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On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The North Carolina Board of Nursing (“Board”) is vested with the authority to waive the requirements of Article 9A Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to allow emergency health services to the public if the Governor declares a state of emergency.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-171.49 in response to Executive Order 116 (2020), the Board hereby waives the following rules and requirements:

- **FACULTY**

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- (d) As of January 1, 2021, 80 percent of the full-time faculty shall hold a graduate degree in nursing.
- (e) As of January 1, 2021, 50 percent of the part-time faculty shall hold a graduate degree in nursing.

Waive the provisions of .0318 (d) and (e) requiring a graduate degree in nursing for full-time and part-time faculty. All other provisions of the rule shall apply.

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on October 30, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2021, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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