

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Board of Nursing

Article 17.—Advanced Nursing Program

60-17-101. Definitions.

Each of the following terms, as used in this article of the board's regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) An "advanced nursing program" may be housed within a part of any of the following organizational units within an academic institution:

- (1) A college;
- (2) a school;
- (3) a division;
- (4) a department; or
- (5) an academic unit.

(b) "Academic equivalent" means the proportionate credit for formal academic coursework if that coursework is completed on the basis of trimester or quarter credit hours rather than semester credit hours.

(c) "Affiliating agency" means an agency that cooperates with the advanced nursing program to provide facilities and resources for selected student experiences.

(d) "Clinical learning experience" means an active process in which the student participates in advanced nursing activities while being guided by a member of the faculty.

(e) "Contractual agreement" means a written contract signed by the legal representatives of the advanced nursing program and the affiliating agency.

(f) "Criteria for unscheduled survey or site visit" means indications that the advanced nursing program no longer meets the requirements in the nurse practice act or the board's regulations.

(g) "Debriefing" means an activity that follows simulation and is led by a facilitator. Participants' reflective thinking is encouraged and feedback is provided regarding the participants' performance while various aspects of the completed simulation are

discussed. Participants are encouraged to explore emotions and question, reflect, and provide feedback to one another in order to facilitate the transfer of learning to future situations.

(h) "Loss of approval" means the status that results when the board withdraws its approval of an advanced nursing program.

(i) "Online or distance learning" means the acquisition of knowledge and skills through information and instruction provided by means of a variety of technologies.

(j) "Practice hour" means 60 minutes of clinical learning experience.

(k) "Preceptor" means an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician supervising a student in the clinical setting and is not employed as nursing faculty. Any practice hours over 750 may be precepted with a licensed interdisciplinary professional with a health science degree at a master's level or above. The preceptor provides oversight of each student's patients and gives feedback to the student and clinical instructor. The nursing program faculty shall not be required to be in the affiliating agency's facilities but shall be immediately available.

(l) "Program evaluation plan" means an advanced nursing program's written systematic methodology or plan for measuring and analyzing student learning outcomes and program outcomes against defined standards and timelines to determine effectiveness and provide for ongoing program improvement.

(m) "Satellite program" means an existing, approved advanced nursing program that is offered at a location geographically separate from the parent advanced nursing program. The students may spend a portion or all of their time at the satellite location. The curricula in all locations shall be the same, and each credential shall be conferred by the parent institution.

(n) "Semester credit hours" means at least 13 clock-hours of formal, didactic classroom instruction that occurs over the course of an academic semester and for which the applicant receives formal academic credit.

(o) "Simulation" means a teaching strategy utilizing technology to replace or amplify clinical situations with guided experiences that evoke or replicate substantial aspects of the real world in a fully interactive manner.

(p) "Survey or site visit" means an in-person assessment of all components of an advanced nursing program to validate information submitted by the advanced nursing program or to follow up on the board's determination that there is consistent evidence reflecting deficiencies in meeting the requirements.

(q) "Student learning outcomes" means the achievement of expected knowledge, skills, and attributes demonstrated by students at course and program levels. Student learning outcomes are measured in classroom and experiential settings and are reported in individual and aggregate formats, including retention and graduation rates, performance on certification examinations, and employment rates.

(r) "Transfer student" means an individual who is permitted to apply advanced nursing courses completed at another institution to a different advanced nursing program.

(s) "Quarter credit hour" means two-thirds of a semester credit hour. Quarter credit hours shall be rounded as follows:

- (1) One quarter credit hour equals .7 semester hours.
- (2) Two quarter credit hours equal 1.3 semester hours.
- (3) Three quarter credit hours equal 2.0 semester hours.
- (4) Four quarter credit hours equal 2.7 semester hours.
- (5) Five quarter credit hours equal 3.3 semester hours.

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