

TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING POSITION STATEMENT

RE: Deeming DNP Programs as Approved Schools of Nursing

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Tennessee by clarifying the Board's practice related to board approval of Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs organized within a college or university having a Board of Nursing approved master's degree and/or post master's certificate programs, in good standing, that prepares students for eligibility for advanced practice nurse certification.

AUTHORITY: Tennessee Code Annotated 63-7-117 Application for school accreditation—

An institution desiring to conduct a school of professional nursing or a school of practical nursing on ground, distance, online or via other electronic means must apply to the board for approval, and submit evidence that it is prepared to:

- (1) Carry out the prescribed basic professional nursing curriculum or the prescribed curriculum for practical nursing, as the case may be; and
- (2) Meet other standards established by this chapter or by the board.

POSITION STATEMENT: It is the position of the Tennessee Board of Nursing that a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program organized within a college or university having a Board of Nursing approved master's degree and/or post master's certificate programs, in good standing, that prepares students for eligibility for advanced practice nurse certification or having had such a program that was transitioned into a DNP program after January 1, 2011 will be deemed approved by the Board with the same approval status as the master's and/or post master's certificate program. The DNP program is subject to the requirements of T.C.A. § 63-7-117 and T.C.A. § 63-7-118 subsequent to the initial action of the board to approve the DNP program.

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