**20:48:07:36.  Prerequisite status.** An institution wishing to establish a new program in nursing shall take the following steps to obtain prerequisite status:

(1)  Submit to the board a request for prerequisite status including the type of education program to be offered;

(2)  Submit a statement of intent to the board at least 12 months in advance of the expected opening date for a registered nurse program and 8 months for a practical nurse program. The statement of intent shall include the following:

(a)  Copies of articles of incorporation or statutory authority documenting the legal authority of the governing institution to offer a nursing program of the specified type and to confer the proposed degree, diploma, or certificate;

(b)  A statement specifying the type of the proposed program;

(c)  A description of the educational philosophy, purpose, and outcomes of the governing institution;

(d)  A description of the accreditation status of the governing institution;

(e)  A description of the national nursing accreditation status for a new advanced practice nursing education program; and

(f)  A statement from the institution's governing board authorizing the new program;

(3)  Conduct a needs assessment and submit to the board a report which includes:

(a)  Nursing and other studies documenting the need for the program and for entry level nurses from the specified program in South Dakota and in the governing institution's area of the state;

(b)  Data concerning the number of faculty needed projected over five years, the qualifications expected, plans for procuring faculty, and a timetable for employment;

(c)  Evidence of financial resources for the planning, implementation, and continuation of the program for a minimum of five years;

(d)  Availability of clinical facilities in the major clinical areas for the program, documenting the types of agencies available for student clinical experience, the accreditation status of the agencies, client census on each unit, and the types of clinical learning experiences available;

(e)  Availability of academic facilities for the program, including classrooms, laboratories, offices, and library;

(f)  Anticipated student enrollment per class and total students projected over five years;

(g)  A tentative schedule for planning and initiating the program; and

(4)  Provide additional information as requested by the board.

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