24		Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2015; August 1, 2011; November 1, 2008; July 1, 2006;
25		July 1, 2000; January 1, 1996; June 1, 1992; January 1, 1989; January 1, 1984;
26		Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019;
27		Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024;] March 1, 2024; September 1, 2021.

1	21 NCAC 36 .03	321 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 36 .03	321 CURRICULUM
4	(a) The nursing	program curriculum shall:
5	(1)	be planned by nursing members of the program faculty;
6	(2)	reflect the stated program philosophy, purposes, and objectives, pursuant to 21 NCAC 36
7		.0302(b)(2);
8	(3)	be consistent with Article 9A of G.S. 90 and the Rules in this Chapter governing the practice of
9		nursing;
10	(4)	define the level of performance required to pass each course in the curriculum;
11	(5)	enable a student to develop the nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for competent
12		practice consistent with the level of licensure and scope as set forth in 21 NCAC 36 .0221, .0224,
13		.0225, and .0231;
14	(6)	include content in the biological, physical, social, and behavioral sciences to provide a foundation
15		for competent and effective nursing practice;
16	(7)	provide students the opportunity to acquire and demonstrate, through didactic content and clinical
17		experience under faculty supervision, the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for effective and
18		competent nursing practice in the areas of medical/surgical, obstetric, pediatric, psychiatric/mental
19		health, and community [health] health, across the lifespan; and
20	(8)	be revised as necessary to reflect changes and advances in health care and its delivery.
21	(b) Didactic cor	ntent and supervised clinical experience across the lifespan appropriate to program type shall include:
22	(1)	implementing quality and safety principles and practices minimizing the risk of harm to clients and
23		providers through both system effectiveness and individual performance; performance to include
24		clinical judgment, skill in clinical management, time management, and emergency preparedness;
25	(2)	using informatics to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making;
26	(3)	employing evidence-based practice to integrate the best research with clinical expertise and client
27		values for optimal care, including skills to identify and apply best practices to nursing care;
28	(4)	providing client-centered, culturally competent care by:
29		(A) respecting client differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs;
30		(B) involving clients in decision-making and care management;
31		(C) coordinating and managing continuous client care consistent with the level of licensure.
32		This shall include a demonstrated ability to delegate and supervise others and provide
33		leadership within the profession appropriate for program type; and
34		(D) promoting healthy lifestyles for clients and populations;
35	(5)	working in interdisciplinary teams to cooperate, collaborate, communicate, engage in patient
36		teaching consistent with the level of licensure, and integrate client care and health promotion; and

1	(6)	participating in quality improvement processes to measure client outcomes, identify hazards and
2		errors, and develop changes in client eare. care; and
3	<u>(7)</u>	legal and ethical issues and professional responsibilities of the licensed nurse.
4	(c) Clinical exp	perience [experience,] experience hours, traditional or simulated, shall be comprised of sufficient hours
5	to accomplish t	he <del>curriculum,</del> <u>objectives of the curriculum, [and with the exception of observational experiences and</u>
6	the focused clie	nt care experience as noted in Paragraphs (e) and (f) of this Rule,] shall be supervised by qualified [on-
7	site] faculty pur	rsuant to 21 NCAC 36 .0318, and shall ensure students' ability to practice at an entry level.
8	(d) All student	clinical experiences, including those with preceptors, shall be directed by nursing faculty.
9	(e) A focused of	client care experience with a minimum of 120 hours shall be provided in the final year of curriculum
10	implementation	for programs preparing registered nurses.
11	(f) A focused	client care experience with a minimum of 90 hours shall be provided in the final semester of the
12	curriculum for j	programs preparing practical nurses.
13	(g) Learning ex	xperiences and methods of instruction, including distance education methods, shall be consistent with
14	the written curr	iculum plan and shall demonstrate logical curricular progression.
15	(h) Remediation	on strategies for students shall be in place at the beginning of each course and include processes to
16	remediate error	s in the clinical setting.
17	(h)(i) Objectiv	es for each course shall indicate the knowledge, skills, and abilities expected for competent student
18	performance. T	hese objectives shall:
19	(1)	indicate the relationship between the classroom learning and the application of this learning in the
20		clinical experience;
21	(2)	serve as criteria for the selection of the types of and settings for learning experiences; and
22	(3)	serve as the basis for evaluating student performance.
23	(i)(j) Student c	ourse syllabi shall include a description and outline of:
24	(1)	the course content;
25	(2)	the learning environments and activities;
26	(3)	when the course is taken in the curriculum;
27	(4)	allocation of time for didactic content, clinical experience, laboratory experience, and simulation;
28		and
29	(5)	methods of evaluation by faculty of student performance, including all evaluation tools used in the
30		course.
31	(j)(k) Each cou	rse shall be implemented in accordance with and evaluated by reference to the student course syllabus.
32	(k)(1) Requests	s for approval of changes in, in the currently approved curriculum, or expansion of, the program,
33	accompanied by	<del>y all required documentation,</del> shall be submitted <del>in the format provided by <u>to</u></del> the Board <del>[on a form</del>
34	posted on the B	oard's website at www.nebon.com] in writing at least 30 60 days prior to implementation for approval
35	by the Board. C	criteria for approval shall include <u>program approval status</u> , the availability of classrooms, laboratories,
36	clinical placem	ents, equipment, and supplies and faculty sufficient to implement the curriculum to an increased

number of students. Approval shall be required for any increase in enrollment that exceeds, by more than 10 students,

I	the maximum i	<del>number approved by the Board.</del> Requests for expansion <u>in enrollment</u> shall be considered only for
2	programs with f	full approval <del>status that demonstrate at least a three-year average licensure examination pass rate equal</del>
3	to or greater tha	n the North Carolina three year average pass rate for program type. status.
4	(1)(m) The nurs	sing education program shall notify the Board at least 30 45 days prior to implementation of:
5	(1)	alternative or additional program schedules; and
6	(2)	planned decrease in the Board-approved student enrollment number to accurately reflect program
7		capacity; and capacity.
8	(3)	changes that alter the currently approved curriculum.
9	(n) The progra	am shall have written policies and procedures on the following:
10	(1)	short-term and long-term plans for integrating simulation into the curriculum;
11	(2)	method of debriefing for each simulated activity; and
12	(3)	a plan for orienting faculty to simulation.
13	(m)(o) For all 1	programs using simulation experiences substituted for clinical experience time, the nursing education
14	program shall:	
15	(1)	demonstrate that simulation faculty have been formally educated and maintain the competencies in
16		simulation and debriefing; and
17	(2)	provide a simulation environment with adequate faculty, space, equipment, and supplies that
18		simulate realistic clinical experiences to meet the curriculum and course objectives.
19	(n) Programs n	ot holding national nursing accreditation shall limit simulation experiences to no more than 25 percent
20	in each course,	including the focused client care experience.
21	(o)(p) Program	s holding national nursing accreditation shall limit simulation experiences to:
22	(1)	no more than 25 percent in the focused client care experience; and
23	(2)	no more than 50 percent of clinical experience time in each course.
24	( <del>p)</del> (q) External	standardized examinations shall not be used to determine a student's progression or graduation in a
25	nursing education	on program preparing students for initial nurse licensure. When used, external examinations shall not
26	weigh more tha	n 10 percent of the final course grade or final course points calculation.
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28	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38;
29		Eff. February 1, 1976;
30		Amended Eff. June 1, 1992; January 1, 1989; January 1, 1984;
31		Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 2001;
32		Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; December 1, 2005; August 1, 2002; <u>July 1, 2023.</u>
33		Readopted Eff. January 1, <del>2019.</del> <u>2019:</u>
34		Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024] March 1, 2024.

1 21 NCAC 36 .0322 is amended, with changes, repealed as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 36 .0322 **FACILITIES** (a) Campus facilities shall be appropriate in type, number, and accessibility for [The program shall secure facilities 4 5 consistent with the total needs of the program. 6 (b) Classrooms, laboratory and simulation space, and conference rooms shall be sufficient in size, number, and types 7 for the number of students and purposes for which the rooms are to be used. Lighting, ventilation, location, and equipment shall be suitable for the number of students and purposes for which the rooms are to be used. 8 9 (c)[(b)] Office [The program shall make available office] and conference space for nursing program faculty members 10 shall be appropriate and available for uninterrupted work and privacy, including conferences with students. (d)[(c)] Learning resources, including [The program shall provide students with] educational reference materials [and] 11 clinical experiences, shall be comprehensive, current, developed with nursing faculty input, accessible to students and 12 faculty and shall support the implementation [that are required as part] of the curriculum. [curriculum pursuant to Rule 13 14 .0321 of this Section.] 15 16 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38; 17 Eff. February 1, 1976; 18 Amended Eff. January 1, 1996; June 1, 1992; January 1, 1989; May 1, 1988; 19 Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 2001; 20 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; April 1, 2006; August 1, 2002; July 1, 2023. 21 Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019. Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024.] March 1, 2024. 22

1	21 NCAC 36 .0	0323 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 36.	0323 RECORDS AND REPORTS
4	(a) The contro	lling institution's publications describing the nursing program shall be current and accurate.
5	(b)(a) The con	trolling institution program shall maintain a system for maintaining official records. records consistent
6	with the polici	es of the controlling institution. Current and permanent student records shall be stored in a secure
7	manner that pro	events physical damage and unauthorized access.
8	(c)(b) Both pe	rmanent and current records shall be available for review by Board staff.
9	(d)(c) The offi	icial permanent record for each graduate shall include documentation of graduation from the program
10	and a transcrip	t of the individual's achievement in the program.
11	(e)(d) The reco	ord for each currently enrolled student shall contain up-to-date and complete information, including the
12	following:	
13	(1)	documentation of admission criteria met by the student;
14	(2)	documentation of high school graduation, high school equivalent, or earned credits from
15		post-secondary institution approved pursuant to G.S. 90-171.38(a); and
16	(3)	a transcript of credit hours achieved in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical instruction for each
17		course that reflects progression consistent with program policies.
18	(f)(e) The nur	<del>sing</del> program shall file <mark>an annual report</mark> with the Board <del>records, data, and reports in order to furnish</del>
19	information co	ncerning operation of the program as prescribed in the rules in this Section, including:
20	<del>(1)</del>	an annual report to be filed with the Board by November 1 of each year; year. This report shall
21		include information about the program's use of simulation;] The annual report shall be available to
22		the program director through the Board's website at www.ncbon.com and shall include the
23		following:
24		(1) accreditation status;
25		(2) academic calendar;
26		(3) faculty composition;
27		(4) student enrollment;
28		(5) graduation rate:
29		(6) formal remediation process; and,
30		(7) use of simulation.
31		on to the annual report in (e), a program description report for non-accredited programs filed with the
32		at least 30 days prior to a scheduled review by the Board; and shall file a program description report
33		he Board at least 30 days prior to a scheduled review by the Board. The program description report
34		be available on the Board's website at www.ncbon.com.
35	(g) The progra	m shall concurrently submit to the Board all communications regarding accreditation that are submitted
36	to the accrediti	<mark>ng body.</mark>

1 (h) The Board may require additional records and reports for review at any time to provide evidence and substantiate 2 compliance with the rules in this Section by a program and its controlling institutions. 3 (i) The program shall notify the Board notification by institution administration of any change of the nursing program director. director 4 (3)5 This notification shall include a curriculum vitae for the new director and shall be submitted no later 6 than at least 10 business days before the effective date of prior to the change. 7 (g) All communications relevant to accreditation shall be submitted to the Board at the same time that the 8 communications are submitted to the accrediting body. 9 (h) The Board may require additional records and reports for review at any time to provide evidence and substantiate 10 compliance with the rules in this Section by a program and its controlling institutions. (i)(j) The part of the application for licensure by examination to be submitted to the Board by the nursing program 11 shall include a statement verifying satisfactory completion of all requirements for program completion and the date of 12 13 <del>completion.</del> The <del>nursing</del> program director shall verify to the Board in writing all students who have completion of 14 requirements to the Board completed the program no later than one month following completion of the Board-15 approved nursing program. 16 17 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38; 18 *Eff. February 1, 1976;* 19 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2015; December 1, 2005; January 1, 2004; June 1, 20 1992; January 1, 1989; January 1, 1984; 21 Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019; Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024;] March 1, 2024; November 1, 2020. 22

**Subject:** FW: [External] BON resubmission for .0320

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**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 2:24 PM **To:** Rules, Oah <oah.rules@oah.nc.gov>

**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov> **Subject:** FW: [External] BON resubmission for .0320

#### Good afternoon

Attached please find revisions to 21 NCAC 36 .0302 and .0320. It is my intention to recommend both for approval at the February 2022 special meeting.

## William W. Peaslee Rules Review Commission Counsel / Legislative Liaison

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1	21 NCAC 36 .03	02 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 36 .03	802 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSING PROGRAM - INITIAL APPROVAL
4	(a) An A control	lling institution seeking initial approval to operate a nursing program shall employ a program director
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16		(C) course descriptions and course objectives for all courses; and
17		(D) course syllabi pursuant to 21 NCAC 36 .0321(i) .0321(j) for all first-year nursing courses;
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19	<del>(4)</del> (3)	the projected student enrollment;
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- 21 the program demonstrates an NCLEX® examination pass rate that meets or exceeds 90 percent of (3) 22 the national pass rate for licensure level on first writing of the licensure examination for calendar
- 23 years ending December 31.
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- 9 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38;
- 10 Eff. February 1, 1976;
- 11 Amended Eff. June 1, 1992; January 1, 1989; November 1, 1984; May 1, 1982;
- 12 Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 2001;
- 13 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2009; December 1, 2005; August 1, 2002;
- 14 Readopted Eff. January 1, <del>2019.</del> <u>2019:</u>
- 15 <u>Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024] March 1, 2024.</u>

1 21 NCAC 36 .0320 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows: 2 3 **STUDENTS** 21 NCAC 36 .0320 (a) Students in nursing programs [Programs] shall [ensure students] meet [all] requirements established by the 4 controlling institution. 5 6 (b)(a) Admission requirements and practices for the program shall be stated and published in the controlling 7 institution's publications published written and digital communications and shall include assessment of the student's: 8 (1) record of high school graduation, high school equivalent, or earned credits from a post-secondary 9 institution; 10 (2) achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and pre-entrance examination 11 eut off scores that are consistent with curriculum demands and scholastic expectations; and 12 physical and emotional mental health that is indicative of the applicant's ability to provide competent (3) 13 nursing care to the public. 14 (c) The number of students enrolled in nursing courses shall not exceed by more than 10 students the maximum number approved by the Board, as established pursuant to 21 NCAC 36.0302(f) [.0302(h)] and 21 NCAC 36.0321(k). 15  $\frac{[.0321(1).]}{[.0321(1).]}$ 16 17 (d)(e)(b) The <del>nursing</del> program shall publish policies in a nursing student handbook and college catalog that provide 18 for identification and dismissal of students who: 19 present physical or emotional mental health problems that conflict with the safety essential to (1) 20 nursing practice and or do not respond to treatment or counseling within a timeframe that enables 21 meeting program objectives; 22 (2) demonstrate behavior that conflicts with the safety essential to nursing practice; or 23 (3) fail to demonstrate professional behavior, including honesty, integrity, and appropriate use of social 24 media, while in the nursing program of study. 25 (e)[(d)](c) The mursing program shall maintain a three year average at or above 95 percent of an NCLEX® 26 examination pass rate that meets or exceeds 90 percent of the national pass rate for licensure level pass rate on first 27 writing of the licensure examination for calendar years ending December 31. 28 (f)(d) The controlling institution shall publish policies in a nursing student handbook and college catalog for 29 transfer of credits or for admission to advanced placement, and the nursing program shall determine the total number 30 of nursing courses or credits awarded for advanced placement. 31 32 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38; 90-171.43; 33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;* 34 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2006; August 1, 1998; January 1, 1996; June 1, 1992; 35 January 1, 1989; January 1, 1984; Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019. 2019; 36 Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024] March 1, 2024. 37

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**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N; Angela Ellis **Subject:** [External] RE: 21 NCAC 36 .0318

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Received, thank you.

Also to confirm, we have received objections today on the following rules: .0317, .0321, .0322, .0323.

Regarding .0321(I), we will strike "on a form posted to the Board's website" and add "written" to specify the format. We will send you a copy of that as soon as it is ready.

Hope you have a good evening! Best, Meredith

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Good afternoon,

Attached please find the staff opinion on the above captioned rule which will be considered at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> RRC meeting.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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Hi, Bill.

Thank you again so very much for speaking with me. I appreciate your time and feedback throughout this process. I'll keep working on ways to address the concerns and objections you've raised in hopes you'll have some time between now and February 22<sup>nd</sup> to speak again.

Attached are the resubmissions in response to the draft objection you emailed last evening for .0320. Based on striking this provision (a), we saw the need to strike a reference to .0320 found in .0302. Please let us know if you need any additional information on .0320 and .0302.

All the best, Meredith

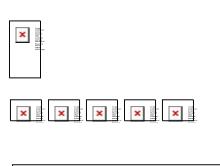
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- 11 Amended Eff. June 1, 1992; January 1, 1989; November 1, 1984; May 1, 1982;
- 12 Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 2001;
- 13 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2009; December 1, 2005; August 1, 2002;
- 14 Readopted Eff. January 1, <del>2019.</del> <u>2019:</u>
- 15 <u>Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024] March 1, 2024.</u>

1 21 NCAC 36 .0320 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 38:06, pages 340 - 353 as follows: 2 3 **STUDENTS** 21 NCAC 36 .0320 (a) Students in nursing programs [Programs] shall [ensure students] meet [all] requirements established by the 4 controlling institution. 5 6 (b)(a) Admission requirements and practices for the program shall be stated and published in the controlling 7 institution's publications published written and digital communications and shall include assessment of the student's: 8 (1) record of high school graduation, high school equivalent, or earned credits from a post-secondary 9 institution; 10 (2) achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and pre-entrance examination 11 eut off scores that are consistent with curriculum demands and scholastic expectations; and 12 physical and emotional mental health that is indicative of the applicant's ability to provide competent (3) 13 nursing care to the public. 14 (c) The number of students enrolled in nursing courses shall not exceed by more than 10 students the maximum number approved by the Board, as established pursuant to 21 NCAC 36.0302(f) [.0302(h)] and 21 NCAC 36.0321(k). 15  $\frac{[.0321(1).]}{[.0321(1).]}$ 16 17 (d)(e)(b) The <del>nursing</del> program shall publish policies in a nursing student handbook and college catalog that provide 18 for identification and dismissal of students who: 19 present physical or emotional mental health problems that conflict with the safety essential to (1) 20 nursing practice and or do not respond to treatment or counseling within a timeframe that enables 21 meeting program objectives; 22 (2) demonstrate behavior that conflicts with the safety essential to nursing practice; or 23 (3) fail to demonstrate professional behavior, including honesty, integrity, and appropriate use of social 24 media, while in the nursing program of study. 25 (e)[(d)](c) The mursing program shall maintain a three year average at or above 95 percent of an NCLEX® 26 examination pass rate that meets or exceeds 90 percent of the national pass rate for licensure level pass rate on first 27 writing of the licensure examination for calendar years ending December 31. 28 (f)(d) The controlling institution shall publish policies in a nursing student handbook and college catalog for 29 transfer of credits or for admission to advanced placement, and the nursing program shall determine the total number 30 of nursing courses or credits awarded for advanced placement. 31 32 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-171.23(b)(8); 90-171.38; 90-171.43; 33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;* 34 Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; January 1, 2006; August 1, 1998; January 1, 1996; June 1, 1992; 35 January 1, 1989; January 1, 1984; Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019. 2019; 36 Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024] March 1, 2024. 37

From: Peaslee, William W

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:37 PM

To:Meredith ParrisCc:Burgos, Alexander NSubject:21 NCAC 36 .0317

Attachments: 022024 Nursing staff opinion 21 NCAC 36 .0317.doc

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the staff opinion on the above captioned rule which will be considered at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> RRC meeting.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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To:Meredith ParrisCc:Burgos, Alexander NSubject:21 NCAC 36 .0321

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Hey, Bill.

Thanks for sending this draft opinion. I will be tied up the majority of the day tomorrow but would be free for a phone call if that works with your schedule. Please let me know, as getting these rules past is a high priority for the Board. I appreciate it!

Best, Meredith

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To: Angela Ellis

**Cc:** Meredith Parris; Burgos, Alexander N

**Subject:** 21 NCAC 36 .0320

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a draft staff opinion.

If you would like to submit another revision prior to the issuance of the opinion, please do so by COB Thursday.

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#### RRC STAFF OPINION

PLEASE NOTE: THIS COMMUNICATION IS EITHER 1) ONLY THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN RRC STAFF ATTORNEY AS TO ACTION THAT THE ATTORNEY BELIEVES THE COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE ON THE CITED RULE AT ITS NEXT MEETING, OR 2) AN OPINION OF THAT ATTORNEY AS TO SOME MATTER CONCERNING THAT RULE. THE AGENCY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (ACCORDING TO RRC RULES) TO THE COMMISSION.

AGENCY: North Carolina Board of Nursing

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 36 .0320

RECOMMENDATION DATE: February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve, but note staff's comment

X Object, based on:

X Lack of statutory authority

X Unclear or ambiguous

Unnecessary

X Failure to comply with the APA

Extend the period of review

#### COMMENT:

Paragraph (a) of the rule requires the nursing program to ensure its students meet all requirements of the academic institution conducting the program.

As written this is a non-sequitur. If the institution is not making an act or omission a requirement or if the institution is waiving a "requirement", then it is not a "requirement" and thus there is nothing for the program to "ensure students meet".

Further, as written, the rule requires programs to ensure students meet certain requirements, none of which have been adopted or incorporated by reference pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

To the extent that the controlling institutions have requirements for students, as written, it is unclear and ambiguous which requirements the program is to enforce.

## § 150B-2. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (8a) Rule. Any agency regulation, standard, or statement of general applicability that implements or interprets an enactment of the General Assembly or Congress or a regulation adopted by a federal agency or that describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency. The term includes the establishment of a fee and the amendment or repeal of a prior rule. The term does not include the following:
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  - b. Budgets and budget policies and procedures issued by the Director of the Budget, by the head of a department, as defined by G.S. 143A-2 or G.S. 143B-3, or by an occupational licensing board, as defined by G.S. 93B-1.
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    - 2. Orders establishing or fixing rates or tariffs.
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  - g. Statements that set forth criteria or guidelines to be used by the staff of an agency in performing audits, investigations, or inspections; in settling financial disputes or negotiating financial arrangements; or in the defense, prosecution, or settlement of cases.
  - h. Scientific, architectural, or engineering standards, forms, or procedures, including design criteria and construction standards used to construct or maintain highways, bridges, or ferries.

- i. Job classification standards, job qualifications, and salaries established for positions under the jurisdiction of the State Human Resources Commission.
- j. Establishment of the interest rate that applies to tax assessments under G.S. 105-241.21.
- k. The State Medical Facilities Plan, if the Plan has been prepared with public notice and hearing as provided in G.S. 131E-176(25), reviewed by the Commission for compliance with G.S. 131E-176(25), and approved by the Governor.
- *l.* Standards adopted by the State Chief Information Officer and applied to information technology as defined in G.S. 143B-1320.

From: Peaslee, William W

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:30 AM

**To:** Meredith Parris

Cc:Angela Ellis; Burgos, Alexander NSubject:RE: [External] RFTC Guidance

Talk with you at 2:00!

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To: Peaslee, William W <bill.peaslee@oah.nc.gov>

**Cc:** Angela Ellis <angela@ncbon.com> **Subject:** RE: [External] RFTC Guidance

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### Thanks, Bill.

I do see the need for clarifying language (or quantifying language) and will continue to work on it. I still have a few drafting questions, specifically regarding .0323. I'll give you a call at 2pm to seek advice on best practices about our reporting requirements and the concerns that have been raised. I appreciate your help!

Best, Meredith

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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:15 AM To: Meredith Parris <mparris@ncbon.com> Cc: Angela Ellis <angela@ncbon.com> Subject: RE: [External] RFTC Guidance

Good morning Meredith,

Regarding .0318(g), the Paragraph is facially ambiguous. Presumably, the school or faculty members could be in peril if they do not meet the standard.

But what is the standard? They must be "qualified." How? There must be a "sufficient" number. How many is that?

"It depends" does not resolve the ambiguity. The regulated need to know in clear and unambiguous terms what they are required to do from the rule, not the agency. As written, it is a completely subjective standard which can change by the whims of the agency.

There are two ways to tackle this that I can think of. Either add a definition for qualified and sufficient or adopt a rule that sets the standard. For example: For every ten students there shall be one faculty member.

Now, if you already have a rule which sets the standard, you can cite the rule here. For example "...shall be academically qualified pursuant to..." Of course, this raises the question, if you already have a rule which sets the requirements, why do you need this paragraph?

Hope this helps.

If you still need to speak with me, we can talk at 2:00 pm. Please let me know.

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Hey Bill,

I hope you had a nice holiday weekend, and your week has gotten off to a good start! We are continuing to work through responses and revisions based on the RFTC with the Board's education rules. I have a few questions and wanted to see if I could take 30-45 minutes of your time. I am specifically looking at 21 NCAC 36 .0323 and .0318(g). Would you have any time early next week or tomorrow afternoon? You might have suggestions that would help us be more specific.

Thanks! Meredith

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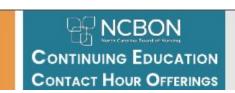












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From: Peaslee, William W

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:36 PM

**To:** Burgos, Alexander N

**Subject:** FW: [External] Education Rules - extension requested

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Subject: RE: [External] Education Rules - extension requested

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Hey again, Bill.

Based on our conversation earlier today, we will have the Response for the Request for Technical Changes to you no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks, as always, for your help and being accessible!

Best, Meredith

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Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 9:40 AM To: Meredith Parris < mparris@ncbon.com> Cc: Angela Ellis <angela@ncbon.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Education Rules - extension requested

Hi Meredith,

I received your voice mail. How much more time do you need? In other words, I'm looking for a drop dead date by when you will have a response for the February meeting?

Thanks.

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Cc: Angela Ellis <angela@ncbon.com>

Subject: [External] Education Rules - extension requested

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Hi, Bill.

I left you a message around lunchtime today, and I also wanted to follow up with you via email in case we aren't able to connect this afternoon. Thank you again for speaking with me earlier this week and your clarifying emails on the Request for Technical Changes. I appreciate your willingness to work with us so we can turn them into you a day later. As we've been working through them on our responses and revisions, we realize it wouldn't impact our processes significantly to ask for a continuance and move these rules to the February RRC calendar. If you'll recall, we submitted the rules in November, and then due to the volume of rules and shorter turnaround, you had asked for a continuance from the December calendar, these rules were placed on the January calendar. With various staff being out of the office for the holidays, we feel it would be prudent to ask for a continuance.

Please let me know if you are amenable to this request. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have (and I feel certain I'll be reaching out for guidance based on our proposed revisions. I hope you have a great weekend!

Best regards, Meredith

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To: Meredith Parris <mparris@ncbon.com>; Peaslee, William W <bill.peaslee@oah.nc.gov>

Cc: Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov> Subject: RE: [External] RE: Board of Nursing RFC January 2024

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Yes, thank you!! I'm going to blame technology – that was weird!

## Angela Ellis

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## Good morning, Bill,

Whoa. The copy we have here did not have these comments. But – we have them now and will get to work! Thank you very much for clarifying.

### Meredith

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**Cc:** Meredith Parris <<u>mparris@ncbon.com</u>>; Burgos, Alexander N <<u>alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Board of Nursing RFC January 2024

Attached please find the email I sent to you on December 20, 2023. It includes the RFC. I do not see where the RFC for .0320 and .0321 are the same? Or maybe I haven't had enough coffee.

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: Board of Nursing RFC January 2024

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In our copy of the RFC document, you list the same questions/comments under both Rules. We addressed those in .0320; however, when we review .0321 (same questions/concerns as listed under .0320), the line numbers and questions/concerns do not match up.

For example, "Page 1, Line 4 The Board cannot require students to abide by rules or meet requirements. . ." We are able to answer that for .0320. For .0321 Page 1, Line 4 reads "(a) The nursing program curriculum shall:" which does not correlate with your question/comment.

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Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 4:31 PM To: Angela Ellis <angela@ncbon.com> Cc: Meredith Parris < mparris@ncbon.com>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Board of Nursing RFC January 2024

Thank you for your email.

It does not appear that RFC to .0320 and .0321 are the same. They are different. Or perhaps I do not understand your question, if there is a question.

Here's the problem you have with (c), whether you use the new language or the old language you still use "sufficient". If you don't get that taken care of I will recommend objection. Or you can just withdraw the rule now and start over with the adoption process. You can withdraw the rule until I issue a recommendation for objection.

Does that answer your question?

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To: Peaslee, William W <bill.peaslee@oah.nc.gov>

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Subject: [External] RE: Board of Nursing RFC January 2024

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In addition to the question below, we note that your responses for .0320 and .0321 are the same. Please advise (see attached Rule .0321).

In addition, under (c) we noted that a change made during the open comment period changed the meaning of the paragraph. We'd like to return to the original language currently in the Administrative Code. Is this considered a substantial change? If so, do we need to withdraw this Rule and take it back through rulemaking?

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Good afternoon!

Meredith and I are working on the Request for Technical Change document. For 21 NCAC 36 .0309, it indicates "this page was intentionally left blank". We want to confirm there are no requested changes or questions related to this Rule. For your convenience, the Rule is attached. Please advise.

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# Good morning,

Thank you! Most of our staff are out until the first of the year; however, we will make the January 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Happy Holidays!

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