**20:48:07:26.  Qualifications of faculty in registered nurse programs.** Nursing faculty members who teach in a program leading to licensure as a registered nurse must have the following qualifications:

(1)  An active, unencumbered license or a privilege to practice as a registered nurse in South Dakota;

(2)  A minimum of a graduate degree in nursing. However, adjunct clinical faculty employed solely to supervise clinical nursing experience are exempt from the graduate degree requirement;

(3)  For newly appointed faculty a minimum of one year of clinical experience in the area or areas of teaching responsibility;

(4)  A combination of education and experience relevant to the assigned area of teaching responsibility; and

(5)  For interdisciplinary faculty who teach non-clinical nursing courses, academic preparation appropriate to those areas of content.

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