

POLICY #2

REPRESENTATION ON SITE VISIT TEAMS, EVALUATION REVIEW PANELS AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Site visit teams, Evaluation Review Panels, and the ACEN Board of Commissioners are composed of nurse educators and nursing clinicians/practitioners. Evaluation Review Panels and the ACEN Board of Commissioners are composed of nurse educators, nursing clinicians/practitioners, and members of the public.

NURSE EDUCATORS

Nurse educators work in the classroom, laboratory, and/or practice settings. They are responsible for educating nursing students at all levels of nursing practice. Nurse educators are responsible for designing, implementing, evaluating, and revising nursing education programs that lead to a certificate, diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, master's degree, and/or clinical doctorate.

Nurse educators are individuals who:

1. Currently hold a full-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program;
2. Previously held a full-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program and now hold a part-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program;
3. Previously held a full-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program and have been retired for no more than two (2) years from this position; or
4. Previously held a full-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program and subsequently held a part-time faculty or administrative appointment in an ACEN-accredited program and have been retired for no more than two (2) years from the part-time position.

Nurse educators are eligible to serve on a site visit team as a team member or team chair, the Evaluation Review Panel as a member, and the ACEN Board of Commissioners. Nurse educators elected to the ACEN Board of Commissioners may serve as chair of an Evaluation Review Panel.

NURSING CLINICIANS/PRACTITIONERS

Nurse clinicians/practitioners are licensed nurses who currently hold a full- or part-time position in a clinical practice environment. Nurse clinicians/practitioners are responsible and accountable for organizing, planning, assigning, and overseeing care of individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Nurse clinicians/practitioners are eligible to serve on a site visit team as a team member or team chair, Evaluation Review Panel as a member, and the ACEN Board of Commissioners. Nurse clinicians/practitioners elected to the ACEN Board of Commissioners may serve as chair of an Evaluation Review Panel.

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Public members are individuals with no connection to the discipline of nursing. An individual representing the public may not be:

1. An employee, owner, or shareholder of a governing organization with any accredited or non-accredited nursing program or candidate/applicant nursing program;
2. A member of the governing board for a governing organization with any accredited or non-accredited nursing program or candidate/applicant nursing program;
3. A consultant to any accredited or non-accredited nursing program or candidate/applicant nursing program;
4. Affiliated or associated with any nursing accreditation agency or nursing organization, such as the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), *American Nurses Association (ANA)*, or National League for Nursing (NLN); or
5. A spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in the above statements.

Public members are eligible to serve on the ACEN Board of Commissioners. Public members elected to the ACEN Board of Commissioners may serve as chair of an Evaluation Review Panel.

The ACEN Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to appoint one (1) or more special members who may not be a nurse educator or clinician to (1) a site visit team or (2) an Evaluation Review Panel. The special member or members may have expertise in an area that a nurse educator and/or clinician typically would not have. The governing organization/nursing program is responsible for all costs of the special members serving on the site visit team.

The ACEN Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to have a professional staff member accompany a site visit team. The professional staff member would offer guidance to the site visitors. The governing organization/nursing program is responsible for all costs of the professional staff member accompanying the site visit team.

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