

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, May 8, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Friday, May 8, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing Alabama

INTENDED ACTION: New

RULE NO.: 610-X-14-.31

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

RULE TITLE: Standards for Approval

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. The Board received no comments on the proposal.

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

(1) All Alabama MAC education programs must be approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing. New MAC education programs established in Alabama on or after May 1, 2026, shall submit an application for Board approval prior to implementation.

(2) The governing institution, MAC program coordinator, and MAC instructor(s) are accountable for selecting and evaluating the teaching methods, delivery modalities, and processes used to achieve expected program outcomes.

(3) The governing institution offering the MAC program shall be one of the following:

(a) A postsecondary education institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(b) Approved and licensed by the appropriate State of Alabama education agency(ies), as required by law.

(4) The governing institution shall provide support and resources sufficient to ensure achievement of student learning and program outcomes. Resources include, but are not limited to:

(a) Financial.

(b) Education program physical facilities.

(c) Instructional and learning equipment.

(d) Technology.

(e) Administrative, instructional, and support personnel.

(5) The governing institution's administrator or program coordinator shall notify the Board, in writing, of any substantive changes in the MAC program, including, but not limited to:

(a) MAC program coordinator.

(b) Governing institution administrator, President, CEO, Chancellor, or Provost/Division Dean.

(c) Relocation of the governing institution or MAC education program.

(d) Intent to close a program.

(e) Intent to add additional instructional site(s).

(f) Notification of additional MAC instructor(s) teaching in program.

(6) There shall be an organizational chart that depicts the authority, responsibility, and channels of communication between the MAC program and the governing institution and other comparable programs within the governing institution.

(7) A MAC program shall be administered by a qualified program coordinator who is accountable for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program.

(a) Minimum qualifications of a MAC program coordinator shall include:

1. Full-time employee of the governing institution.
2. Completion of the board-approved MAC coordinator training.

(b) If the MAC program coordinator is a registered nurse, then the individual shall hold an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in Alabama, or a multistate registered license issued by a party state, as defined in Chapter 4 of the Administrative Code.

(8) The governing institution and MAC program coordinator shall provide sufficient numbers of qualified instructors to ensure that curriculum implementation and expected program outcomes are achieved. Minimum qualifications of MAC instructors shall include:

(a) An active, unencumbered Alabama registered nurse license, or a multistate registered nurse license issued by a party state, as defined in Chapter 4 of the Administrative Code.

(b) A minimum of an earned associate degree in nursing.

(c) Completion of the board-approved MAC train-the-trainer course.

(9) Institutional and program policies, procedures, and other publications, whether written or electronic, shall:

(a) Be written, accurate, and consistent as published, and publicly available.

(b) Address students' abilities to assume clinical assignments, including, but not limited to, educational preparedness and physical, mental, and emotional behaviors.

(c) Provide opportunities for students to regularly participate in the development, evaluation, and continuous improvement of the program.

(d) Provide for processes to manage and learn from student near misses and errors.

(e) Provide for student remediation strategies and ensure students are aware of how to seek help.

(f) Programs shall hold students accountable for professional behavior, including honesty and integrity, while in the program of study.

(g) Provide for availability of assistance for students with disabilities.

(10) The curriculum of the MAC program shall:

(a) Enable the student to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for the level, scope, and standards of competent MAC practice expected at the level of certification.

(11) Clinical supervision of students shall comply with the standards set forth in this chapter.

(a) The clinical supervisor shall hold an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse in Alabama, or a multistate registered or practical nurse license issued by a party state, as defined in Chapter 4 of Administrative Code.

(b) The clinical supervisor shall be readily accessible to assign or prescribe a course of action, provide guidance, direction, and evaluation for MAC students engaged in the clinical learning experience.

(c) The clinical supervisor-student ratio in clinical learning experiences shall be collaboratively determined by the MAC program coordinator, MAC instructors/clinical supervisors, and representatives of the clinical agency. Regardless of the clinical setting, the clinical supervisor to student ratio shall not exceed 1:10 during clinical learning experiences.

(d) The MAC education program shall work with clinical agencies for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of clinical experiences.

(e) Clinical learning experiences shall include the development of skills related to the MAC scope of practice.

(f) MAC instructors and clinical supervisors shall maintain responsibility and accountability for planning, implementation, and evaluation of all student clinical learning experiences.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2.1.

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