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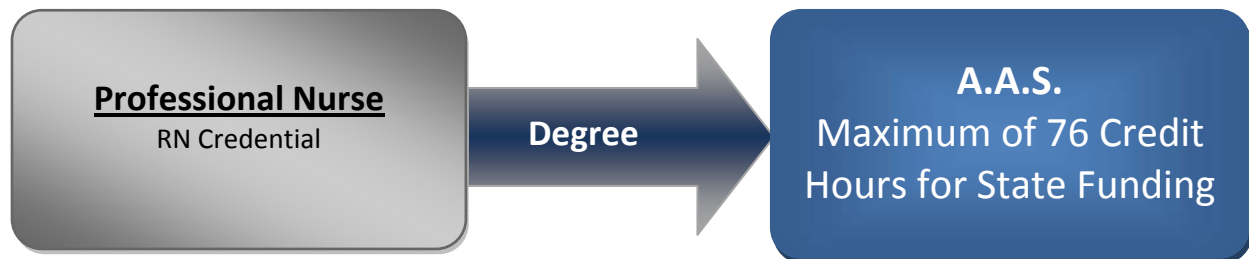
RE: A.D.N. Alignment Map

In lieu of a Letter of Guidance, KBOR requested the use of an alignment map. The alignment map dated 12/14/10 has received support from the Kansas State Board of Nursing and has been approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

As a result of external accreditation, three of the four purposes of program alignment are met when applied to the Associate Degree Registered Nursing program.

- 1) The identification of a nationally recognized third-party industry credential is satisfied with the Registered Nurse credential which is required for employment. Registered Nurses must be licensed to practice and are regulated by the Kansas State Board of Nursing.
- 2) An industry value-added exit point is prescribed because the Kansas Nurse Practice Act requires an Associate Degree in Nursing as the minimum for entry into employment as a Registered Nurse.
- 3) The identification of a few common technical courses to bridge articulation between secondary and postsecondary partners is unnecessary because candidates of a nursing program require admittance into a nursing program at a postsecondary educational institution.
- 4) The 76 credit hour maximum program length is inclusive of prerequisite, academic support, and professional courses.

Accordingly, the staff members of the Board of Regents propose the acceptance of this Alignment Map for Associate Degree Registered Nursing programs



Required Courses within Program

Institutions may utilize their existing courses provided they adhere to the Kansas State Board of Nursing approved courses needed for program participants to sit for the NCLEX exam.

Notes

Specifics pertaining to A.D.N. Nursing programs:

1. Program educational standards and outcomes are established by the Kansas State Board of Nursing.
2. Registered Nurses must be licensed to practice and are regulated by the Kansas State Board of Nursing.
3. Program completers will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the passing of which culminates in the Registered Nurse (RN) credential.
4. Obtainment of an Associate Degree is required. There are no other exit points.
5. The identification of a few common technical courses to bridge articulation between secondary and postsecondary partners is unnecessary because candidates require admittance into an A.D.N. Nursing program at a postsecondary educational institution.