

**MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

**STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS  
for Permanent Rules Covering Licensure  
of Technical College Education**

**Rules as Proposed:**

**3515.1300 Alternate Forms of Occupational  
Experience**

**3700.0298 Aquaculture**

**3700.0420 Practical Nursing**

**3700.1410 Licenses for Part-Time Continuous  
or Part-Time General Studies  
Instructional Personnel**

The statutory authority for the State Board of Technical Colleges to promulgate these rules is contained in Minnesota Statutes section 136C.04, subd. 9 which states:

Licensure. The State Board may promulgate rules, according to the provisions of Chapter 14, for licensure of teaching, support, and supervisory personnel in postsecondary and adult education. The State Board may adopt licensure rules according to sections 14.29 to 14.36 when necessary for continuous programs approved by the Board and when the Board determines appropriate licensure standards do not exist.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The proposed revised rules are a modification of current technical college licensure rules. Restructuring of programs to courses and courses to credit have demonstrated a need for modification of licensure rules to complement these changes. Intents to Solicit Outside Opinion in the *State Register* and Authorizing Resolutions by the State Board are as follows:

Register/Intent

Authorizing Resolution

3515.1300 December 9, 1991

December 10, 1991

3700.0298 December 9, 1991

December 10, 1991

3700.0420 Not applicable

February 18, 1992

3700.1410 December 9, 1991

December 10, 1991

Following initial rule adoption, applicants sometimes indicate a need for modification. These rule changes represent those indications.

**3515.1300 ALTERNATE FORMS OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Subpart 5. Military Experience. This subpart is modified to change the credit for military experience from a maximum of two-

thirds to total credit. Military personnel work at their occupations for an eight-hour day as do civilian personnel. Since it is total hours active in an occupation which are calculated, it is reasonable to give military personnel the same credit for the occupational experience as civilian applicants. There is no exception to the breadth and scope of the experience and military applicants must meet the same criteria. Given the hour and criteria accountability, it is reasonable to allow total credit for military experience.

#### 3700.0298 AQUACULTURE

This rule was adopted on September 16, 1991. Since the adoption of this rule, it has become evident from the applicants the majority of this experience is occurring in research laboratories. As a relatively new occupation in Minnesota, it is necessary to be able to access qualified instructional staff for the college program. Since the activities are clearly identified in this license, it is reasonable to include the research laboratory as an appropriate environment in which to obtain these experiences. The knowledge and skills used in this new industry are developed in the research laboratory. There are no other changes in this license.

#### 3700.0420 PRACTICAL NURSING

This rule was adopted on November 20, 1992. Since the adoption of this rule, it has become apparent many applicants gain nursing experience outside an acute care setting. Graduates of the Practical Nursing Program may obtain employment in these settings. It is, therefore, reasonable to include some of this experience as appropriate to licensure. The experience is limited to 1,500 hours of the total required to assure that acute care nursing remains the primary source of experience. This is reasonable since graduate followup indicates the majority of students will seek and find acute care employment. There are no other changes in this rule.

#### 3700.1410 LICENSES FOR PART-TIME CONTINUOUS OR PART-TIME GENERAL STUDIES INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

The modifications in this rule were first adopted on August 19, 1991. Terminology has changed from credit to credit based and clock hours to hour based. It is, therefore, necessary and reasonable to change the terminology as indicated. Colleges are being advised to accommodate the adult learner by offering courses throughout the year including the summer months. Since 12 credits were predicated on a nine-month school year, it is reasonable to increase the credits to 16, thus adding the authorization to each course during the summer months. This is necessary in order to retain part-time staff. Two hundred

seventy (270) clock hours are removed from Subp. 3 as unnecessary. This authorization allows an instructor to teach for credit and credit hours. Thus these are readily translated to clock hours. There are no other changes in this rule.

These rules will be implemented using current processes and will have no fiscal impact.

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