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2 An act relating to nursing education programs;  
3 amending s. 464.003, F.S.; revising definitions;  
4 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 464.008,  
5 F.S.; requiring graduates of approved prelicensure  
6 nursing education programs who do not take the  
7 licensure examination within a specified period after  
8 graduation to complete a specified course; authorizing  
9 the board to adopt rules; amending s. 464.013, F.S.;  
10 exempting nurses who are certified by an accredited  
11 program from continuing education requirements;  
12 amending s. 464.019, F.S.; specifying the location of  
13 clinical training; revising the limitation on the  
14 percentage of clinical training that may consist of  
15 clinical simulation; revising calculation of the  
16 required graduate passage rate for approved programs;  
17 requiring an approved program to require graduates who  
18 do not take the licensure examination within a  
19 specified period after graduation to complete a  
20 specified course; providing additional requirements  
21 for a remediation plan; authorizing the board to  
22 extend probationary status for a program that has  
23 demonstrated adequate progress toward its graduate  
24 passage rate goal; providing for the recalculation of  
25 passage rates when students are transferred from a  
26 terminated program; deleting obsolete requirements;  
27 authorizing the Board of Nursing to adopt certain  
28 rules relating to documenting the accreditation of  
29 nursing education programs; revising the terms of an

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30 implementation study; requiring nursing education  
31 programs that prepare students for the practice of  
32 professional nursing to be accredited; providing an  
33 exception; amending s. 456.014, F.S.; conforming a  
34 cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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36 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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38 Section 1. Subsections (10), (19), and (23) of section  
39 464.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

40 464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

41 (10) "Clinical training" means direct nursing care  
42 experiences with patients or clients, or clinical simulation of  
43 such experiences, which offer the student the opportunity to  
44 integrate, apply, and refine specific skills and abilities based  
45 on theoretical concepts and scientific principles.

46 (19) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance  
47 of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and  
48 medications, in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm; ~~and~~ the  
49 promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of  
50 illness of others under the direction of a registered nurse, a  
51 licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed  
52 podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist; and the teaching of  
53 general principles of health and wellness to the public and to  
54 students other than nursing students. A practical nurse is  
55 responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based  
56 upon the individual's educational preparation and experience in  
57 nursing.

58 (23) "Required passage rate" means the graduate passage

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59 rate required for an approved program pursuant to s.  
60 464.019(5)(a) ~~464.019(6)(a)~~<sup>1</sup>.

61 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 464.008,  
62 Florida Statutes, to read:

63 464.008 Licensure by examination.—

64 (4) If an applicant who graduates from an approved program  
65 does not take the licensure examination within 6 months after  
66 graduation, he or she must enroll in and successfully complete a  
67 board-approved licensure examination preparatory course. The  
68 applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the  
69 course and may not use state or federal financial aid for such  
70 costs. The board shall by rule establish guidelines for  
71 licensure examination preparatory courses.

72 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 464.013, Florida  
73 Statutes, is amended to read:

74 464.013 Renewal of license or certificate.—

75 (3) The board shall by rule prescribe up to 30 hours of  
76 continuing education ~~not to exceed 30 hours~~ biennially as a  
77 condition for renewal of a license or certificate. A nurse who  
78 is certified by a health care specialty program accredited by  
79 the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or the  
80 Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification is  
81 exempt from continuing education requirements. The criteria for  
82 programs shall be approved by the board.

83 Section 4. Section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
84 read:

85 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

86 (1) PROGRAM APPLICATION ~~APPLICATIONS~~.—An educational  
87 institution that wishes to conduct a program in this state for

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88 the prelicensure education of professional or practical nurses  
89 must submit to the department a program application and review  
90 fee of \$1,000 for each prelicensure nursing education program to  
91 be offered at the institution's main campus, branch campus, or  
92 other instructional site. The ~~Each~~ program application must  
93 include the legal name of the educational institution, the legal  
94 name of the nursing education program, and, if such institution  
95 ~~program~~ is accredited by an accrediting agency other than an  
96 ~~accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~, the name of the  
97 accrediting agency. The application must also document that:

98 (a)1. For a professional nursing education program, the  
99 program director and at least 50 percent of the program's  
100 faculty members are registered nurses who have a master's or  
101 higher degree in nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a  
102 master's or higher degree in a field related to nursing.

103 2. For a practical nursing education program, the program  
104 director and at least 50 percent of the program's faculty  
105 members are registered nurses who have a bachelor's or higher  
106 degree in nursing.

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108 The educational degree requirements of this paragraph may be  
109 documented by an official transcript or by a written statement  
110 from the educational institution verifying that the institution  
111 conferred the degree.

112 (b) The program's nursing major curriculum consists of at  
113 least:

114 1. Fifty percent clinical training in the United States,  
115 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the  
116 United States for a practical nursing education program, an

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117 associate degree professional nursing education program, or a  
118 professional diploma nursing education program.

119 2. Forty percent clinical training in the United States,  
120 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the  
121 United States for a bachelor's degree professional nursing  
122 education program.

123 (c) No more than 50 ~~25~~ percent of the program's clinical  
124 training consists of clinical simulation.

125 (d) The program has signed agreements with each agency,  
126 facility, and organization included in the curriculum plan as  
127 clinical training sites and community-based clinical experience  
128 sites.

129 (e) The program has written policies for faculty which  
130 include provisions for direct or indirect supervision by program  
131 faculty or clinical preceptors for students in clinical training  
132 consistent with the following standards:

133 1. The number of program faculty members equals at least  
134 one faculty member directly supervising every 12 students unless  
135 the written agreement between the program and the agency,  
136 facility, or organization providing clinical training sites  
137 allows more students, not to exceed 18 students, to be directly  
138 supervised by one program faculty member.

139 2. For a hospital setting, indirect supervision may occur  
140 only if there is direct supervision by an assigned clinical  
141 preceptor, a supervising program faculty member is available by  
142 telephone, and such arrangement is approved by the clinical  
143 facility.

144 3. For community-based clinical experiences that involve  
145 student participation in invasive or complex nursing activities,

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146 students must be directly supervised by a program faculty member  
147 or clinical preceptor and such arrangement must be approved by  
148 the community-based clinical facility.

149 4. For community-based clinical experiences not subject to  
150 subparagraph 3., indirect supervision may occur only when a  
151 supervising program faculty member is available to the student  
152 by telephone.

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154 A program's policies established under this paragraph must  
155 require that a clinical preceptor who is, ~~if~~ supervising  
156 students in a professional nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a  
157 registered nurse or, if supervising students in a practical  
158 nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a registered nurse or licensed  
159 practical nurse.

160 (f) The professional or practical nursing curriculum plan  
161 documents clinical experience and theoretical instruction in  
162 medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing.  
163 A professional nursing curriculum plan shall also document  
164 clinical experience and theoretical instruction in psychiatric  
165 nursing. Each curriculum plan must document clinical training  
166 experience in appropriate settings that include, but are not  
167 limited to, acute care, long-term care, and community settings.

168 (g) The professional or practical nursing education program  
169 provides theoretical instruction and clinical application in  
170 personal, family, and community health concepts; nutrition;  
171 human growth and development throughout the life span; body  
172 structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills;  
173 mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of  
174 medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional

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175 nursing education program must ~~shall~~ also provide theoretical  
176 instruction and clinical application in interpersonal  
177 relationships and leadership skills; professional role and  
178 function; and health teaching and counseling skills.

179 (2) PROGRAM APPROVAL.—

180 (a) Upon receipt of a program application and review fee,  
181 the department shall examine the application to determine if  
182 ~~whether~~ it is complete. If the ~~a~~ program application is not  
183 complete, the department shall notify the educational  
184 institution in writing of any errors or omissions within 30 days  
185 after the department's receipt of the application. A program  
186 application is deemed complete upon the department's receipt of:

187 1. The initial application, if the department does not  
188 notify the educational institution of any errors or omissions  
189 within the 30-day period; or

190 2. A revised application that corrects each error and  
191 omission of which the department notifies the educational  
192 institution within the 30-day period.

193 (b) Within 90 days after the department's receipt of a  
194 complete program application, the board shall:

195 1. Approve the application if it documents compliance with  
196 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~; or

197 2. Provide the educational institution with a notice of  
198 intent to deny the application if it does not document  
199 compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~. The notice  
200 must specify ~~set forth~~ written reasons for the board's denial of  
201 the application. The board may not deny a program application  
202 because of an educational institution's failure to correct an  
203 any error or omission that ~~of which~~ the department failed to

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204 provide notice of to ~~does not notify~~ the institution within the  
205 30-day notice period under paragraph (a). The educational  
206 institution may request a hearing on the notice of intent to  
207 deny the program application pursuant to chapter 120.

208 (c) A program application is deemed approved if the board  
209 does not act within the 90-day review period provided under  
210 paragraph (b).

211 (d) Upon the board's approval of a program application, the  
212 program becomes an approved program.

213 ~~(3) STATUS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS. A professional or practical~~  
214 ~~nursing education program becomes an approved program if, as of~~  
215 ~~June 30, 2009, the program:~~

216 ~~(a) Has full or provisional approval from the board or,~~  
217 ~~except as provided in paragraph (b), is on probationary status.~~

218 ~~(b) Is on probationary status because the program did not~~  
219 ~~meet the board's requirement for graduate passage rates. Such~~  
220 ~~program shall remain on probationary status until it achieves a~~  
221 ~~graduate passage rate for calendar year 2009 or 2010 that equals~~  
222 ~~or exceeds the required passage rate for the respective calendar~~  
223 ~~year and must disclose its probationary status in writing to the~~  
224 ~~program's students and applicants. If the program does not~~  
225 ~~achieve the required passage rate, the board shall terminate the~~  
226 ~~program pursuant to chapter 120.~~

227 (3) ~~(4)~~ ANNUAL REPORT.—By November 1 of each year, each  
228 approved program shall submit to the board an annual report  
229 comprised of an affidavit certifying continued compliance with  
230 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1) (a)–(g)~~, a summary description of  
231 the program's compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1) (a)–~~  
232 ~~(g)~~, and documentation for the previous academic year that, to



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233 the extent applicable, describes ~~sets forth~~:

234 (a) The number of student applications received, qualified  
235 applicants, applicants accepted, accepted applicants who enroll  
236 in the program, students enrolled in the program, and program  
237 graduates.

238 (b) The program's retention rates for students tracked from  
239 program entry to graduation.

240 (c) The program's accreditation status, including  
241 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~  
242 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~.

243 (4) ~~(5)~~ INTERNET WEBSITE. ~~By October 1, 2010,~~ The board  
244 shall publish the following information on its Internet website:

245 (a) A list of each accredited program conducted in the  
246 state and the program's graduate passage rates for the most  
247 recent 2 calendar years, which the department shall determine  
248 through the following sources:

249 1. For a program's accreditation status, the specialized  
250 accrediting agencies that are nationally recognized by the  
251 United States Secretary of Education to accredit nursing  
252 education programs.

253 2. For a program's graduate passage rates, the contract  
254 testing service of the National Council of State Boards of  
255 Nursing.

256 (b) The following data for each approved program, which  
257 includes ~~shall include~~, to the extent applicable:

258 1. All documentation provided by the program in its program  
259 application if submitted on or after July 1, 2009.

260 2. The summary description of the program's compliance  
261 submitted under subsection (3) ~~(4)~~.

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262 3. The program's accreditation status, including  
263 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~  
264 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1).~~

265 4. The program's probationary status.

266 5. The program's graduate passage rates for the most recent  
267 2 calendar years.

268 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked from  
269 program entry to graduation.

270 (c) The average passage rates for United States educated  
271 first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards  
272 of Nursing Licensing Examination for the most recent 2 calendar  
273 years, as calculated by the contract testing service of the  
274 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The average passage  
275 rates shall be published separately for each type of comparable  
276 degree program listed in subparagraph (5) (a)1. ~~sub-subparagraphs~~  
277 ~~(6) (a)1.a. d.~~

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279 The information required to be published under this subsection  
280 shall be made available in a manner that allows interactive  
281 searches and comparisons of individual programs selected by the  
282 website user. The board shall update the Internet website at  
283 least quarterly with the available information.

284 (5) ~~(6)~~ ACCOUNTABILITY.—

285 (a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage  
286 rate for first-time test takers who take the licensure  
287 examination within 6 months after graduation from the program  
288 that is not more ~~lower~~ than 10 percentage points lower ~~less~~ than  
289 the average passage rate during the same calendar year for  
290 graduates of comparable degree programs who are United States

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291 educated, first-time test takers on the National Council of  
292 State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination ~~during a calendar~~  
293 ~~year~~, as calculated by the contract testing service of the  
294 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. An approved program  
295 shall require a graduate from the program who does not take the  
296 licensure examination within 6 months after graduation to enroll  
297 in and successfully complete a licensure examination preparatory  
298 course pursuant to s. 464.008. For purposes of this  
299 subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all degree  
300 programs of the same program type from among the following  
301 program types:

302 a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
303 in a bachelor's degree.

304 b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
305 in an associate degree.

306 c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
307 in a diploma.

308 d. Practical nursing education programs.

309 2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year  
310 2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not  
311 equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive  
312 calendar years, the board shall place the program on  
313 probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program  
314 director shall ~~must~~ appear before the board to present a plan  
315 for remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to  
316 identify progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The  
317 program must ~~shall~~ remain on probationary status until it  
318 achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or exceeds the  
319 required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The board shall

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320 deny a program application for a new prelicensure nursing  
321 education program submitted by an educational institution if the  
322 institution has an existing program that is already on  
323 probationary status.

324 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage  
325 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the  
326 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release  
327 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council  
328 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's  
329 probationary status. ~~However,~~ If the program, during the 2  
330 calendar years following its placement on probationary status,  
331 does not achieve the required passage rate for any 1 calendar  
332 year, the board shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter  
333 120. However, the board may extend the program's probationary  
334 status for 1 additional year if the program demonstrates  
335 adequate progress toward the graduate passage rate goal by  
336 meeting a majority of the benchmarks established in the  
337 remediation plan.

338 (b) If an approved program fails to submit the annual  
339 report required in subsection (3) ~~(4)~~, the board shall notify  
340 the program director and president or chief executive officer of  
341 the educational institution in writing within 15 days after the  
342 due date of the annual report. The program director shall ~~must~~  
343 appear before the board at the board's next regularly scheduled  
344 meeting to explain the reason for the delay. The board shall  
345 terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120 if it does not  
346 submit the annual report within 6 months after the due date.

347 (c) An approved program on probationary status shall  
348 disclose its probationary status in writing to the program's

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349 students and applicants.

350 (d) If students from a program that is terminated pursuant  
351 to this subsection transfer to an approved or an accredited  
352 program under the direction of the Commission for Independent  
353 Education, the board shall recalculate the passage rates of the  
354 programs receiving the transferring students, excluding the test  
355 scores of those students transferring more than 12 credits.

356 (6)~~(7)~~ DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE PASSAGE RATE DATA.—

357 (a) For each graduate of the program ~~an approved program's~~  
358 ~~or accredited program's graduates~~ included in the calculation of  
359 the program's graduate passage rate, the department shall  
360 disclose to the program director, upon his or her written  
361 request, the name, examination date, and determination of  
362 whether each graduate passed or failed the National Council of  
363 ~~for~~ State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination, if to the  
364 ~~extent that~~ such information is provided to the department by  
365 the contract testing service of the National Council of ~~for~~  
366 State Boards of Nursing. The written request must specify the  
367 calendar years for which the information is requested.

368 (b) A program director to whom confidential information  
369 exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 456.014 is  
370 disclosed under this subsection must maintain the  
371 confidentiality of the information and is subject to the same  
372 penalties provided in s. 456.082 for department employees who  
373 unlawfully disclose confidential information.

374 (7)~~(8)~~ PROGRAM CLOSURE.—

375 (a) An educational institution conducting an approved  
376 program or accredited program in this state, at least 30 days  
377 before voluntarily closing the program, shall notify the board

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378 in writing of the institution's reason for closing the program,  
379 the intended closure date, the institution's plan to provide for  
380 or assist in the completion of training by the program's  
381 students, and the arrangements for storage of the program's  
382 permanent records.

383 (b) An educational institution conducting a nursing  
384 education program that is terminated under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ or  
385 closed under subparagraph (9)(b)3. ~~(10)(b)3.~~:

386 1. May not accept or enroll new students.

387 2. Shall ~~Must~~ submit to the board within 30 days after the  
388 program is terminated or closed a written description of how the  
389 institution will assist in completing the ~~completion of~~ training  
390 of ~~by~~ the program's students and the institution's arrangements  
391 for storage of the program's permanent records.

392 (c) If an educational institution does not comply with  
393 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the board shall provide a  
394 written notice explaining the institution's noncompliance to the  
395 following persons and entities:

396 1. The president or chief executive officer of the  
397 educational institution.

398 2. The Board of Governors, if the program is conducted by a  
399 state university.

400 3. The district school board, if the program is conducted  
401 by an educational institution operated by a school district.

402 4. The Commission for Independent Education, if the program  
403 is conducted by an educational institution licensed under  
404 chapter 1005.

405 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is  
406 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College

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407 System or by an educational institution that is not subject to  
408 subparagraphs 2.-4.

409 (8)~~(9)~~ RULEMAKING.—The board does not have ~~any~~ rulemaking  
410 authority to administer this section, except that the board  
411 shall adopt rules ~~a rule~~ that prescribe ~~prescribes~~ the format  
412 for submitting program applications under subsection (1) and  
413 annual reports under subsection (3), and to administer the  
414 documentation of the accreditation of nursing education programs  
415 under subsection (11) ~~(4)~~. The board may not impose any  
416 condition or requirement on an educational institution  
417 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an  
418 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this  
419 section. ~~The board shall repeal all rules, or portions thereof,~~  
420 ~~in existence on July 1, 2009, that are inconsistent with this~~  
421 ~~subsection.~~

422 (9)~~(10)~~ APPLICABILITY TO ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—

423 (a) Subsections (1)-(3) ~~(1)-(4)~~, paragraph (4)(b) ~~(5)(b)~~,  
424 and subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ do not apply to an accredited program. ~~An~~  
425 ~~accredited program on probationary status before July 1, 2010,~~  
426 ~~ceases to be subject to the probationary status.~~

427 (b) If an accredited program ceases to be accredited, the  
428 educational institution conducting the program:

429 1. Within 10 business days after the program ceases to be  
430 accredited, must provide written notice of the date that the  
431 program ceased to be accredited to the board, the program's  
432 students and applicants, and each entity providing clinical  
433 training sites or community-based clinical experience sites for  
434 the program. The educational institution must continue to  
435 provide the written notice to new students, applicants, and

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436 entities providing clinical training sites or community-based  
437 clinical experience sites for the program until the program  
438 becomes an approved program or is closed under subparagraph 3.

439 2. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be  
440 accredited, must submit an affidavit to the board, signed by the  
441 educational institution's president or chief executive officer  
442 which, ~~that~~ certifies the institution's compliance with  
443 subparagraph 1. The board shall notify the persons and  
444 applicable entities listed in paragraph (7) (c) ~~subparagraph~~  
445 ~~(8) (c)1. and the applicable entities listed in subparagraphs~~  
446 ~~(8) (c)2.-5.~~ if an educational institution does not submit the  
447 affidavit required by this subparagraph.

448 3. May apply to become an approved program under this  
449 section. If the educational institution:

450 a. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be  
451 accredited, submits a program application and review fee to the  
452 department under subsection (1) and the affidavit required under  
453 subparagraph 2., the program shall be deemed an approved program  
454 from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the  
455 date that the board approves or denies the program application.  
456 The program application must be denied by the board pursuant to  
457 chapter 120 if it does not contain the affidavit. If the board  
458 denies the program application under subsection (2) or if  
459 ~~because~~ the program application does not contain the affidavit,  
460 the program shall be closed and the educational institution  
461 conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

462 b. Does not apply to become an approved program pursuant to  
463 sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved  
464 program from the date ~~that~~ the program ceased to be accredited



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465 until the 31st day after that date. On the 31st day after the  
466 program ceased to be accredited, the program shall be closed and  
467 the educational institution conducting the program must comply  
468 with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

469 (10) ~~(11)~~ IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for  
470 Nursing and the education policy area of the Office of Program  
471 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the ~~5-~~  
472 ~~year~~ administration of this section and submit reports to the  
473 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
474 House of Representatives annually by January 30, ~~2011,~~ and  
475 ~~annually thereafter~~ through January 30, 2020 ~~2015~~. The annual  
476 reports shall address the previous academic year; provide ~~set~~  
477 ~~forth~~ data on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b),  
478 as such data becomes available; and include an evaluation of  
479 such data for purposes of determining whether this section is  
480 increasing the availability of nursing education programs and  
481 the production of quality nurses. The department and each  
482 approved program or accredited program shall comply with  
483 requests for data from the Florida Center for Nursing and the  
484 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
485 and Government Accountability.

486 (a) The education policy area of the Office of Program  
487 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall evaluate  
488 program-specific data for each approved program and accredited  
489 program conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

- 490 1. The number of programs and student slots available.
- 491 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number  
492 of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.
- 493 3. The number of program graduates.

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494 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program  
495 entry to graduation.

496 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State  
497 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

498 6. The number of graduates who become employed as practical  
499 or professional nurses in the state.

500 (b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the  
501 board's implementation of the:

502 1. Program application approval process, including, but not  
503 limited to, the number of program applications submitted under  
504 subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and  
505 denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials  
506 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a  
507 description of the outcomes of those reviews.

508 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to,  
509 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of  
510 approved programs for which the program director is required to  
511 appear before the board under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~, the number of  
512 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of  
513 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of  
514 the outcomes of those reviews.

515 (c) For any state fiscal year in which the Florida Center  
516 for Nursing does not receive legislative appropriations, the  
517 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
518 and Government Accountability shall perform the duties assigned  
519 by this subsection to the Florida Center for Nursing.

520 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.-

521 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
522 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under

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523 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students  
524 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July  
525 1, 2019.

526 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
527 the practice of professional nursing and that was approved under  
528 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students  
529 before that date, must become an accredited program within 5  
530 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students.

531 (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
532 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved under  
533 this section after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited  
534 program within 5 years after the date of enrolling the program's  
535 first students.

536 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education  
537 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure  
538 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.  
539 1005.06(1)(e).

540 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 456.014, Florida  
541 Statutes, is amended to read:

542 456.014 Public inspection of information required from  
543 applicants; exceptions; examination hearing.—

544 (1) All information required by the department of any  
545 applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public  
546 inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,  
547 medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,  
548 answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are  
549 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be  
550 discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program  
551 director of an approved program or accredited program as

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552 provided in s. 464.019(6) ~~464.019(7)~~, members of the board, the  
553 department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know  
554 such information. Any information supplied to the department by  
555 any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter  
556 119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential  
557 pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the  
558 department or the agency.

559 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.