

CHAPTER 6301
BOARD OF NURSING
PROGRAM APPROVALS

6301.0810 EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS,
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Subpart 1. Eligibility for exemption. A professional or practical nursing program approved by the board and desiring to experiment within the program is eligible to seek an exemption from the rules identified in subpart 2. To be eligible for the exemption, the program of theory and practice must evidence one or more of the following: development of a multi-disciplinary or interdisciplinary educational program, major change in the focus of the curriculum, major change in the locus of student-client interactions, or another revision of a similar magnitude. The program shall continue to prepare graduates to practice safely, competently, and ethically within the full scope of practice as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171, paragraph (3), for professional nursing, or paragraph (5) for practical nursing. The program shall be prepared to implement the experimental program within 18 months after the exemption is granted by the board.

Subp. 2. Exemption. Following the board's approval of the application for exemption pursuant to subparts 1 and 3, the board shall exempt eligible nursing programs from compliance with all of the following rules: parts 6301.0800; 6301.1300, subparts 1 and 2, item B; 6301.1500; 6301.1600; 6301.1700; 6301.1800; 6301.1900; 6301.2000; 6301.2100; and 6301.2200. Partial exemptions shall not be granted.

Subp. 3. Application for exemption. A program seeking the exemption described in subpart 2 must provide the following, in writing, at least 30 calendar days prior to a board meeting:

- A. a description of the revised program and how it differs from the current program;
- B. a description of how the revised program will provide a program of theory and practice in professional or in practical nursing;
- C. a timeline for implementation of the revised program and its effects on current students;
- D. a plan for an evaluation of the revised program including how nursing competency will be evaluated and how feedback from employers of the graduates of the program will be obtained and utilized;
- E. the length of time for which the exemption is requested; and
- F. other relevant information necessary to the board's review.

Subp. 4. Granting exemption; duration. The board shall grant to a program that is eligible for exemption as described in subpart 1 and has submitted the required application materials, the exemption for the period requested which shall be not less than one year nor more than eight years.

Subp. 5. Board monitoring of programs. The director of an approved program granted the exemption described in subpart 2 shall submit a written report annually to the board by October 1 of each year on the status of the revised program. The report shall address the stage of implementation, revisions made since the previous annual report, results of evaluations of the revised program and how the results were utilized, changes planned for the next year, and other related information as requested by the board. The program director shall attest to compliance with remaining applicable rules in this chapter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 148.191; 214.06; 332.50*

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