

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**  
**3.1.3. EDUCATION GUIDELINE**

**Process for Approval of a Pre-licensure Nursing Education Program Outside Texas’  
Jurisdiction to Conduct Clinical Learning Experiences in Texas**

**Revised: 07/05/2023**

Rule 214.3(e) sets forth the requirements for approval of an out of state vocational nursing education program to conduct clinical experiences in Texas. Rule 215.3(e) sets forth the requirements for approval of a professional nursing education program (diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or entry-level master’s degree) to conduct clinical experiences in Texas.

A pre-licensure nursing education program outside Texas’ jurisdiction seeking approval to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas shall be:

- fully approved/accredited by the state board of nursing in the state where the nursing education program originates with an NCLEX® examination pass rate of at least 80% for the current examination year **and**,
- approved/accredited/licensed or deemed exempt by the appropriate Texas agency, i.e., Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), to conduct business/educational activities in the State of Texas.

The approval process conducted by THECB and/or TWC **must precede** the approval process conducted by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

The written request and the required supporting documentation for approval to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas may be submitted to the Texas BON at the same time as an application is submitted to THECB and/or TWC, but the request cannot be approved until the program is approved/deemed exempt by THECB and/or TWC.

**PROCESS**

1. The pre-licensure nursing education program outside Texas’ jurisdiction seeking approval to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas should initiate the process with the BON four months prior to the anticipated start of the clinical learning experiences in Texas.
2. A completed Application for Approval of a Pre-licensure Nursing Education Program Outside Texas’ Jurisdiction to Conduct Clinical Learning Experiences in Texas, approval fee, and required supporting documentation following Board guidelines must be submitted to the Texas BON office. The credentials for the faculty member(s) representing the out of state program in Texas shall be equivalent to credentials required in Texas BON Rule 214 or Rule

215. The Texas BON Rules and Regulations are available on the Texas BON web site, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

3. The following required supporting documentation shall accompany the application.
  - A. Completed “APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRE-LICENSURE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTSIDE TEXAS’ JURISDICTION TO CONDUCT CLINICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN TEXAS” form with payment of the required Nursing Educational Program Approval Fee as indicated in Rule 223.1(a)(20).
  - B. Evidence of the program’s current approval/accreditation status by the state board of nursing from the state where the nursing education program is located;
  - C. Evidence of the program’s NCLEX® examination pass rate for the current examination year (**must be at least 80%**).
  - D. Evidence that the program is approved/accredited/licensed or deemed exempt from approval by THECB or TWC to conduct business/educational activities in the State of Texas.
  - E. Description of the type (direct faculty supervision, preceptorship, specific practice area) of the proposed clinical learning experiences to be conducted in Texas, including the geographic location, names of proposed clinical facilities, and the anticipated date when the clinical learning experiences will begin.
  - F. Names, credentials, and verification of appropriate nursing licensure or privilege to practice in Texas of prospective clinical faculty.
  - G. Letter(s) from prospective clinical facilities or settings indicating the facilities’ ability to accommodate students.
  - H. Evidence of discussion regarding cooperative planning with directors of existing nursing programs for use of potential affiliate agencies and clinical practice settings.
  - I. Evidence of written school policies related to the management of clinical learning experiences to be conducted in Texas including:
    1. Evidence that faculty will be responsible and accountable for managing clinical learning experiences of students in accordance with faculty to student ratios as required by Texas BON Rule 214.10 or Rule 215.10;
    2. Criteria and rationale for the selection of affiliating agencies or clinical practice settings appropriate for the program of study; and
    3. Process for the evaluation of affiliating agencies/clinical facilities clinical practice settings and the frequency of evaluation.
  - J. Current written agreements between the program and affiliating agencies/clinical facilities which specify the responsibilities of the program to the agency and the responsibilities of the agency to the program.
  - K. When clinical preceptors or clinical teaching assistants are used, written agreements between the program, clinical preceptor or clinical teaching assistant, and the affiliating agency, when applicable, delineating the functions and responsibilities of the parties involved.
  - L. Written criteria for the selection of competent clinical preceptors, Education Guideline 3.7.3, and verification of qualifications as required by Texas BON Rule

214.10 or Rule 215.10.

- M. Process for the evaluation of student performance in clinical learning experiences, including the criteria for evaluating and the frequency of evaluation.
- N. Provide, in table format, the specific clinical facilities that will be utilized, the number of students, clinical faculty, and clinical preceptors that will be utilized at each facility.

**NOTE:**

- **If the program is approved to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas, the program will be required to submit to the Texas BON office any changes/updates to the information originally submitted with the request for approval.**
  - **Submit new contracts or renewed contracts to the Texas BON with the change/renewal form.**
  - **All renewals or change requests, along with any supporting documentation, must be submitted prior to the start of any clinical learning experiences.**
  - **A maximum time limit of one year approval may be granted to out-of-state nursing education programs that meet all of the above requirements.**
- 4. Texas BON staff reserve the right to request additional information and/or documentation to provide clarity.
  - 5. Texas BON staff **may** schedule a consultation visit or a site visit to the proposed clinical facilities, depending on the analysis of the written request and the required supporting documentation.
  - 6. Texas BON staff will notify the nursing education program in writing when the request is approved.
  - 7. Students **may not** be enrolled in any Texas clinical learning experiences until the nursing education program is approved by Texas BON staff to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas.

**Important: Please be aware that references to Texas BON Rule 214 and Rule 215 are not all inclusive.**