

1 21 NCAC 36 .0317 is adopted as published in NCR 31:01, pages 29-30, as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 36 .0317 ADMINISTRATION**

4 (a) The controlling institution of a nursing program shall provide those human, physical, technical, and
5 financial resources and services essential to support program processes, outcomes, and maintain
6 compliance with Section .0300 of this Chapter.

7 (b) A full time registered nurse qualified pursuant to Paragraph (c) of this Rule shall have the authority for
8 the direction of the nursing program. This authority shall encompass responsibilities for maintaining
9 compliance with rules and other legal requirements in all areas of the program. The program director shall
10 have non-teaching time sufficient to allow for program organization, administration, continuous review,
11 planning, and development.

12 (c) Program director in a program preparing for initial nurse licensure shall satisfy the following
13 requirements:

- 14 (1) hold a current ~~unrestricted~~ unrestricted license or multistate licensure privilege to practice
15 as a registered nurse in North Carolina;
- 16 (2) have two years of full-time experience as a faculty member in a board approved nursing
17 program;
- 18 (3) be experientially qualified to lead the program to accomplish the mission, goals, and
19 expected program outcomes;
- 20 (4) hold either a baccalaureate in nursing or a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited
21 institution. If newly employed on or after January 1, 2016, hold a graduate degree from
22 an accredited institution. If newly employed on or after January 1, 2021, hold a graduate
23 degree in nursing from an accredited institution;
- 24 (5) prior to or within the first three years of employment, have preparation in teaching and
25 learning principles for adult education, including curriculum development, implementation,
26 and evaluation, appropriate to assignment. This preparation may be demonstrated by
27 one of the following:
 - 28 (A) completion of 45 contact hours of Board approved continuing education courses;
 - 29 (B) completion of a certificate program in nursing education;
 - 30 (C) nine semester hours of graduate course work;
 - 31 (D) national certification in nursing education; or
 - 32 (E) documentation of successful completion of structured, individualized
33 development activities of at least 45 contact hours approved by the Board.
34 Criteria for approval include content in the faculty role within the curriculum
35 implementation, objectives to be met and evaluated, review of strategies for
36 identified student population and expectations of student and faculty
37 performance;

1 (6) maintain competence in the areas of assigned responsibility; and

2 (7) have current knowledge of nursing practice for the registered nurse and the licensed
3 practical nurse.

4 (d) The nursing education program shall implement, for quality improvement, a comprehensive program
5 evaluation that shall include the following:

6 (1) students' achievement of program outcomes;

7 (2) evidence of program resources including fiscal, physical, human, clinical, and technical
8 learning resources; student support services, and the availability of clinical sites and the
9 viability of those sites adequate to meet the objectives of the program;

10 (3) measures of program outcomes for graduates;

11 (4) evidence that accurate program information for consumers is available;

12 (5) evidence that the head of the academic institution and the administration support
13 program outcomes;

14 (6) evidence that program director and program faculty meet board qualifications and are
15 sufficient in number to achieve program outcomes;

16 (7) evidence that the academic institution assures security of student information;

17 (8) evidence that collected evaluative data is utilized in implementing quality improvement
18 activities; and

19 (9) evidence of student participation in program planning, implementation, evaluation, and
20 continuous improvement.

21 (e) The controlling institution and the nursing education program shall communicate information
22 describing the nursing education program that is accurate, complete, consistent across mediums, and
23 accessible by the public. The following shall be accessible to all applicants and students:

24 (1) admission policies and practices;

25 (2) policy on advanced placement, transfer of credits;

26 (3) number of credits required for completion of the program;

27 (4) tuition, fees, and other program costs;

28 (5) policies and procedures for withdrawal, including refund of tuition or fees;

29 (6) grievance procedure;

30 (7) criteria for successful progression in the program including graduation requirements; and

31 (8) policies for clinical performance.

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34 *Eff. June 1, 1992;*

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