

**Professional Nursing Educational Director Qualifications  
Which May Be Waived**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider ACE responses to Board charges issued at January 2010 meeting related to professional nursing educational program director qualifications which may be waived.

**Background:**

- Board members have expressed concerns about issues surrounding requests for waivers for director qualifications in professional nursing educational programs, especially for new programs.
- At the January 2010 Board meeting, the following charge was issued to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE):  
*Review Education Guideline 3.4.1.c to clarify program director qualifications which may not be waived for professional nursing educational programs.*

**ACE Discussion at MAY 7, 2010, Meeting and Recommendations:**

- Since Rule 215.6(4) *Administration and Organization* restricts petitions for waivers of director qualifications to **fully** approved professional nursing educational programs, petitions for waivers of qualifications for directors of **new** programs should not typically come before the Board.
- Board staff should counsel new programs about this regulation.
- Board staff discourage petitions for waivers of director qualifications for all programs, but when programs decide to go forward with petitions, they will be handled by the Board on an individual basis.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to accept the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Education for handling petitions for waivers of director qualifications for professional nursing educational programs.