



No to HB 2509

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Registered Nurse/Exam Remediate

Background

The Illinois Nurse Practice Act “Rules” currently has detailed compliancy regulation for pre-licensure nursing programs as Approved”.

- National Council State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) sets national educational standards. NCSBN’s NCLEX is the national exam.
- In Illinois, there is a two prong educational process:
 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approves both associate degree programs in community colleges and baccalaureate and master’s entry programs in colleges and universities. <https://www.ibhe.org/statsresp.html>
 2. Then for nursing, Illinois Board of Nursing (BON) approves pre-licensure nursing education programs.

<https://casetext.com/regulation/illinois-administrative-code/title-68-professions-and-occupations/part-1300-nurse-practice-act/subpart-c-registered-nurse/section-1300340-approval-of-programs>

Rules 1300.340 Approval of Programs

A pass rate of graduates on the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) shall be included in the annual evaluation of nursing education programs.

- A) A pass rate of 75% of first-time examinees will be required for a school to remain in good standing.
- B) A nursing education program having an annual pass rate of less than 75% of first-time examinees for one year will receive a written warning of noncompliance from the Division.
- C) A nursing education program having an annual pass rate of less than 75% of first-time examinees for 2 consecutive years will receive a site visit for evaluation and recommendation by the Division and will be placed on probation for program revision in accordance with 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1110.
- D) The nursing education program will have 2 years to demonstrate evidence of implementing strategies to correct deficiencies and bring the pass rate in line with the 75% criteria.
- E) If, 2 years after implementing the strategies to correct deficiencies in the program, the annual pass rate is less than 75%, the program will be reevaluated. The program will be allowed to continue to operate on a probationary status or will be disapproved and removed from the list of Illinois approved nursing programs in accordance with 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1110.

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