

1 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING LICENSURE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Gene Davis**

6 House Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Nurse Practice Act by amending provisions for nursing education
11 programs.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ requires a nursing education program to be:
- 15 • accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the
 - 16 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the
 - 17 Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA); or
 - 18 • approved by the Board of Nursing or an equivalent agency in the state in which
 - 19 the nursing education program is offered; and

20 ▶ makes technical changes.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **58-31b-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 214 and 382



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-31b-601** is amended to read:

58-31b-601. Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide training.

(1) ~~[A]~~ To qualify as an approved education program and qualify graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall:

(a) be affiliated with an accredited institution of higher education [in order to be approved by the division.];

~~[(2) The minimum standards a nursing program shall meet to qualify graduates for licensure under this chapter shall be defined by division rule.]~~

(b) (i) be accredited by the:

(A) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

(B) National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission; or

(C) Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; or

(ii) be approved by the board or an equivalent agency in the state in which the nursing education program is offered; and

(c) comply with standards defined by division rules.

(2) An approved education program under Subsection (1), may offer its courses using classroom, clinical, or online methods.

(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this chapter as a medication aide certified.

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