**20:48:07:49.  Distance education programs.** Delivery of instruction by distance education methods must be congruent with the nursing program curriculum plan and enable students to achieve program outcomes in accordance with § 20:48:07:28. A distance education program that meets the following requirements may be incorporated into a nursing program curriculum:

(1)  Has a means for assessing individual student outcomes and program outcomes;

(2)  Is approved by the agency regulating nurses in the jurisdiction of origination;

(3)  Complies with the regulatory requirements in each state that the program is being offered;

(4)  Requires each faculty member to be licensed as a registered nurse in the state of South Dakota or have privilege to practice when teaching didactic and clinical nursing education to practical nursing students or registered nursing students who are physically located in the state of South Dakota. For programs offering advanced practice nursing education, requires each faculty member to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in the state of South Dakota or have privilege to practice when teaching advanced practice nursing students who are physically located in South Dakota;

(5)  Provides students with adequate clinical instruction to meet program outcomes;

(6)  Provides adequate technical support and assistance to students and faculty;

(7)  Provides for student access to faculty members and resources;

(8)  Assures security of the students' personal information in conducting assessments and evaluations and in disseminating the results of distance learning courses; and

(9)  Assures the integrity of student work.

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