

Agenda Item: 7.8
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**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.9,
Pertaining to *Program of Study***

Background: During Staff review of Chapter 214, and in conjunction with discussion of the proposed amendments to Chapter 215 (discussed in Agenda Item 7.9*), Staff determined that Chapter 214 should better address changes in a program's delivery method of its approved curriculum.

The proposed amendments clarify that a change in the approved delivery method of a program's curriculum to methods consistent with distance learning/education constitutes a major curriculum change that requires Board staff approval prior to implementation. Further, the proposed rule amendments clarify that a program not having full approval status may not submit a new nursing education program proposal to the Board for approval until the program has been restored to full approval status. A copy of the proposed amendments are attached hereto as Attachment "A".

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.9, pertaining to *Program of Study*, with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.9, pertaining to *Program of Study*, as proposed.

*Unlike §215.9(i), §214.9(i)(2) already addresses revisions in program hours and the addition/reduction of courses in the program of study. Thus, additional rule revisions to §214.9(i)(2)(B) & (C) are not necessary at this time.

§214.9. Program of Study

(a) - (h) (No change.)

(i) Curriculum changes shall be developed by the faculty according to Board standards and shall include information outlined in the Board Education Guideline 3.7.1.a. Proposals for Curriculum Changes. The two (2) types of curriculum changes are:

(1) (No change.)

(2) Major curriculum changes requiring Board staff approval prior to implementation, which may include:

(A) Changes in program philosophy/mission and objectives/outcomes which result in a reorganization or re-conceptualization of the entire curriculum, including but not limited to, changing from a block to an integrated curriculum or changing the approved delivery method of the curriculum to methods consistent with distance education/learning;

(B) - (C) (No change.)

(j) - (k) (No change.)

(l) Vocational nursing education programs not having full approval status, but proposing a major curriculum change, shall submit a full curriculum change proposal, as outlined in Board Education Guideline 3.7.1.a, to the Board office and meet the requirements as outlined in subsection (i) of this section. Vocational nursing education programs not having full approval status are not eligible to submit for Board approval a proposal for a new nursing education program until the program's status has been restored to full approval status by the Board.

(m) (No change.)