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Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5, 9.6, and 9.10

FN-CSA Education Programs; Clinical Education; Endorsement

Proposed: June 6, 2016, at 48 N.J.R. 947(a).

Adopted: October 7, 2016, by the State Board of Nursing, Patricia Ann Murphy, Ph.D, APN, President.

Filed: December 7, 2016, as R.2017 d.009, **without change**.

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Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended August 5, 2016. **The Board did not receive any comments.**

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments.

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 9. FORENSIC NURSE-CERTIFIED SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

13:37-9.5 FN-CSA education programs

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) A course in FN-CSA education shall be completed within a six-month period. A course shall contain a minimum of 64 hours of didactic instruction that meets the requirements of the 2015 edition of the International Association of Forensic Nurses' Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, published by the International Association [page=117] of Forensic Nurses, 6755 Business Parkway, Suite 303, Elkridge, MD, 21075.

(d) The didactic instruction required in (c) above shall be taught by an instructor who either has a masters degree in nursing from a school accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education, or another state's department of education, or who is a FN-CSA.

(e) (No change.)

(f) (No change in text.)

13:37-9.6 Clinical education

(a) (No change.)

(b) An applicant shall complete a clinical program that meets guidelines on clinical education found in the 2015 edition of the International Association of Forensic Nurses' Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, published by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, 6755 Business Parkway, Suite 303, Elkridge, MD, 21075.

(c) Documentation of the completed clinical education shall be dated and signed by the supervising advanced practice nurse, physician, Forensic Nurse Coordinator, or FN-CSA who holds a master's degree in nursing and has been working as an FN-CSA for at least two years.

13:37-9.10 Endorsement

(a) A registered professional nurse, licensed in New Jersey, who is working as a FN-CSA in another state may apply for certification as a FN-CSA in New Jersey if the applicant is certified by another state as a FN-CSA, or its equivalent, and the applicant:

1. Has completed a course and clinical education substantially similar to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5 and 9.6; and

2. (No change in text.)

(b) An applicant for certification by endorsement shall submit to the Board:

1.-5. (No change.)

6. Evidence that the applicant has passed a clinical competency examination given by an approved clinical examination facility; and

7. (No change in text.)

(c) (No change.)