

1 A bill to be entitled

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; deleting obsolete requirements;  
25 authorizing the Board of Nursing to adopt certain  
26 rules relating to documenting the accreditation of

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

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

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36 Section 1. Subsections (10), (19), and (23) of section  
37 464.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

38 464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

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

44 (19) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance  
45 of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and  
46 medications, in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm; ~~and~~ the  
47 promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of  
48 illness of others under the direction of a registered nurse, a  
49 licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed  
50 podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist; and the teaching of  
51 general principles of health and wellness to the public and to  
52 students other than nursing students. A practical nurse is

53 responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based  
 54 upon the individual's educational preparation and experience in  
 55 nursing.

56 (23) "Required passage rate" means the graduate passage  
 57 rate required for an approved program pursuant to s.

58 464.019(5)(a) ~~464.019(6)(a)~~1.

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

61 464.008 Licensure by examination.—

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

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

72 464.013 Renewal of license or certificate.—

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

79 exempt from continuing education requirements. The criteria for  
 80 programs shall be approved by the board.

81 Section 4. Section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 82 to read:

83 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

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

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

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

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

110 (b) The program's nursing major curriculum consists of at  
111 least:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

142 3. For community-based clinical experiences that involve  
 143 student participation in invasive or complex nursing activities,  
 144 students must be directly supervised by a program faculty member  
 145 or clinical preceptor and such arrangement must be approved by  
 146 the community-based clinical facility.

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

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

157 practical nurse.

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

166 (g) The professional or practical nursing education  
167 program provides theoretical instruction and clinical  
168 application in personal, family, and community health concepts;  
169 nutrition; human growth and development throughout the life  
170 span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship  
171 skills; mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration  
172 of medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional  
173 nursing education program must ~~shall~~ also provide theoretical  
174 instruction and clinical application in interpersonal  
175 relationships and leadership skills; professional role and  
176 function; and health teaching and counseling skills.

177 (2) PROGRAM APPROVAL.—

178 (a) Upon receipt of a program application and review fee,  
179 the department shall examine the application to determine if  
180 ~~whether~~ it is complete. If the ~~a program~~ application is not  
181 complete, the department shall notify the educational  
182 institution in writing of any errors or omissions within 30 days

183 after the department's receipt of the application. A program  
 184 application is deemed complete upon the department's receipt of:

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

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

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

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

195 2. Provide the educational institution with a notice of  
 196 intent to deny the application if it does not document  
 197 compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~. The notice  
 198 must specify ~~set forth~~ written reasons for the board's denial of  
 199 the application. The board may not deny a program application  
 200 because of an educational institution's failure to correct an  
 201 ~~any~~ error or omission that ~~of which~~ the department failed to  
 202 provide notice of to ~~does not notify~~ the institution within the  
 203 30-day notice period under paragraph (a). The educational  
 204 institution may request a hearing on the notice of intent to  
 205 deny the program application pursuant to chapter 120.

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



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

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

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

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

225 (3)~~(4)~~ ANNUAL REPORT.—By November 1 of each year, each  
226 approved program shall submit to the board an annual report  
227 comprised of an affidavit certifying continued compliance with  
228 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)–(g)~~, a summary description of  
229 the program's compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)–~~  
230 ~~(g)~~, and documentation for the previous academic year that, to  
231 the extent applicable, describes ~~sets forth~~:

232 (a) The number of student applications received, qualified  
233 applicants, applicants accepted, accepted applicants who enroll  
234 in the program, students enrolled in the program, and program

235 graduates.

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

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

241 (4) ~~(5)~~ INTERNET WEBSITE. ~~By October 1, 2010,~~ The board  
242 shall publish the following information on its Internet website:

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

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

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

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

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

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

260 3. The program's accreditation status, including

261 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~  
 262 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1).~~

263 4. The program's probationary status.

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

266 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked  
 267 from program entry to graduation.

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

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

282 (5)~~(6)~~ ACCOUNTABILITY.—

283 (a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage  
 284 rate for first-time test takers who take the licensure  
 285 examination within 6 months after graduation from the program  
 286 that is not more ~~lower~~ than 10 percentage points lower ~~less~~ than

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

- 300 a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
301 in a bachelor's degree.
- 302 b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
303 in an associate degree.
- 304 c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate  
305 in a diploma.
- 306 d. Practical nursing education programs.

307 2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year  
308 2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not  
309 equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive  
310 calendar years, the board shall place the program on  
311 probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program  
312 director shall ~~must~~ appear before the board to present a plan

313 for remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to  
314 identify progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The  
315 program must ~~shall~~ remain on probationary status until it  
316 achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or exceeds the  
317 required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The board shall  
318 deny a program application for a new prelicensure nursing  
319 education program submitted by an educational institution if the  
320 institution has an existing program that is already on  
321 probationary status.

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

336 (b) If an approved program fails to submit the annual  
337 report required in subsection (3) ~~(4)~~, the board shall notify  
338 the program director and president or chief executive officer of

339 the educational institution in writing within 15 days after the  
 340 due date of the annual report. The program director shall ~~must~~  
 341 appear before the board at the board's next regularly scheduled  
 342 meeting to explain the reason for the delay. The board shall  
 343 terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120 if it does not  
 344 submit the annual report within 6 months after the due date.

345 (c) An approved program on probationary status shall  
 346 disclose its probationary status in writing to the program's  
 347 students and applicants.

348 (6) ~~(7)~~ DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE PASSAGE RATE DATA.—

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

360 (b) A program director to whom confidential information  
 361 exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 456.014 is  
 362 disclosed under this subsection must maintain the  
 363 confidentiality of the information and is subject to the same  
 364 penalties provided in s. 456.082 for department employees who

365 unlawfully disclose confidential information.

366 (7)~~(8)~~ PROGRAM CLOSURE.—

367 (a) An educational institution conducting an approved  
 368 program or accredited program in this state, at least 30 days  
 369 before voluntarily closing the program, shall notify the board  
 370 in writing of the institution's reason for closing the program,  
 371 the intended closure date, the institution's plan to provide for  
 372 or assist in the completion of training by the program's  
 373 students, and the arrangements for storage of the program's  
 374 permanent records.

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

- 378 1. May not accept or enroll new students.
- 379 2. Shall ~~Must~~ submit to the board within 30 days after the  
 380 program is terminated or closed a written description of how the  
 381 institution will assist in completing the ~~completion of~~ training  
 382 of ~~by~~ the program's students and the institution's arrangements  
 383 for storage of the program's permanent records.

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

- 388 1. The president or chief executive officer of the  
 389 educational institution.
- 390 2. The Board of Governors, if the program is conducted by

391 a state university.

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

394 4. The Commission for Independent Education, if the  
395 program is conducted by an educational institution licensed  
396 under chapter 1005.

397 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is  
398 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College  
399 System or by an educational institution that is not subject to  
400 subparagraphs 2.-4.

401 (8)~~(9)~~ RULEMAKING.—The board does not have ~~any~~ rulemaking  
402 authority to administer this section, except that the board  
403 shall adopt rules ~~a rule~~ that prescribe ~~prescribes~~ the format  
404 for submitting program applications under subsection (1) and  
405 annual reports under subsection (3), and to administer the  
406 documentation of the accreditation of nursing education programs  
407 under subsection (11) ~~(4)~~. The board may not impose any  
408 condition or requirement on an educational institution  
409 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an  
410 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this  
411 section. ~~The board shall repeal all rules, or portions thereof,~~  
412 ~~in existence on July 1, 2009, that are inconsistent with this~~  
413 ~~subsection.~~

414 (9)~~(10)~~ APPLICABILITY TO ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—

415 (a) Subsections (1)-(3) ~~(1)-(4)~~, paragraph (4)(b) ~~(5)(b)~~,  
416 and subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ do not apply to an accredited program. ~~An~~



417 ~~accredited program on probationary status before July 1, 2010,~~  
418 ~~ceases to be subject to the probationary status.~~

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

421 1. Within 10 business days after the program ceases to be  
422 accredited, must provide written notice of the date that the  
423 program ceased to be accredited to the board, the program's  
424 students and applicants, and each entity providing clinical  
425 training sites or community-based clinical experience sites for  
426 the program. The educational institution must continue to  
427 provide the written notice to new students, applicants, and  
428 entities providing clinical training sites or community-based  
429 clinical experience sites for the program until the program  
430 becomes an approved program or is closed under subparagraph 3.

431 2. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be  
432 accredited, must submit an affidavit to the board, signed by the  
433 educational institution's president or chief executive officer  
434 which, ~~that~~ certifies the institution's compliance with  
435 subparagraph 1. The board shall notify the persons and  
436 applicable entities listed in paragraph (7) (c) ~~subparagraph~~  
437 ~~(8) (c)1. and the applicable entities listed in subparagraphs~~  
438 ~~(8) (c)2.-5.~~ if an educational institution does not submit the  
439 affidavit required by this subparagraph.

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

442 a. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be

443 accredited, submits a program application and review fee to the  
 444 department under subsection (1) and the affidavit required under  
 445 subparagraph 2., the program shall be deemed an approved program  
 446 from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the  
 447 date that the board approves or denies the program application.  
 448 The program application must be denied by the board pursuant to  
 449 chapter 120 if it does not contain the affidavit. If the board  
 450 denies the program application under subsection (2) or if  
 451 ~~because~~ the program application does not contain the affidavit,  
 452 the program shall be closed and the educational institution  
 453 conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

454 b. Does not apply to become an approved program pursuant  
 455 to sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved  
 456 program from the date ~~that~~ the program ceased to be accredited  
 457 until the 31st day after that date. On the 31st day after the  
 458 program ceased to be accredited, the program shall be closed and  
 459 the educational institution conducting the program must comply  
 460 with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

461 (10) ~~(11)~~ IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for  
 462 Nursing and the education policy area of the Office of Program  
 463 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the ~~5-~~  
 464 ~~year~~ administration of this section and submit reports to the  
 465 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 466 House of Representatives annually by January 30, ~~2011,~~ and  
 467 ~~annually thereafter~~ through January 30, 2020 ~~2015~~. The annual  
 468 reports shall address the previous academic year; provide ~~set~~

469 ~~forth~~ data on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b),  
470 as such data becomes available; and include an evaluation of  
471 such data for purposes of determining whether this section is  
472 increasing the availability of nursing education programs and  
473 the production of quality nurses. The department and each  
474 approved program or accredited program shall comply with  
475 requests for data from the Florida Center for Nursing and the  
476 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
477 and Government Accountability.

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

482 1. The number of programs and student slots available.

483 2. The number of student applications submitted, the  
484 number of qualified applicants, and the number of students  
485 accepted.

486 3. The number of program graduates.

487 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from  
488 program entry to graduation.

489 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State  
490 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

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

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

495 1. Program application approval process, including, but  
496 not limited to, the number of program applications submitted  
497 under subsection (1); the number of program applications  
498 approved and denied by the board under subsection (2); the  
499 number of denials of program applications reviewed under chapter  
500 120; and a description of the outcomes of those reviews.

501 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited  
502 to, the number of programs on probationary status, the number of  
503 approved programs for which the program director is required to  
504 appear before the board under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~, the number of  
505 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of  
506 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of  
507 the outcomes of those reviews.

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

513 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

514 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
515 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under  
516 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students  
517 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July  
518 1, 2019.

519 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
520 the practice of professional nursing and that was approved under

521 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students  
522 before that date, must become an accredited program within 5  
523 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students.

524 (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
525 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved under  
526 this section after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited  
527 program within 5 years after the date of enrolling the program's  
528 first students.

529 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education  
530 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure  
531 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.  
532 1005.06(1)(e).

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

535 456.014 Public inspection of information required from  
536 applicants; exceptions; examination hearing.—

537 (1) All information required by the department of any  
538 applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public  
539 inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,  
540 medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,  
541 answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are  
542 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be  
543 discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program  
544 director of an approved program or accredited program as  
545 provided in s. 464.019(6) ~~464.019(7)~~, members of the board, the  
546 department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know

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547 | such information. Any information supplied to the department by  
548 | any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter  
549 | 119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential  
550 | pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the  
551 | department or the agency.

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