

CHAPTER 79**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSES***H.F. 217*

AN ACT relating to education requirements for nurses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraphs c and d, Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

c. Requires, for graduation of a registered nurse applicant, the completion of at least a two academic year course of study ~~or its equivalent which is integrated in theory and practice as prescribed by the board.~~

d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse applicant, the completion of at least an one academic year course of study ~~or its equivalent in theory and practice as prescribed by the board.~~

Sec. 2. Section 152.7, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

3. ~~If to practice as a registered nurse, holds a diploma or degree resulting from the completion of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c".~~ Complete a course of study approved by the board pursuant to section 152.5.

Notwithstanding section 152.5, a person enrolled in an academic course of study for registered nurses on June 30, 1995, shall be allowed to apply for a license as a practical nurse which shall be issued after demonstrating completion of the equivalent of one academic year course of study in theory and practice as prescribed by the board. Applicants obtaining licenses under this subsection may be required to complete additional continuing education requirements as prescribed by the board.

4. ~~If to practice as a licensed practical nurse, holds a diploma resulting from the completion of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "d" or has successfully completed at least one academic year of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c" and has successfully completed all theoretical and clinical training as is required for a licensed practical nurse.~~

Sec. 3. EVALUATION. The board shall complete a study by January 1, 1997, on the impact of modifications in the licensed practical nurse educational requirements on the availability of nursing personnel in Iowa. If the study demonstrates a significant reduction in the availability of nursing personnel, the board shall report these findings and make recommendations to the general assembly.

Approved April 25, 1995

CHAPTER 80**SOLID WASTE TONNAGE FEES***H.F. 289*

AN ACT relating to solid waste tonnage fees.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 455B.310, Code 1995, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: