

NAC 632.675 (20 Faculty : Composition, requirements) states “2. Of the faculty who are hired after August 13, 2004: (a) At least 75 percent of the members must hold at least a master’s degree with a major in nursing and have completed training which is related to the area of teaching of the member; and (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the remainder of such members, if any, must hold at least: (1) master’s degree with a major in nursing; (2) a bachelors degree with a major in nursing and a mater’s degree in a field related to nursing; or (3) a graduate degree from an accredited school of nursing as defined in NRS 632.011”.

Meaning of “Field Related to Nursing”

It is the position of the Nevada State Board of Nursing that “masters degree in a field related to nursing” means:

1. A degree which the nursing program director determines is the appropriate “master’s degree in a field related to nursing” of the faculty based on
 - a. The nursing program curriculum assignment and
 - b. The faculty expertise required to teach the various components of the nursing program curriculum assignment.
2. It is the responsibility of the nursing program director to document the rationale explaining how the degree is related to nursing and why it is appropriate for the assignment.
3. It is the responsibility of the nursing program director to ensure the faculty member(s) are currently licensed in the State of Nevada. The nursing program director shall submit the name and degree/credentials of any newly hired faculty, together with the rationale described in #2, as an addendum to the nursing program’s annual report to the Board.
4. It is the responsibility of the nursing program director to submit the percentage designation of those faculty full time equivalents who have a masters degree with a major in nursing (at least 75% of the full time equivalents must have a master’s degree with a major in nursing) and the percentage designation of those faculty full time equivalents who have a master’s degree in a field related to nursing or a graduate degree form a accredited school of nursing (no greater than 25% of the full time equivalents).

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