

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**  
**3.4.1.c. EDUCATION GUIDELINE**  
**Determining Effective Teaching Parameters for Vocational Nursing Education Program Directors**

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The following rule related to teaching responsibilities for Vocational Nursing (VN) Program Directors states:

Rule 214.6(f)(7) related to <u>Administration and Organization</u> states that “a director or coordinator with responsibilities other than the program shall not have major teaching responsibilities.”
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Since there is no specific or quantifiable limit established by rule related to the teaching responsibilities of the Program Director, the determination of a reasonable teaching load is left to the discretion of the VN Program Director and the governing entity. Factors to be considered when accepting a teaching assignment are other responsibilities expected of the Program Director and other aspects of the individual program, including:

- Number of faculty and staff under the Program Director’s supervision;
- Number of program sites for which the Program Director is responsible;
- Level of administrative support;
- Other responsibilities in the role;
- Number of students;
- Availability of a nursing faculty to serve as coordinator to assist in the day-to-day management;
- Ongoing projects and assignments;
- School/college expectations of program directors;
- Responsibilities to oversee accreditation and regulation compliance; and
- Current Board of Nursing approval status.

Teaching responsibilities of the VN Program Director should allow ample time for the Director to carry out administrative duties and to maintain currency in nursing education through participation in professional organizations and ongoing professional development.