Distance Nursing Education Program Recognition

The North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON) adheres to a distance nursing education program recognition process. The process facilitates collaborations between the NDBON and distance nursing education programs seeking clinical placements of pre-licensee students in ND facilities. NDCC 43-12.1-04 identifies PERSONS EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS OF THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT. Subsection 12 states “a student practicing nursing as a part of a board recognized nursing education program, upon written notification to the board and contingent upon clinical site availability.”

To qualify for distance nursing education program recognition, the following must occur:

I. A request for distance nursing education program recognition for the purpose of student clinical placement in ND facilities must be submitted to the NDBON by program administrator(s) 60 days prior to student activity in ND facilities. The following will be required initially and updated annually (each Fall):
   1. Proof of Board of Nursing approval in the state in which the program(s) is headquartered; AND if applicable, proof of nursing program accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting body.
   2. Program requirements for clinical faculty and preceptors.
   3. Proof of State Board of Higher Education exemption or authorization (see section III)
   4. Non-refundable $300 recognition fee which designates approval for 1 academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer).

II. Once NDBON recognition is granted, the distance nursing education program must submit the following information each semester prior to student activity in ND facilities.
   1. Student name(s) and number of students at each facility.
   2. Syllabi for courses pertaining to current student clinical placement(s).
   3. Copies of written agreements with each ND facility accepting students for the semester.
   4. Brief resume for clinical faculty and preceptor (specify role). Current ND or compact license information for supervising faculty.
   5. Name of each facility accepting student(s) and verification of clinical availability from facility representative.

III. All degree-granting post-secondary institutions offering on-site or distance education to ND students must seek authorization or exemption through the State Board of Higher Education. Refer to the ND University System site: http://www.ndus.edu/system/state-authorization/

RN/LPN Refresher and LPN IV Therapy Course Recognition

The NDBON considers Distance Continuing Education (CE) program recognition for RN/LPN Refresher and LPN IV Therapy courses. The CE program must be consistent with ND Refresher Course Guidelines or LPN IV Therapy Course Guidelines (available at www.ndbon.org). Upon recognition, the CE program may be listed on the NDBON website.

The CE program recognition request must be submitted every 2 years and include the following:

I. Proof of Board of Nursing approval in the state in which the CE program(s) is headquartered.
II. Submission of course content (theory and clinical) and administrator/faculty/preceptor qualifications.
III. For student(s) completing clinical instruction within ND, program administrator must submit student name(s), ND facilities, and verification of facility accepting student(s).
IV. Non-refundable $200 recognition fee which designates approval for two (2) years from the approval date.

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