

Education Model Rules - Chapter 6

Innovative Approaches in Prelicensure Nursing Education Programs

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6.3 Innovative Approaches in Prelicensure Nursing Education Programs

A nursing education program may apply to implement an innovative approach by complying with the provisions of this section. Nursing education programs approved to implement innovative approaches shall continue to provide quality nursing education that prepares graduates to practice safely, competently and ethically within the scope of practice as defined in the Act.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 13

6.3.1 Purposes

- a. To foster innovative models of nursing education to address the changing needs in health care.
- b. To assure that innovative approaches are conducted in a manner consistent with the BON's role of protecting the public.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 14

6.3.2 Eligibility

- a. The nursing education program shall hold full BON approval without conditions.
- b. There are no substantiated complaints in the past 2 years.
- c. There are no rule violations in the past 2 years.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 15

6.3.3 Application

- a. A description of the innovation plan, with rationale, shall be provided to the BON at least < > days before the BON meeting.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 16

6.3.4 Standards for Approval

- a. Eligibility criteria in 6.3.2 are met.
- b. The innovative approach will not compromise the quality of education or safe practice of students.
- c. Resources are sufficient to support the innovative approach.
- d. Timeline provides for a sufficient period to implement and evaluate the innovative approach.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 17

6.3.5 Review of Application and BON Action

- a. If the application meets the standards, the BON may:

1. Approve the application; or
 2. Approve the application with modifications as agreed between the BON and the nursing education program.
- b. If the submitted application does not meet the criteria in 6.3.2 and 6.3.4, the BON may deny approval or request additional information.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 18

6.3.6 Requesting Continuation of the Innovative Approach

- a. If the innovative approach has achieved the desired outcomes and the final evaluation has been submitted, the program may request that the innovative approach be continued.
- b. Request for the innovative approach to become an ongoing part of the education program must be submitted < > days prior to a regularly scheduled BON meeting.
- c. The BON may grant the request to continue approval if the innovative approach has achieved desired outcomes, has not compromised public protection, and is consistent with core nursing education criteria.

Authority: Model Act Article VI Section 19