**20:48:07:32.  Clinical facilities and resources.** The nursing education program and faculty must meet the following requirements for clinical facilities and resources:

 (1)  Develop written criteria for clinical or practicum facility selection and utilization with consultation from the clinical agency;

 (2)  Maintain and annually review all written agreements with clinical or practicum facilities;

 (3)  Conduct an annual evaluation with the clinical agency for each clinical or practicum unit utilized to determine the appropriateness of its continued use for clinical experiences;

 (4)  Utilize clinical or practicum facilities which:

 (a)  Are approved by the applicable accreditation, evaluation, or licensing bodies;

 (b)  Meet the nursing education program's criteria for facility selection and utilization as developed under subdivision (1) of this section; and

 (c)  Have a utilization occupancy rate or census on the areas utilized by the program to assure student learning experiences are available for all students scheduled in the area of learning;

 (5)  Supervise students in the clinical facilities; and

 (6)  Maintain a faculty-to-student ratio in clinical facilities which does not exceed 1:8. The board shall consider the nature of the clinical experience in determining compliance with this requirement.

 **Source:** 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 9 SDR 151, effective May 30, 1983; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; transferred from § 20:48:07:09, 18 SDR 107, effective December 30, 1991; 31 SDR 26, effective September 8, 2004; 45 SDR 9, effective July 30, 2018.

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 **Declaratory Ruling:** All nursing programs must comply with the faculty-to-student ratio in clinical facilities specified in subdivision 20:48:07:32(6). South Dakota Board of Nursing Declaratory Ruling No. 94-3.