

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2152

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and

STIPE and ROZELL of the
SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS;
AMENDING 59 O.S. 1991, SECTION 567.12, WHICH
RELATES TO THE OKLAHOMA NURSING PRACTICE ACT;
PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NURSING
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PRACTICAL NURSES; PROVIDING
REQUIREMENTS FOR FACULTY OF PROGRAM; AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 567.12, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 567.12 A. To qualify as an approved program for
registered nurses, the program must be conducted in the State of
Oklahoma in an accredited college or university leading to an
associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree in nursing. Such
programs shall meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of
Nursing and prescribed in its rules.

B. To qualify as an approved program for practical nurses, the
program must be conducted in the State of Oklahoma in connection
with ~~a state-approved technical or vocational school~~ an area

vocational-technical school approved by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board and of Nursing as prescribed in its rules, which rules shall conform to the provisions of this subsection.

1. The nursing education program for practical nurses shall be administered by a licensed practical nurse coordinator who:

- a. is a registered nurse with a minimum of an associate degree in nursing currently licensed in Oklahoma,
- b. has a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, preferably in nursing, and
- c. has at least one (1) academic year, full-time experience in a nursing education program.

2. All nurse faculty of a nursing program for practical nurses shall:

- a. hold a valid license to practice as a registered nurse with a minimum of an associate degree in nursing in this state,
- b. present evidence of a minimum of two (2) years full-time equivalent practice as a registered nurse in a clinical setting, within the last five (5) years preceding the first date of first employment as a teacher, and
- c. participate in research projects, surveys, professional writing, continuing education, and academic study.

3. Nursing faculty who teach in programs offering the certificate in practical nursing shall have completed at least fifteen (15) semester hours in nursing, general education, social sciences, physical sciences or counseling and guidance. These credits shall be in addition to the pre-service basic program in nursing unless the person holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

4. Schools shall establish the baccalaureate degree as minimum preparation for teaching and a nurse faculty member shall have a written plan for obtaining a baccalaureate degree, preferably in nursing.

5. Faculty employed in schools conducted by public school systems shall meet the requirements for teacher certification established by the State Department of Education.

C. For a program for practical nurses operated by an entity other than an area vocational-technical school to qualify as an approved program, the program must be conducted in the State of Oklahoma and meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as prescribed in its rules.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate