

Consideration of Proposed Amendment to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.6

Background: On October 23, 2014, the Board charged the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) with examining and recommending rule changes related to limitations of teaching responsibilities for vocational nursing program directors. The Committee met on July 31, 2015 and September 18, 2015 to consider the Board's charge.

Currently, §214.6 states that a director with responsibilities other than the program shall not have major teaching responsibilities. Despite this requirement, many program directors are still expected to carry heavy teaching loads in addition to their responsibilities of administering the program. As a result, the Board was requested to review its requirements related to the teaching responsibilities of program directors.

The proposed amendment limits the teaching hours of a program director or coordinator of a vocational nursing education program to four (4) clock hours per week to allow the director/coordinator to focus on the duties associated with the administration of the program. This requirement is similar to the requirement for professional nursing education programs found in Board Rule 215.6(f)(6), which limits a professional nursing program director to teaching three (3) clock hours per week.

Staff Recommendation: Move to approve the proposed amendment to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.6, pertaining to *Administration and Organization*, 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 amendment to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §214.6, pertaining to *Administration and Organization*, as proposed.

§214.6. Administration and Organization.

(a) - (e) (No change.)

(f) Each vocational nursing education program shall be administered by a qualified individual who is accountable for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the vocational nursing education program. The director/coordinator shall:

(1) - (6) (No change.)

(7) a director or coordinator shall not teach more than four (4) clock hours per week, if required to teach [~~a director or coordinator with responsibilities other than the program shall not have major teaching responsibilities~~].

(g) - (j) (No Change.)