Nursing Programs offered by out-of-state institutions are required to comply with Alabama law. Those who fail to register with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Alabama Department of Post-Secondary Education are not authorized to offer nursing programs or send students to Alabama for clinical activities. The Alabama Board of Nursing does not regulate post-licensure programs but ACHE and DPE require a statement from the Board after a review of the request to offer the program(s). There are requirements to notify the Board of Nursing if you plan to offer clinical experiences in Alabama facilities. See rules below.

OUT OF STATE PROGRAMS CONDUCTING CLINICAL IN ALABAMA

ABN Administrative Code, 610-X-3-.04 Out of State Programs Conducting Clinical in Alabama

(1) A nursing education program based outside the state of Alabama that plans to provide students with clinical learning experiences in Alabama shall submit to the Board a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of the expected clinical learning experience:
   (a) A letter of intent identifying the governing institution, the type of nursing education program, and the status of approval from accrediting bodies and state of origin. The letter shall include:
      (i) Name of student, including license number if the student is licensed in Alabama.
      (ii) Name and license number of the clinical supervisor. Clinical supervision shall meet the qualification set forth in this chapter
      (iii) Name and location of the clinical facility and statement from Director of Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer of clinical facility regarding the availability of clinical learning experiences for in-state and out of state nursing students.
      (iv) Learning outcomes expected of the student.
      (v) Name and license number of the nursing faculty responsible for the evaluation and oversight of the student’s clinical learning experience.
   (2) The governing institution offering the nursing program shall be a postsecondary educational institution that is accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
   (3) The nursing education program shall have full approval in the state of origin.

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