

481—616.11(152) Faculty.

616.11(1) Program requirements. The program shall provide:

- a. A sufficient number of faculty who satisfy the requirements in subrule 616.11(2).
- b. Written personnel policies and position descriptions.
- c. A faculty development program that furthers the competence of individual faculty members and the faculty as a whole.
- d. A written teaching-load policy.
- e. A nursing faculty organization that operates according to written bylaws and that meets on a regular basis.
- f. In a prelicensure program, a ratio of one faculty member to a maximum of eight students for hands-on learning situations in which students directly care for clients in a relevant setting.

616.11(2) Faculty member requirements. A faculty member who teaches nursing shall meet the following requirements:

a. Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa or a multistate license according to the current nurse licensure compact contained in Iowa Code chapter 152E prior to teaching.

b. Two years of experience in clinical nursing.

c. Academic qualifications:

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

(2) A faculty member who was hired to teach in a prelicensure registered nurse program shall have at least a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing or an applicable field at the time of hire. This person shall make annual progress toward the attainment of a master's or doctoral degree with a major in nursing or an applicable field. At least one degree shall be in nursing.

1. Applicable fields include but are not limited to education, anthropology, gerontology, counseling, psychology, sociology, health education, health administration, and public health. A person who wishes to fulfill this requirement with education in an applicable field not listed may petition the board for a determination of applicability.

2. The date of hire is the first day of employment with compensation at a particular nursing education program.

3. "Annual progress" means a minimum of one course per year taken as part of an organized plan of study. A written plan of study shall be kept in the employee's file.

(3) A faculty member who was hired to teach after July 1, 1992, in a practical nursing program or at the first level of an associate degree nursing program with a ladder concept shall have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing or an applicable field at the time of hire.

(4) A registered nurse hired to teach in a master's program shall hold a master's or doctoral degree with a major in nursing at the time of hire. A registered nurse teaching in a population focus shall hold a master's degree with a major in nursing, advanced level certification by a national professional nursing organization approved by the board in the population focus area in which the individual teaches, and current licensure as an advanced registered nurse practitioner according to the laws of the state(s) in which the individual teaches. Faculty preparation at the doctoral or terminal degree level should be consistent with the mission of the program.

(5) A faculty member hired only to teach in the clinical setting shall be exempt from subparagraphs 2.11(2)"c"(1) and "c"(2) if the faculty member is closely supervised to ensure proper integration of didactic content into the clinical setting. If hired after July 1, 1992, a faculty member hired to teach only in the clinical setting shall have a baccalaureate degree in nursing or an applicable field or shall make annual progress toward the attainment of such a degree.

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