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Administrative Code Citation

Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.21

Text

Exit Examinations

Proposed: January 6, 2020, at 52 N.J.R. 16(a) (The notice of proposal would have expired on January 6, 2021, but was extended by Executive Order No. 127 (2020) and P.L. 2021, c. 103, to January 1, 2022).

Adopted: June 5, 2020, by the Board of Nursing, Barbara B. Blozen, Ed.D, MA, RN, President.

Filed: December 7, 2021, as R.2022 d.011, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.

Effective Date: January 3, 2022.

Expiration Date: January 24, 2025.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency's Response:

The official comment period ended March 6, 2020. The Board received comments from the following individuals:

1. Eugenia McBride
2. Karimah Sadler

3. Yvette Rue
4. Kara Jacob
5. Sharday Aikens
6. Kanasha King
7. Melissa Magabilin
8. Dave Rogers
9. Rochelle Grant
10. Griselda Lemus
11. Miriam Brunson
12. Nicole Bryant
13. Jennifer Russo
14. Fahad Akhtar, MD
15. Miriam Brunson
16. Aviola Jones
17. Lodrick Webber
18. Celeste B. Houston
19. A nurse
20. Karen L. Guarino, BSN, RN-C OB

1. COMMENT: Most of the commenters support the new rule. The commenters do not believe that an exit examination should be used to prevent students from completing a nursing program.

RESPONSE: The Board thanks the commenters for their support.

2. COMMENT: A commenter opposes the new rule.

RESPONSE: The Board believes that it is appropriate to permit nursing education programs to require students to take a predictor examination at the end of the program, but does not believe that such an examination should prevent a student from graduating or taking a licensing examination based on the student's performance on such a predictor examination.

Federal Standards Statement

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

Full text of the adopted new rule follows:

SUBCHAPTER 1. PROGRAMS IN NURSING EDUCATION

13:37-1.21 Exit examinations

(a) A nursing program may require students to take a comprehensive examination at the end of a program to assess students' knowledge of nursing.

(b) A student's performance on an examination, if required pursuant to (a) above, shall not affect the student's ability to graduate from the program or to take licensing examinations.

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