

**152.5 Education programs — record checks.**

1. All programs preparing a person to be a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall be approved by the board. The board shall not recognize a program unless it:

a. Is of recognized standing.

b. Has provisions for adequate physical and clinical facilities and other resources with which to conduct a sound education program.

c. Requires, for graduation of a registered nurse applicant, the completion of at least a two academic year course of study.

d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse applicant, the completion of at least a one academic year course of study as prescribed by the board.

2. All advanced formal academic nursing education programs shall also be approved by the board.

3. a. For the purposes of this subsection:

(1) “*Nursing program*” means a nursing program that is approved by the board pursuant to subsection 1 or 2.

(2) “*Student*” means a person applying for, enrolled in, or returning to the clinical education component of a nursing program.

b. A nursing program may access the single contact repository established pursuant to section 135C.33 as necessary for the nursing program to initiate record checks of students.

c. A nursing program shall request that the department of public safety perform a criminal history check and the department of human services perform child and dependent adult abuse record checks in this state on the nursing program’s students.

d. If a student has a criminal record or a record of founded child or dependent adult abuse, upon request of the nursing program, the department of human services shall perform an evaluation to determine whether the record warrants prohibition of the person’s involvement in a clinical education component of a nursing program involving children or dependent adults. The department of human services shall utilize the criteria provided in section 135C.33 in performing the evaluation and shall report the results of the evaluation to the nursing program. The department of human services has final authority in determining whether prohibition of the person’s involvement in a clinical education component is warranted.

[S13, §2575-a29; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2564; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §152.4; C77, 79, 81, §152.5]

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