

655—2.4(152) Approval and reapproval of in-state nursing programs.

2.4(1) The full approval for nursing programs located in Iowa requires the following:

- a.* Completion of a board survey visit by board representative(s).
- b.* Submission of the program's systematic evaluation plan.
- c.* Employment of qualified faculty and head of program.
- d.* Annual reports.
- e.* Documentation supporting compliance of nursing program criteria.

2.4(2) The board provides the program with the schedule and the criteria for approval or reapproval.

2.4(3) The program provides to the board the nursing education program report and supporting documentation addressing all aspects of the program outlined in rules 655—2.8(152) through 655—2.18(152).

2.4(4) A focused site visit may happen due to any of the following:

- a.* Complaints from students, faculty and clinical agencies.
- b.* Frequent turnover of faculty and the head of the program.
- c.* Decreasing trends in outcomes including NCLEX® pass rates.
- d.* Evidence that the program does not meet the criteria for approval.

2.4(5) The board will provide a report addressing recommendations from the site visit and nursing education program report to the head of the program. The head of the program will have an opportunity to respond in writing to the recommendations.

2.4(6) The nursing education program report and the program response is submitted to the board for review.

2.4(7) The board determines the approval status of the program.

a. Full approval may be granted or continued, within any time frame determined by the board, up to six years.

b. Conditional approval may be granted as determined by the board.

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