

**Director and Faculty Qualifications for
 Vocational Nursing Educational Programs**

Summary of Request:

Consider ACE responses to Board charges issued at January 2010 meeting related to director and faculty qualifications for vocational nursing educational programs.

Background:

- Board members have expressed concerns about faculty and director qualifications in vocational nursing educational programs, especially when proposals for new programs have been reviewed.
- At the January 2010 Board meeting, the following charge was issued to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE):

Review Rules 214.6(f) and 214.7(c) related to director and faculty qualifications for vocational nursing educational programs and develop rule revisions as needed.

ACE Discussion at May 7, 2010, Meeting and Recommendations:

ACE members discussed possible changes (shown below) to address the Board charge. If accepted, rule revisions will be presented at the October 2010 Board meeting for approval.

Current Rule	Suggested Changes
<p>214.6(f)(1-6):</p> <p>(f) Each vocational nursing educational program shall be administered by a qualified individual who is accountable for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the vocational nursing educational program. The director/coordinator shall:</p> <p>(1) hold a current license or privilege to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Texas;</p> <p>(2) have been actively employed in nursing for the past five years, preferably in supervision or teaching.</p> <p>(3) if the director has not been actively employed in nursing for the past five years, the director's advanced preparation in nursing, nursing education, and nursing administration and prior relevant nursing employment may be taken into consideration by the Board staff in evaluating qualifications for the position;</p> <p>(4) have a degree or equivalent experience that will demonstrate competency and advanced preparation in nursing, education, and administration.</p> <p>(5) have had five years of varied nursing experience since graduation from a professional nursing educational program;</p>	<p>(2) have been actively employed in nursing for the past five years with employment in administration or teaching and a minimum of one year teaching experience in a prelicensure nursing educational program.</p>

<p>214.7(c)(2): (c)(2) Each nurse faculty member shall:</p> <p>(A) Hold a current license or privilege to practice nursing in the State of Texas;</p> <p>(B) Have been actively employed in nursing for the past three years or have advanced preparation in nursing, nursing education, and/or nursing administration.</p> <p>(C) Have had three years varied nursing experiences since graduation.</p>	<p>(D) Show evidence of teaching abilities and maintaining current knowledge, clinical expertise, and safety in subject area of teaching responsibility.</p>
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Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Education to address Board charge related to director and faculty qualifications for vocational nursing educational programs to be included in proposed rule changes at the October 2010 Board meeting.