

**20-90-54. Faculty [Repealed]**

**Practical Nursing Education Program**

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(Effective December 30, 1994; Repealed, effective May 4, 2004)

**20-90-55. Curriculum**

- (a) The curriculum shall meet the requirements of the parent institution in which the program is housed and state requirements for eligibility of the graduate for admission to the practical nurse licensing examination prescribed pursuant to Section 20-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (b) The curriculum shall integrate theory and clinical practice in a manner that shall cause the Nursing Education Program graduates to meet the educational outcomes for practical nursing described in Section 20-90-56 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- (c) The length of the program shall be a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) hours over no less than ten (10) months. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences and observational experiences appropriate to the Program's Educational Outcomes.

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**20-90-56. Educational outcomes**

A graduate of a practical nursing education program shall be able to:

- (1) Perform the duties and responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse within the framework of the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- (2) Apply nursing principles and theories in the implementation of the plan of care for clients under the direction of and in collaboration with the registered nurse by:
  - (A) collecting data concerning the biologic and psychosocial needs of individual clients along the wellness/illness continuum;
  - (B) implementing therapeutic nursing measures to maintain, promote, and restore optimum health to clients within the established plan of care;
  - (C) performing therapeutic nursing interventions based on principles from the biophysical and behavioral sciences, adapting these to the individual needs of clients as members of families and community systems;
  - (D) using ethical decision making and judgment in providing care;
- (3) Assist in evaluating the effectiveness of nursing interventions, using observations and data collection to recommend changes in the plan of care;
- (4) Perform appropriate data collection to monitor client status in response to alterations in health, treatment of health problems, and therapeutic nursing interventions;
- (5) Recognize and report deviations from expected responses to alterations in health status or in the treatment of health problems;
- (6) Intervene appropriately in emergency situations;
- (7) Interact effectively with clients, families, and health team members through appropriate verbal, nonverbal, and written communications;
- (8) Implement the care of groups of clients, using appropriate principles of priority setting, time management, and delegation;
- (9) Utilize resources and the environment of care effectively to meet client needs and attain expected outcomes of care; and
- (10) Demonstrate individual accountability by acting as an advocate for health care consumers and by maintaining accepted standards of care for a practical nurse.

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**20-90-57. Endorsement**

- (a) Graduate nurses from a nursing education external degree program who are licensed in another state of the United States on the basis of standards which meet or exceed the

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requirements of this state, shall be eligible for licensure without examination in Connecticut.

- (a) Persons seeking endorsement who were graduated from an educational program which is shorter in length than the minimum length for Connecticut educational programs shall provide documentation of clinical work experience. Such work experience, when combined with their educational program, shall equal the minimum program length for nursing education programs approved in Connecticut. Such work experience must be under the supervision of a licensed registered nurse and occur after completion of the basic educational program.
- (b) Nurses trained and licensed in Canada prior to 1970 who meet the current educational requirements of Connecticut shall take the licensing examination prescribed pursuant to Section 20-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (c) Nurses trained and licensed in Canada in or after 1970 who meet the current educational requirements of Connecticut may be licensed without examination if their Canadian licensing examination was in English. If their Canadian examination was not in English, then they must demonstrate proficiency in English pursuant to section 20-90-57(e).
- (e) Nurses licensed in Canada on the basis of an examination in a language other than English who are seeking licensure by examination in Connecticut must demonstrate proficiency in English on an examination, and at a level, prescribed by the Commissioner with the consent of the Board.
- (f) Persons licensed pursuant to section 20-90-57(d) shall have attained a passing score on the Canadian licensing examination prescribed by the Commissioner with the consent of the Board. The prescribed passing score shall be one deemed by the Commissioner to be equivalent to passing scores on comparable licensing examinations used in the United States.

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**20-90-58. Foreign-trained**

Persons educated in nursing in a foreign country must successfully complete the examination offered by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools prior to being accepted for examination and licensure as a Registered Nurse in Connecticut.

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**20-90-59. Out-of-state programs**

- (a) A program in nursing located in another state or territory of the United States shall be deemed approved pursuant to section 20-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that:
  - (1) said program, if a registered nursing education program, complies with the provisions of section 20-90-52 of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:
  - (2) said program is approved by the duly authorized nurse licensure board or agency of the state or territory in which it is located: and
  - (3) said state or territory maintains licensure requirements substantially similar to or higher than those of this state.
- (b) A program in nursing located in another state or territory of the United States which provides clinical experience to students in cooperating health care agencies in this state shall comply with the provisions of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies contained in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 20-90-48 and subsection (b) of section 20-90-48. Faculty providing on-site clinical supervision to students in cooperating health care agencies in this state shall:
  - (1) maintain an active registered nurse license in this state:
  - (2) have earned baccalaureate and master's degrees, one of which must be in nursing: and
  - (3) have clinical experience in their teaching area.

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