

WAC 246-840-552 Internationally educated registered nurse program in an approved nursing education program. For internationally educated registered nurses who do not meet educational requirements for licensure, the nursing education program must offer the following:

(1) A minimum of eighty hours core theory content and one hundred sixty hours of simulated competency-based practice in medical surgical nursing, mental health, family, child, and obstetrical nursing.

(2) The core course content shall include, but not be limited to, a minimum of eighty hours of theory in current concepts of:

(a) Nursing process;

(b) Pharmacology;

(c) Professional nursing today including legal expectations, the commission approved scope of practice decision tree, the Washington State Nursing Practice Act as identified in chapter 18.79 RCW, and the Uniform Disciplinary Act identified in chapter 18.130 RCW;

(d) Communications and observational practices needed for identification, reporting, and recording patient needs;

(e) Basic physical, biological and social sciences necessary for practice; and

(f) Registered nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities to include, but not be limited to, concepts of fundamentals, medical, surgical, parent, child, geriatric, family, community, and mental health nursing.

(3) The competency-based simulated practice experiences must include a minimum of one hundred sixty hours of practice in the area(s) listed in subsection (2)(f) of this section. Exceptions must be justified to and approved by the commission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, 18.79.150, 18.79.190, and 18.79.240. WSR 16-17-082, § 246-840-552, filed 8/17/16, effective 9/17/16.]