

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Credit for Military Education/Experience

Sections Affected: Section 1418, 1423.1, 1423.2, 1424, 1426, 1430

Rationale for Necessity

1423.2(a)

The progression set out in section 1423.2(a) is necessary because it gives the Board authority to act on prelicensure nursing programs who show evidence of noncompliance with Article 3. Compliance with Article 3 is necessary because it defines specific requirements that all prelicensure nursing programs must meet to be approved and issued a certificate of approval; and to retain Board approval.

These requirements encompass the entire nursing program structure and are relative to each other. Examples include program administration and organization, faculty qualifications and responsibilities, required curriculum, preceptorship, clinical facilities, student participation, policies relating to examination eligibility, previous education credit, examination pass rate standards and approved program changes.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2788, the Board has the authority to inspect all California schools of nursing at such times as the Board shall deem necessary. The Board conducts an in-depth on-site evaluation of each program at least once every five years. Site visits may also be made at any time deemed necessary by the Board.

Article 3 is necessary because the criteria defines the program review and site visit. Evidence must be gathered across the entire nursing program to ensure any noncompliance areas are addressed completely. When evidence of noncompliance is discovered, the Board reviews the findings and determines specific requirements for correction along with a return date for review of the program's approval status. The program is notified of the corrective action plan and must demonstrate corrective actions to remove the noncompliance.

Most programs require sufficient time to current most deficiencies. In some cases, where deficiencies are not easily corrected, it is necessary to place the program on warning status with intent to revoke approval. If the deficiencies are not corrected within a reasonable time, the program may be removed from the Board's approved list.