

# SIERRA COLLEGE

## BOARD POLICY

**BP 4106**

### Nursing Programs

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References: Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70107, 70120, 70124, 70125, 70128.5, 78260, 78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267, 89267.3, and 92645; Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521; Health and Safety Code Section 128050

Nursing students who have already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning are not required to complete any general education requirements that may be required for an associate degree. Instead, these students only need to complete the coursework necessary for licensing as a registered nurse.

The District shall consider all of the following when screening nursing students:

- Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates, held by the applicant;
- Grade point average in relevant coursework;
- Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant;
- Any relevant work or volunteer experience; and
- Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English.

Loan assumption agreements may be awarded to *individuals who at a minimum possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a field related to nursing who have agreed to teach nursing on a full-time or part-time basis commencing not more than 12 months after receiving a loan assumption award. The loan assumption program is referred to as the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE). The loan assumption agreement will be considered no longer effective and deemed terminated, if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of three academic years of teaching on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis.*

*Loan assumption payments will not be made on behalf of the participant until the participant has completed one academic year, or the equivalent of full-time teaching nursing studies at one or more regionally accredited, eligible Districts. The commission can assume liability for loans incurred by the participant to pay for the participant's undergraduate and graduate degrees.*

*The terms of the loan agreement program can be extended for one academic year, unless extended by the commission on a case-by-case basis, for the following reasons:*

- *Pregnancy;*
- *Serious Illness;*
- *Natural causes; or*
- *Being called to military active duty status.*

*In addition, when an interruption of instruction because of a natural disaster prohibits a loan program participant from completing one of the required years of teaching service, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for a period of time equal to the period of interruption of instruction.*

See Administrative Procedure 4106.