

Summary of Request:

Staff is requesting the Board review a potential new rule which would allow internationally educated nurses living in Texas to participate in a program that provides education in the United States healthcare system and current nursing and clinical practice.

Historical Perspective:

The Texas Board of Nursing has been approached by a constituent who is providing nursing education to internationally educated nurses in Texas to allow her students to participate in a clinical experience. She prepares them in the current nursing practice of the United States and facilitates language courses to prepare them to take the NCLEX. Her challenge is that her students do not have a legal means of participating in some type of clinical experience in Texas. This is a private venture and voluntary. These students are not enrolled in a Texas school of nursing so they cannot receive a GN permit. We have also had this request from internationally educated nurses on an individual basis.

Pros and Cons:

Pros: By allowing internationally educated nurses a clinical experience in Texas, the probability of passing the NCLEX is higher and thus the State of Texas would have more nurses practicing.

Cons: None

Staff Recommendation:

Board Action: No action is required. If directed by the Board, staff will prepare a proposed rule for the Board to consider at the January, 2009 board meeting.

1) A nurse who has graduated from an accredited nursing program outside the United States, has never passed the NCLEX® and has successfully completed a credential evaluation service from CGFNS, ERES, or IERF, may apply for a six month accustomation permit by completing an application and paying a fee to the Board.

- A) The six-month accustomation permit will allow the applicant to participate in nursing education courses and clinical experiences.
- B) An applicant holding a six-month accustomation permit to participate in nursing education courses and clinical experiences must do so under the direct supervision of a registered nurse who holds a current and unencumbered Texas license.