**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Board of Registration in Nursing**

**244 CMR 6.05 Guideline for Procedures for the Establishment and Continuing Operation of Out of State Nursing Education Programs**

Guideline Purpose:

To establish the criteria and process for nursing education programs offered by a parent institution that has a principle place of business outside of Massachusetts that would like to offer a clinical component in Massachusetts.

Required Information and Documentation:

Nursing education programs offered by a parent institution that has a principle place of business outside of Massachusetts must:

1. be offered by a parent institution that has parent institution accreditation;
2. be designed to prepare and qualify a graduate to write the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX- PN;
3. be approved to operate by the board of nursing or corresponding body in the state where the parent institution has its principle place of business;
4. be located in a jurisdiction which maintains standards substantially the same as those required for an approved nursing education program in Massachusetts; and
5. obtain Board approval of any didactic learning experiences or clinical learning experiences conducted in Massachusetts by submitting a completed application to the Board at least 6 months prior to the start of any such learning experiences. Such programs must demonstrate to the Board’s satisfaction that the program:
6. has appointed faculty that meet requirements at 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) or education policy 02-02;
7. maintains written agreements with cooperating agencies utilized as clinical learning sites that meet requirements at 244 CMR 6.04(5)(f); and
8. maintains faculty-student ratios of 1:10 or less in accordance with 244 CMR 6.04(5)(b).