



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:

- **Refresher Course**

21 NCAC 36 .0220 REFRESHER COURSE

- (m) The curriculum for a registered nurse refresher course shall include at least 240 hours of instruction, at least 120 of which shall consist of clinical learning experiences, and shall incorporate:
  - (1) the scope of practice for the registered nurse, as defined in G.S. 90-171.20 and 21 NCAC 36 .0221, .0224, .0225 and .0401; and
  - (2) instruction in and opportunities to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities to competently practice nursing according to components of practice for the registered nurse as defined in 21 NCAC 36 .0224.
- (n) The curriculum for a licensed practical nurse refresher course shall include at least 180 hours of instruction, at least 90 of which shall consist of clinical learning experiences, and shall incorporate:
  - (1) the scope of practice for the licensed practical nurse, as defined in G.S. 90-171.20(8) and 21 NCAC 36 .0221, .0225 and .0401; and
  - (2) instruction in and opportunities to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities to competently practice nursing according to components of nursing practice for the licensed practical nurse as defined in 21 NCAC 36 .0225.

- (p) Registered nurse and licensed practical nurse refresher courses shall limit simulation experiences to no more than 50 percent of clinical learning experiences, pursuant to 21 NCAC 26 .0321(m).

***Waive provisions regarding number of hours of instruction in .0220(m) and (n), however the provisions in (m)(1), (m)(2), (n)(1), and (n)(2) shall not be waived. Waive provision in .0220(p) regarding limitation of simulation experiences.***

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effect on April 6, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2022, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.



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