

**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 2200-8.020 Discontinuing and Reopening Programs

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the procedures for discontinuing and reopening Veteran’s Bridge Programs of Practical Nursing.

(1) Program Discontinuation.

- (A) A plan for closure shall be submitted to the board, at least six (6) months and, preferably, one (1) year prior to closing the program and shall include:
 - 1. Closing date; and
 - 2. Plans for completion of program for currently enrolled students.
- (B) The plan for closure shall be approved by the board prior to implementation.
- (C) Date of completion on the diploma/certificate shall be on or before the official closing date of the program.
- (D) An annual report shall be submitted to the board as long as there are students in the program.
- (E) Classroom and clinical instruction approved by the board shall be provided until the designated date of closing. The sponsoring institution shall be responsible for providing a complete educational program for the currently enrolled students or shall provide a mechanism for transfer.
- (F) Records for all graduates and for all students who attended the program of practical nursing shall be filed in the manner used by the institution conducting the program.
 - 1. Transcripts of all courses attempted or completed by each student attending the program shall be maintained by the designated custodian. Provisions for obtaining copies of transcripts shall be maintained.
 - 2. If the program closes but the sponsoring institution continues, that institution shall assume the responsibility for the records and notify the board, in writing, of the location of the storage of the records.
 - 3. If both the program of practical nursing and the sponsoring institution close, the transcripts shall be given permanent custodial care and the board shall be notified in writing of the name and address of the custodian.
- (G) A program closure summary indicating compliance with the requirements of this rule shall be submitted to the board no later than thirty (30) days after the actual date for program closure.

(2) Program Reopening. The procedure for reopening a program is the same as for initial approval in 20 CSR 2200-8.010(4)(A). An accredited institution of education that has

lost the board's approval of a nursing program due to deficiencies identified by the board shall not propose to the board for establishment of a new nursing program for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from the time of the actual date for program closure.

AUTHORITY: sections 324.007 and 335.036, RSMo 2016, Original Rule Filed: April 14, 2017.

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.*