

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
Division 2200—State Board of Nursing
Chapter 8—Minimum Standards for Approved Veteran’s Bridge Programs of
Practical Nursing**

PROPOSED RULE

20 CSR 2200-8.001 Definitions

PURPOSE: This rule defines terms used in 20 CSR 2200-8.

- (1) When used in 20 CSR 2200-8, the following terms mean:
- (A) Accredited—The official authorization or status granted by an agency for a program or sponsoring institution through a voluntary process;
 - (B) Administrator—Registered professional nurse with primary authority and responsibility for administration of the program regardless of job title;
 - (C) Approved—Recognized by the board as meeting or maintaining minimum standards for educational programs preparing practical nurses;
 - (D) Annual report—Report submitted annually by the administrator of the program that updates information on file with the board and validates continuing compliance with minimum standards;
 - (E) Appeal policy and procedure—An established procedure for processing complaints; may also be known as a complaint procedure, due process, appeals procedure, or problem resolution;
 - (F) Blended format – Model of course design that combines traditional, face-to-face class time with on-line and out-of-class work;
 - (G) Board—Missouri State Board of Nursing;
 - (H) Campus—A specific geographic program location with a distinct student body and coordinator at which all appropriate services and facilities are provided;
 - (I) Certificate of approval—Document issued by the board to Veteran’s Bridge Programs of Practical Nursing which have met minimum standards;
 - (J) Class—A discrete cohort of students admitted to a nursing program, designed to begin a course of study together on a specific date and to graduate together on a specific date;
 - (K) Clinical experience—Faculty planned and guided learning activities designed to meet course objectives or outcomes and to provide a nursing student with the opportunity to practice cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills in the delivery of nursing care to an individual, group, or community;
 - (L) Clinical simulation—Any activity that models direct patient care in a controlled environment, led by a qualified facilitator with oversight by nursing faculty. Activities include assessment, competencies, terminology, evaluation, and debriefing, based on standards of best nursing practice. The purpose of simulation as a teaching pedagogy is to mimic and practice competencies not able to be acquired

- in a clinical setting or to augment direct patient care experiences;
- (M) Clinical skills laboratory—Designated area where skills and procedures can be demonstrated and practiced;
 - (N) Conditional approval—Status of a program that has failed to meet or maintain the regulations or requirements, or both, set by the board. This status is subject to the program conforming to the requirements and recommendations within a time period set by the board;
 - (O) Cooperating agency—A corporation, hospital, or other organization which has a written agreement with the program to provide clinical education opportunities;
 - (P) Coordinator—Registered professional nurse with authority and responsibility for a campus nursing program as delegated by the administrator of the nursing program;
 - (Q) Course objectives—Measurable statements that guide experiences and activities that help learners meet established requirements for a specific course;
 - (R) Curriculum—Planned studies and learning activities designed to lead students to graduation and eligibility for application for licensure;
 - (S) Debriefing—An activity that follows a simulation experience that encourages participant’s reflective thinking, and provides feedback regarding the participant’s performance;
 - (T) Direct care—A clinical experience in which patient care is given by the student under the direction of the faculty member or preceptor;
 - (U) Distance learning—Curriculum provided from a main campus location to another geographic location primarily through electronic or other technological methods;
 - (V) Endorsement—Process of acquiring licensure as a nurse based on original licensure by examination in another state, territory, or country;
 - (W) Faculty—Individuals designated by sponsoring institution with responsibilities for development, implementation, and evaluation of philosophy and/or mission, objectives, and curriculum of nursing program;
 - (X) Full-time—Those individuals deemed by sponsoring institution to meet definition for full-time employment;
 - (Y) Governing body—Body authorized to establish and monitor policies and assume responsibility for the educational programs;
 - (Z) Graduate competency—Individual graduate behaviors;
 - (AA) Initial approval—Status granted a Veteran’s Bridge Program of Practical Nursing until full approval status is granted or denied;
 - (BB) Information technology—The study designed for development, implementation, support, or management of computer-based information systems, particularly software applications and computer hardware;
 - (CC) Minimum standards—Criteria which Veteran’s Bridge Programs of Practical Nursing shall meet in order to be approved by the board;
 - (DD) Mission—Overall statement of purpose that faculty accept as valid and is directly related to curriculum practices;
 - (EE) Multiple campuses—Distinct and separate geographic locations offering the same program, providing the same services, and operated by the same sponsoring institution;

- (FF) National Nursing Accreditation—Accreditation by a national agency specific to nursing education that is recognized by the board;
- (GG) NCLEX-PN® examination—National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses;
- (HH) Objectives—Measurable statements describing anticipated outcomes of learning;
- (II) Observational experiences—Planned learning experiences designed to assist students to meet course objectives through observation;
- (JJ) Part-time—Individuals deemed by the sponsoring institution to meet the definition for part-time employment;
- (KK) Philosophy—A composite of the beliefs that the faculty accept as valid and is directly related to curriculum practices;
- (LL) Pilot program/project—Educational activity which has board approval for a limited time and which otherwise would be out of compliance with minimum standards;
- (MM) Preceptor—Registered professional or licensed practical nurse assigned to assist nursing students in an educational experience which is designed and directed by a faculty member;
- (NN) Pre-licensure—Initial educational program in nursing leading to entry-level licensure;
- (OO) Program— Veteran’s Bridge Program of Practical Nursing leading to a diploma or certificate;
- (PP) Program outcomes—Measurable statements defining aggregate student achievements;
- (QQ) Requirement—A mandatory condition that a school or program meets in order to comply with minimum standards;
- (RR) Satellite location—A site geographically separate from but administered and served by a primary program campus;
- (SS) Sponsoring institution—The institution that is financially and legally responsible for the nursing program;
- (TT) Statement of need and feasibility—Current evidence of need for professional and practical nurses, additional nursing program(s), and community support;
- (UU) Sustainability Plan—A plan for the purchase, replacement, and maintenance of skills lab supplies, furnishings, and equipment to meet program outcomes;
- (VV) Systematic evaluation plan—Written plan developed by faculty for comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of the program; and
- (WW) Written agreement—Formal memorandum of understanding or contract between a nursing education program and a cooperating agency, which designates each party’s responsibilities for education of nursing students.

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PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the State Board of Nursing, Lori Scheidt, Executive Director, PO Box 656, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by fax at (573) 751-0075, or via email at nursing@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*