

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:  
Board of Registered Nursing

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 1426

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY  
ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2024-0326-02

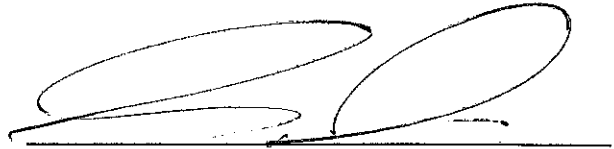
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This action by the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") repeals provisions that mandate the minimum percent of clinical hours that a clinical practice course must be in direct patient care, which will allow prelicensure nursing programs to defer solely to Business and Professions Code section 2786(a)(2)'s statutory requirements for a program to meet a minimum of 500 direct patient care clinical hours with at least 30 hours dedicated to each nursing area specified by the Board.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 7/1/2024.

Date: May 1, 2024



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For: Kenneth J. Pogue  
Director

Original: Loretta Melby, Executive Officer  
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NOTICE		REGULATIONS	

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY  
Board of Registered Nursing

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any)

**A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)**

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE Required Curriculum		TITLE(S) 16	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED CCR 1426	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE December 15, 2023
3. NOTICE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other		4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Marissa Clark	TELEPHONE NUMBER 916-574-7438	FAX NUMBER (Optional) 916-574-7700
OAL USE ONLY	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn		NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER 2023, 50-2	PUBLICATION DATE 12/15/23

**B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)**

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Required Curriculum		1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)		
2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)				
SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)		ADOPT		
AMEND		CCR 1426		
REPEAL		TITLE(S) 16		
3. TYPE OF FILING				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1) N/A				
5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> §100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify) _____	
6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY				
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs <i>Kimberly Kirchmeyer</i>				

7. CONTACT PERSON Marissa Clark	TELEPHONE NUMBER 916-574-7438	FAX NUMBER (Optional) 916-574-7700	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) marissa.clark@dca.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE  
*Loretta Melby*

DATE  
03/25/2024

TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY  
Loretta Melby, Executive Officer, Board of Registered Nursing

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Office of Administrative Law

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
TITLE 16. BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

ORDER OF ADOPTION  
Required Curriculum

**Legend:** Added text is indicated with an underline.  
Deleted text is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

**Amend section 1426 of Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:**

**§ 1426. Required Curriculum.**

- (a) The curriculum of a nursing program shall be that set forth in this section, and shall be approved by the board. Any revised curriculum shall be approved by the board prior to its implementation.
- (b) The curriculum shall reflect a unifying theme, which includes the nursing process as defined by the faculty, and shall be designed so that a student who completes the program will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to function in accordance with the registered nurse scope of practice as defined in code section 2725, and to meet minimum competency standards of a registered nurse.
- (c) The curriculum shall consist of not less than fifty-eight (58) semester units, or eighty-seven (87) quarter units, which shall include at least the following number of units in the specified course areas:
- (1) Art and science of nursing, thirty-six (36) semester units or fifty-four (54) quarter units, of which eighteen (18) semester or twenty-seven (27) quarter units will be in theory and eighteen (18) semester or twenty-seven (27) quarter units will be in clinical practice.
  - (2) Communication skills, six (6) semester or nine (9) quarter units. Communication skills shall include principles of oral, written, and group communication.
  - (3) Related natural sciences (anatomy, physiology, and microbiology courses with labs), behavioral and social sciences, sixteen (16) semester or twenty-four (24) quarter units.
- (d) Theory and clinical practice shall be concurrent in the following nursing areas: geriatrics, medical-surgical, mental health/psychiatric nursing, obstetrics, and pediatrics. Instructional outcomes will focus on delivering safe, therapeutic, effective, patient-centered care; practicing evidence-based practice; working as part of interdisciplinary teams; focusing on quality improvement; and using information technology. Instructional content shall include, but is not limited to, the following: critical thinking, personal hygiene, patient protection and safety, pain management, human sexuality, client abuse, cultural diversity, nutrition (including therapeutic aspects), pharmacology, patient advocacy, legal, social and ethical aspects of

nursing, and nursing leadership and management.

- (1) Theory and clinical practice requirements of the curriculum will be adjusted in recognition of military education and experiences of the student, when applicable, through an individualized process for evaluating and granting equivalency credit for military education and experience that results in meeting the same course objectives and competency standards.
- (e) The following shall be integrated throughout the entire nursing curriculum:
- (1) The nursing process;
  - (2) Basic intervention skills in preventive, remedial, supportive, and rehabilitative nursing;
  - (3) Physical, behavioral, and social aspects of human development from birth through all age levels;
  - (4) Knowledge and skills required to develop collegial relationships with health care providers from other disciplines;
  - (5) Communication skills including principles of oral, written, and group communications;
  - (6) Natural science, including human anatomy, physiology, and microbiology; and
  - (7) Related behavioral and social sciences with emphasis on societal and cultural patterns, human development, and behavior relevant to health-illness.
- (f) The program shall have tools to evaluate a student's academic progress, performance, and clinical learning experiences that are directly related to course objectives.
- (g) The course of instruction shall be presented in semester or quarter units or the equivalent under the following formula:
- (1) One (1) hour of instruction in theory each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one (1) unit.
  - (2) Three (3) hours of clinical practice each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one (1) unit. ~~With the exception of an initial nursing course that teaches basic nursing skills in a skills lab, 75% of clinical hours in a course must be in direct patient care in an area specified in section 1426(d) in a board-approved clinical setting.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 2715, 2786.1 and 2786.6, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2785, 2785.5, 2786, 2786.1, 2786.2, 2786.3, 2786.5, 2786.6 and 2788, Business and Professions Code.