

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-3.03
Rule Title: Nursing Education Programs - Distance Education
New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

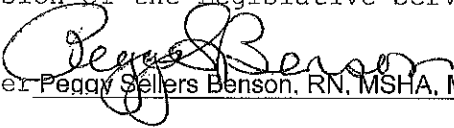
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.



Signature of certifying officer Peggy Sellers Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC

Date May 18, 2018

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: 610-X-3-.03 Nursing Education Programs –
Distance Education


INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to nursing education.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, 610-X-3-.01, Nursing Education Programs – Distance Education, to clarify that only nursing faculty must be licensed in Alabama. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or verbal comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

610-X-3-.03 Distance Education.

(1) A distance-learning program offering courses in Alabama shall have accreditation by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education by January 1, 2022.

(2) Delivery of instruction by distance education methods shall enable students to meet the goals, competencies, and objectives of the education program and the standards of the Board, including supervised clinical learning experiences.

(3) A distance-learning program shall establish a means for assessing individual student and program outcomes.

(4) A distance-learning program offering courses in Alabama shall have accreditation by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(5) Comply with all standards of this Chapter, including those related to clinical supervision of student learning experiences. The Board may request periodic reports for the purpose of data collection or to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(6) Nursing Faculty located outside of the state who are employed by the governing institution for delivery of instruction by distance education methods, online instruction, or satellite instruction for an Alabama nursing program shall meet the minimum qualifications for faculty as set forth in this chapter, including licensure in Alabama.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(2).

History: New: Filed September 25, 2006; effective October 30, 2006. Amended: Filed September 21, 2007; effective October 26, 2007. Amended: Filed November 19, 2010; effective December 24, 2010. Amended: Filed November 21, 2016; effective January 5, 2017. Amended: Filed May 18, 2018