
Nursing Education Standards

The Background:

State Board of Education rule 0520-01-03-.05 requires the Board to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

In response to feedback from Health Science educators, this first read item recommends updating language in standard 15 of the nursing education standards to reflect industry technical vocabulary, specifically “patient care plan”. This change, if approved, would better support students who are engaging in Work-Based Learning activities as they transition between classroom and real world application of knowledge and skills.

This item presents an update to approved course standards in the Health Science career cluster. The revised course standard increases instructional rigor and is now better aligned with industry expectations.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.