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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

Section 1426(c)(1) states "Art and science of nursing eighteen (18) semester or twenty-seven (27) quarter units will be in clinical practice."

Section 1426(f)(2) requires the following formula, three (3) hours of clinical practice each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one (1) unit.

The required clinical areas pursuant to Section 1426(d) are interpreted as medical-surgical, maternity, pediatrics, psychiatric/mental health, and geriatrics.

At its December 8, 1995 meeting, the Board voted to rescind the clinical experience guidelines which had been in effect since 1986. There will no longer be a minimum of 60 hours of clinical experience required for each of the five (5) content areas.

At the time of approval visits or in the event of curriculum changes, directors will still be required to show how the students are gaining the experience needed to practice in all five (5) content areas, in acute or community settings, according to 1443.5, the Standards of Competent Performance, as the regulations have not changed.

The program may use up to 25% of each clinical rotation in a simulated situation. The simulations must include actual demonstrations that encompass the nursing process. The use of more than 25% in the clinical laboratory must be approved by the assigned nursing education consultant.