

65-1133. Same; educational and training programs for advanced practice registered nurses; approval; survey; nationally accredited programs.

(a) An approved educational and training program for advanced practice registered nurses is a program conducted in Kansas which has been approved by the board as meeting the standards and the rules and regulations of the board. An institution desiring to conduct an educational and training program for advanced practice registered nurses shall apply to the board for approval and submit satisfactory proof that it is prepared to and will maintain the standards and the required curriculum for advanced practice registered nurses as prescribed by this act and by the rules and regulations of the board. Applications shall be made in writing on forms supplied by the board and shall be submitted to the board together with the application fee fixed by the board. The approval of an educational program for advanced practice registered nurses shall not exceed 10 years after the granting of such approval by the board. An institution desiring to continue to conduct an approved educational program for advanced practice registered nurses shall apply to the board for the renewal of approval and submit satisfactory proof that it will maintain the standards and the required curriculum for advanced practice registered nurses as prescribed by this act and by the rules and regulations of the board. Applications for renewal of approval shall be made in writing on forms supplied by the board. Each program shall submit annually to the board an annual fee fixed by the board's rules and regulations to maintain the approved status.

(b) A program to qualify as an approved educational program for advanced practice registered nurses must be conducted in the state of Kansas, and the school conducting the program must apply to the board and submit evidence that: (1) It is prepared to carry out the curriculum prescribed by rules and regulations of the board; and (2) it is prepared to meet such other standards as shall be established by law and the rules and regulations of the board.

(c) The board shall prepare and maintain a list of programs which qualify as approved educational programs for advanced practice registered nurses whose graduates, if they have the other necessary qualifications provided in this act, shall be eligible to apply for licensure as advanced practice registered nurses. A survey of the institution or school applying for approval of an educational program for advanced practice registered nurses shall be made by an authorized employee of the board or members of the board, who shall submit a written report of the survey to the board. If, in the opinion of the board, the requirements as prescribed by the board in its rules and regulations for approval are met, it shall so approve the program. The board shall resurvey approved programs on a periodic basis as determined by rules and regulations. If the board determines that any approved program is not maintaining the standards required by this act and by rules and regulations prescribed by the board, notice thereof in writing, specifying the failures of such program, shall be given. A program which fails to correct such conditions to the satisfaction of the board within a reasonable time shall be removed from the list of approved programs until such time as the program shall comply with such standards. All approved programs shall maintain accurate and current records showing in full the theoretical and practical courses given to each student.

(d) The board may accept nationally accredited advanced practice registered nurse programs as defined by rules [and] regulations adopted by the board in accordance with K.S.A. 65-1130, and amendments thereto:

(1) Advanced practice registered nurse programs which have received accreditation from a board recognized national nursing accreditation agency shall file evidence of initial accreditation with the board, and thereafter shall file all reports from the accreditation agency and any notice of any change in school accreditation status.

(2) Advanced practice registered nurse programs holding approval based upon national accreditation are also responsible for complying with all other requirements as determined by rules and regulations of the board.

(3) The board may grant approval to an advanced practice registered nurse program with national accreditation for a continuing period not to exceed 10 years.

History: L. 1983, ch. 206, § 5; L. 2000, ch. 113, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 161, § 6; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 47; Jan. 1, 2012.