



April 6, 2020

*Amended December 27, 2021*

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:

- **Nurse Aide II Education Courses**

21 NCAC 36 .0405 APPROVAL OF NURSE AIDE EDUCATION COURSES

- (a) The Board shall accept nurse aide I courses that are approved by DHSR.
- (b) The Board shall approve nurse aide II courses in accordance with this Rule. Nurse aide II courses shall be offered by a State-licensed individual, agency, or educational institution after the course is approved by the Board.
  - (2) Nurse aide II courses shall include a minimum of 80 hours of theory and 80 hours of clinical instruction, supervised by a nurse faculty meeting the requirements of Subparagraph (b)(3) of this Rule. A nurse aide II education course shall not use simulation for more than eight hours as a substitute for the required 80 hours of clinical experience.

*Waive the provisions in .0405 (b)(2) regarding hours of instruction and limitations on simulation experience. All other provisions of the rule shall apply. Each Course Coordinator will be responsible for determining educationally sound modifications that are necessary to complete the course, for identifying whether or not the course outcomes have been met, and for validating those students who meet the course outcomes and are eligible for listing as a NAIL.*

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on April 6, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2022, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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