

NURSING LICENSING AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David G. Buxton

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Nurse Practice Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions relating to the limited approval of certain nursing education programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-31b-601, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 26

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-31b-601** is amended to read:

58-31b-601. Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide training.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), to qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall be accredited by an accrediting body for nursing education that is approved by the United States Department of Education.

(2) (a) In accordance with Subsection (2)(b) and Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division, in consultation with the board, may make rules establishing requirements for a nursing education program to qualify for a limited time as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, if the program:

(i) (A) is in the process of obtaining the accreditation described in Subsection (1);

(B) has recently been denied accreditation after seeking to obtain the accreditation described in Subsection (1); or

(C) has recently lost the accreditation described in Subsection (1); and

(ii) is approved under Subsection (2)(a) on or before May 15, 2016.

(b) A program approved under Subsection (2)(a) may qualify graduates for licensure under Subsection (2)(a) until ~~[December 31, 2020]~~ June 30, 2022.

(c) Beginning November 30, 2020, a program approved under Subsection (2)(a) may not enroll any new students into the program unless:

(i) the program has a final site visit scheduled with a nursing program accreditor for the accreditation described in Subsection (1); and

(ii) the final site visit described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) is scheduled during the period beginning November 30, 2020, and ending May 30, 2021.

(d) On or after [January 1, 2021] July 1, 2022, a nursing education program that is not an approved education program under Subsection (1) may not qualify graduates for licensure under this chapter.

(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this chapter as a medication aide certified.