

Virginia Board of Nursing

Interpretation of “Alternative Credentials” for Nursing Faculty

18VAC90-27-60(A)(4)(c)(3) of the Regulations for Nursing Education Programs states that a member of the clinical nursing faculty of a baccalaureate degree or prelicensure graduate degree program may hold “a baccalaureate degree in nursing and hold alternative credentials” to satisfy requirements for qualification as faculty. The Board interprets the phrase “alternative credentials” to mean:

- 1) A current certification in the specialty for which the clinical nursing faculty member is conducting clinical experience; or
- 2) Two years active clinical nursing practice as a registered nurse in the preceding five years. Active clinical nursing practice must be in the specialty area in which the faculty member will conduct the clinical experience;

References

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