

Excerpts from Florida Statutes Pertaining to Florida Center for Nursing

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FCN role in 464.019(10) requirements:

- Submitting annual reports to FL Legislature regarding nursing education programs, annually
 - Reports must address program data for previous academic year (re: program capacity, graduations, NCLEX passage rates, and employment in nursing professions following graduation; accreditation status) and BON implementation of program approval and accountability processes
 - Reports should evaluate whether components of 464.019 are increasing the availability of nursing education and the production of quality nurses.

Establishment of FCN, to...

1. Address nursing supply and demand (re: recruitment, retention, and resources) and provide an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources directed toward nursing
2. Three main goals:
 - Develop strategic statewide plan
 - Establishing and maintaining database on supply and demand
 - Analyze current supply and demand and make future projections including assessing participation in Nurse Licensure Compact
 - Convene groups of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators and educators to review and commented on data analysis and recommend systemic changes
 - Evaluate and report results to Legislature and others
 - Promoting nursing excellence programs; proposing and creating reward, recognition, and renewal activities for nurses; and promoting media and positive image building efforts for nursing

Establishment of FCN Board of Directors:

- 16 members, simple majority of nurses; appointment requirements
- Board powers and responsibilities: employ executive director of FCN; determine operational policy; elect chair and officers (2-year terms); establish committees; appoint advisory council; implement major functions of the Center; seek and accept non-state funds for sustaining FCN

Title XXXII: REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 464: NURSING

PART I
NURSE PRACTICE ACT

464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

[[See [Chapter 464: Nursing, Part I: Nurse Practice Act](#) for details on sections (1) - (9), as they pertain to nursing education programs and the Florida Board of Nursing and the elements correlated with FCN evaluation and analysis]]

- (10) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for Nursing shall study the administration of this section and submit reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by January 30, through January 30, 2020. The annual reports shall address the previous academic year; provide data on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such data becomes available; and include an evaluation of such data for purposes of determining whether this section is increasing the availability of nursing education programs and the production of quality nurses. The department and each approved program or accredited program shall comply with requests for data from the Florida Center for Nursing.
- (a) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate program-specific data for each approved program and accredited program conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. The number of programs and student slots available.
 - 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.
 - 3. The number of program graduates.
 - 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program entry to graduation.
 - 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.
 - 6. The number of graduates who become employed as practical or professional nurses in the state.
 - (b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the board’s implementation of the:
 - 1. Program application approval process, including, but not limited to, the number of program applications submitted under subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a description of the outcomes of those reviews.
 - 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to, the number of programs on probationary status, the number of approved programs for which the program director is required to appear before the board under subsection (5), the number of approved programs terminated by the board, the number of terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of the outcomes of those reviews.
 - (c) The Florida Center for Nursing shall complete an annual assessment of compliance by programs with the accreditation requirements of subsection (11), include in the assessment a determination of the accreditation process status for each program, and submit the assessment as part of the reports required by this subsection.

464.0195 Florida Center for Nursing; goals.—

- (1) There is established the Florida Center for Nursing to address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. The Legislature finds that the center will repay the state's investment by providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources directed towards nursing.
- (2) The primary goals for the center shall be to:
 - (a) Develop a strategic statewide plan for nursing manpower in this state by:
 1. Establishing and maintaining a database on nursing supply and demand in the state, to include current supply and demand;
 2. Analyzing the current supply and demand in the state and making future projections of such, including assessing the impact of this state's participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact under s. 464.0095; and
 3. Selecting from the plan priorities to be addressed.
 - (b) Convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to:
 1. Review and comment on data analysis prepared for the center;
 2. Recommend systemic changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and
 3. Evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the Legislature and others.
 - (c) Enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses in the state by:
 1. Promoting nursing excellence programs such as magnet recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center;
 2. Proposing and creating additional reward, recognition, and renewal activities for nurses; and
 3. Promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.
- (3) The Board of Nursing shall include on its initial and renewal application forms a question asking each nurse to voluntarily contribute to funding the Florida Center for Nursing in addition to paying the fees imposed at the time of licensure and licensure renewal. Revenues collected from nurses over and above the required fees shall be transferred from the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Health and shall be used solely to support and maintain the goals and functions of the center. Before giving a nurse the opportunity to contribute to funding the center at the time of licensure renewal, the Board of Nursing shall provide the nurse with a summary of the center's work, a link to the center's Internet website, and the following statement: "The Florida Center for Nursing's operating revenues are derived in part from your donation. In order for the Florida Center for Nursing to continue its work on behalf of nurses, please donate."
- (4) The center may request from the board, and the board must provide to the center upon its request, any information held by the board regarding nurses licensed in this state or holding a multistate license pursuant to s. 464.0095 or information reported to the board by employers of such nurses, other than personal identifying information.

464.0196 Florida Center for Nursing; board of directors.—

- (1) The Florida Center for Nursing shall be governed by a policy-setting board of directors. The board shall consist of 16 members, with a simple majority of the board being nurses representative of various practice areas. Other members shall include representatives of other health care professions, business and industry, health care providers, and consumers. The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
- (a) Four members recommended by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom shall be a registered nurse recommended by the Florida Organization of Nurse Executives and at least one other representative of the hospital industry recommended by the Florida Hospital Association;
 - (b) Four members recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall be a registered nurse recommended by the Florida Nurses Association and at least one other representative of the long-term care industry;
 - (c) Four members recommended by the Governor, two of whom shall be registered nurses;
 - (d) One nurse educator recommended by the Board of Governors who is a dean of a College of Nursing at a state university; and
 - (e) Three nurse educators recommended by the State Board of Education, one of whom must be a director of a nursing program at a Florida College System institution.
- (2) The initial terms of the members shall be as follows:
- (a) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(a), two shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30, 2005, one for a term expiring June 30, 2004, and one for a term expiring June 30, 2003.
 - (b) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(b), one shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2005, two for terms expiring June 30, 2004, and one for a term expiring June 20, 2003.
 - (c) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(c), one shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2005, one for a term expiring June 30, 2004, and two for terms expiring June 30, 2003.
 - (d) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(d), the terms of two members recommended by the State Board of Education shall expire June 30, 2005; the term of the member who is a dean of a College of Nursing at a state university shall expire June 30, 2004; and the term of the member who is a director of a state community college nursing program shall expire June 30, 2003.
- After the initial appointments expire, the terms of all the members shall be for 3 years, with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.
- (3) The board shall have the following powers and duties:
- (a) To employ an executive director.
 - (b) To determine operational policy.
 - (c) To elect a chair and officers, to serve 2-year terms. The chair and officers may not succeed themselves.
 - (d) To establish committees of the board as needed.
 - (e) To appoint a multidisciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy matters.
 - (f) To implement the major functions of the center as established in the goals set out in s. 464.0195.
 - (g) To seek and accept nonstate funds for sustaining the center and carrying out center policy.
- (4) The members of the board are entitled to receive per diem and allowances prescribed by law for state boards and commissions.