

WAC 246-840-551 Internationally educated practical nurse program in an approved nursing education program. For internationally educated practical nurses who do not meet educational requirements for licensure, the nursing education program shall offer the following:

(1) A minimum of sixty hours of core theory content and one hundred twenty hours of simulated competency-based practice experiences.

(2) The theory course content must include, but not be limited to, a minimum of sixty hours in current basic concepts of:

(a) Nursing process;

(b) Pharmacology;

(c) Practical nursing today including legal expectations, the commission approved scope of practice decision tree, the Washington Nurse Practice Act as identified in chapter 18.79 RCW, and the Uniform Disciplinary Act identified in chapter 18.130 RCW;

(d) Basic communications and observational practices needed for identification, reporting, and recording patient needs;

(e) Basic physical, biological, and social sciences necessary for practice; and

(f) Practical nursing knowledge, skills, and professional identity to include, but not be limited to: Concepts of fundamentals, medical, surgical, and mental health nursing across the life span. These concepts must address diverse cultural, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds of patients and populations.

(3) The practice course content must include a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of competency-based simulation practice in the area(s) listed in subsection (2)(f) of this section. Exceptions may be approved by the commission after adequate rationale is provided by the nursing education program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, 18.79.150, 18.79.190, and 18.79.240. WSR 16-17-082, § 246-840-551, filed 8/17/16, effective 9/17/16.]