

655—2.8(152) Organization and administration of the program.

2.8(1) The program shall meet the following criteria:

a. Authorization. Authorization for conducting a program is granted in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 261B.

b. Authority and administrative responsibility. The authority and administrative responsibility of the program is vested in the head of the program, who is responsible to the controlling institution.

c. Organizational chart. The organizational chart(s) indicates the lines of authority and communication within the program and with the central administration, other units within the controlling institution, cooperating agencies, and advisory committees.

d. Finances.

(1) The controlling institution shall allocate adequate funds to carry out the purposes of the program.

(2) The head of the program and nursing faculty shall have input for the budgeted needs of the program.

e. Ethical practices. Ethical practices and standards shall be consistent with those of the controlling institution and made available to students and prospective students.

f. Contractual agreements. Written contractual agreements shall exist between the program and the clinical facilities. The agreements shall include:

(1) Identification of responsibilities of both parties related to patient or client services.

(2) Provision for faculty control, selection and guidance of student learning experiences.

(3) Provision for termination of the agreement.

(4) Provision for annual review.

(5) Provision that the facility is in good standing with its regulatory agency.

g. Accrediting and approving agencies.

(1) The controlling institution or program shall be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

(2) When the program is located at a community college, the controlling institution shall be approved by the Iowa department of education.

(3) When the program is offered under the auspices of the United States armed forces, it shall be accredited by the U.S. Department of the Army.

h. Philosophy/mission and program outcomes. The faculty shall develop a philosophy or mission statement and program outcomes that shall be:

(1) Consistent with the philosophy or mission of the controlling institution.

(2) Reflective of faculty beliefs about nursing, education and professional standards.

(3) A guide in the development, implementation and evaluation of the program.

(4) Available to students and prospective students.

i. Program evaluation. A written plan shall:

(1) Outline the evaluation process for all aspects of the program.

(2) Identify the methodology, tools, responsible parties and time frame.

(3) Provide evidence of implementation reflecting achievement of program outcomes.

2.8(2) Requirements for head of program:

a. Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa.

b. Two years of experience in clinical nursing.

c. Two years of teaching experience in a nursing education program.

d. Academic qualifications:

(1) If employed on or before July 1, 1992, the individual is considered adequately prepared as long as that person remains in that position.

(2) If employed after July 1, 1992, the individual must have a master's or doctoral degree with a major in nursing at either level at the time of hire.

(3) If a program offers a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing, the head of the program must have a doctoral degree at the time of hire.

e. Submission of qualifications to the board within one month of appointment.

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