

**6400.6650 PRACTICUM DURATION.**

Subpart 1. **Waiver and minimum number of hours.** The minimum number of hours to be spent by each individual in the practicum experience shall vary according to the following schedule:

A. waived for an individual who has one year of continuous full-time employment as the licensed administrator and chief executive officer or the assistant administrator of a nursing facility, provided that the individual presents the board evidence that the individual's employment as assistant administrator included items A to F of part 6400.6600, subpart 1. Time working as an acting administrator under an acting license or permit in the same nursing facility where the individual also served as the licensed administrator or assistant administrator is counted in meeting this standard if the individual's employment under both titles combined was one continuous year;

B. 80 hours for an individual who has served one year or more full time as a hospital administrator or hospital assistant administrator with responsibility for both resident care and administrative functions, or who has served two or more years full time as the director of nurses in a nursing facility;

C. 200 hours for an individual who has served two or more years as a department manager with supervisory and budgetary responsibility in a hospital or nursing facility. This also applies to:

(1) an individual not meeting the requirements for assistant administrator under item B or the definition in part 6400.5100, but who has otherwise held that title in a nursing facility or hospital and performed under the title for two or more years;

(2) an individual who has served as director of nurses in a hospital for two or more years; and

(3) an individual who has served two or more years as an administrator or assistant administrator of one or more long-term care facilities for 25 or more developmentally disabled residents;

D. 300 hours for an individual who has two or more years of employment in a hospital or nursing facility in any professional capacity or in any direct patient care capacity;

E. 300 hours for an individual with two or more years of managerial or administrative employment experience, including supervision of at least 25 employees and responsibility for an annual budget of at least \$250,000; or

F. 400 hours for an individual with none of the experience specified in items A to E.

The amount of experience required to qualify for a practicum reduction under items C, D, and E shall be measured in full-time equivalency at the rate of 35 hours per week.

Subp. 2. **Duration of individual student practicums.** Each applicant must complete a 400-hour practicum unless presenting evidence to the board that the applicant has experience as described in subpart 1, items A to E, for a reduction in the number of practicum hours. The board shall determine the minimum number of hours of practicum to be completed by an applicant by comparing the applicant's experience to the requirements in subpart 1 and shall notify the applicant of the board's decision.

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