



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-840 WAC Practical and Registered Nursing. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering permanently adopting the current emergency rule adopted on December 15, 2017 in WSR 18-01-079 regarding interim permits for graduates of nontraditional nursing programs.

In addition, the commission is considering rulemaking to establish interim permits for advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) applicants to allow for completion of supervised clinical practice hours.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.79.110 and RCW 18.79.180

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: RCW 18.79.380 (Licensed practical nurse/nontraditional registered nurse program) was repealed by HB 1721 (chapter 203, Laws of 2017). The prior law allowed graduates of registered nurse (RN) programs, who did not complete clinical practice instruction during their degree program, to practice under the license of a preceptor RN to gain those clinical hours. With the repeal of RCW 18.79.380, a student currently enrolled in a nontraditional program can no longer practice under the license of another nurse, therefore no mechanism exists for these students to complete the required clinical practice experience to become licensed as an RN in Washington. The commission adopted an emergency rule on December 15, 2017 (WSR 18-01-079) to repeal WAC 246-840-035, since it is no longer authorized in statute, and to establish standards to ensure a student is able to complete the required clinical practice experience. The commission is considering making this rule permanent.

In addition, the commission is considering rulemaking to establish interim permits for advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) applicants to allow for completion of supervised clinical practice hours. Currently, ARNP applicants who graduated more than one year prior to their licensure application must obtain supervised practice hours. ARNP interim permits would allow these applicants to practice at the full scope of an ARNP to obtain required clinical practice hours.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative Rule Making

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested stakeholders may sign up to receive Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission rulemaking notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>.

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