

REVISIONS WITH AG INPUT (full text) – September 27, 2023

R4-19-207. New Programs; Proposal Approval; Provisional Approval

A. At a minimum of one year before establishing a nursing program, a parent institution shall submit to the Board an electronic copy of an application for proposal approval. The parent institution shall ensure that the proposal application was written by or under the direction of a registered nurse who meets the nursing program administrator requirements of R4-19-203(A) and includes the following information and documentation:

2. Statement of intent to establish a nursing program, including the academic and licensure level of the program; and:

k. For a parent institution ~~or owner corporation~~ that has ~~multiple~~ an existing nursing ~~programs~~ program in one or more U.S. jurisdictions including Arizona, evidence for each of its nursing programs that includes:

- i. Program approval in good standing with no conditions, restrictions, ongoing investigations or deficiencies order entered in this or any other jurisdiction, which if entered by this state would constitute the denial of a license or a disciplinary action within the meaning of A.R.S. § 32-1601, subsection 12, paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h); and
- ii. An NCLEX pass rate of at least 80% for the ~~past two years~~ 12 months preceding the current application ~~or since inception; and or~~
- iii. An ~~on-time graduation rate consistent with the requirements of R4-19-206.~~ The parent institution successfully demonstrates to the Board that:
 - a. The program is in the best interests of the public. The Board's consideration of what is in the best interests of the public shall include, but is not limited to, the geographic need for a new nursing program, the populations that would be served by the program, adequate program oversight, institutional financial security, adequacy of the program proposal, and a demonstrated history of institutional compliance and cooperation with accrediting and regulatory bodies; and
 - b. The program will be capable of meeting all other applicable requirements for the establishment of a nursing program.