

**Alabama Administrative Code  
Chapter 610-X-3 Nursing Education Programs**

**Standards for Approval**

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(b) The registered nurse shall hold an unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in Alabama.

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

(d) The faculty-student ratio in clinical practice shall be collaboratively determined by the professional nursing faculty, the School of Nursing administration and the professional nurse administrator, or designee, in the clinical agency. In licensed hospitals that provide inpatient acute care, the faculty to student ratio shall not exceed 1:8 during clinical learning experiences. The faculty- student ratio shall be determined according to the:

(i) Complexity of the educational experience. (ii)

Acuity of the patient(s).

(iii) Physical layout of the clinical setting.

(iv) Student's level of knowledge and skills to provide safe patient care.

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

(f) Clinical learning experiences shall include the development of skills in clinical judgments, management of care for groups of patients, delegation to, and supervision of other health care personnel.

(g) Nursing faculty shall maintain responsibility and accountability for planning, implementation, and evaluation of all student clinical learning experiences.

(13) Nursing programs that offer only simulations or clinical testing do not meet the requirements for providing clinical learning experiences for nursing students.