

WSR 24-21-151  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
(Board of Nursing)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs in Washington state, amending WAC 246-840-517 and other related sections in chapter 246-840 WAC. The Washington state board of nursing (board) is considering amendments to education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs in response to E2SSB 5582 (chapter 126, Laws of 2023), codified as RCW 18.79.150.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, and 18.79.150.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board is considering amendments to education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs. E2SSB 5582 states the board may grant approval to baccalaureate nursing education programs where the nurse administrator holds a graduate degree with a major in nursing and has sufficient experience as a registered nurse (RN) but does not hold a doctoral degree (E2SSB 5582, section 7, codified as RCW 18.79.150). The board is engaging in the rule-making process to solicit input from the public regarding this rule.

On May 12, 2023, the board moved to initiate the rule-making process to fulfill the purposes of E2SSB 5582. Rules are necessary to comply with E2SSB 5582 and the rule-making process will provide the opportunity for interested party engagement and possible amendments.

Other Federal and State Agencies That Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: 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 Jessilyn Dagum, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone 360-236-3538, fax 360-236-4738, TTY 711, email WABONRules@doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: The board will notify interested parties of rule making by posting information on the department of health website, the board website, and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive board rule-making notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. The board will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation.

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