Arizona State Board of Nursing
Policy and Procedure

POLICY NAME **Nursing Program Expansion When Under Provisional Approval**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **9/27/07**

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REVISION DATE(s) **9/20/07 (Board Approval)**

CANCELLATION DATE

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Reference:

Purpose: **To inform programs under provisional approval of the conditions for program expansion.**

Policy:

Under R4-19-209 all nursing programs must receive Board approval to expand student enrollment capacity by more than 20%. Programs granted provisional approval must also obtain Board approval when expanding, even though the expansion plans were detailed in an application for proposal or provisional approval.

Under no circumstances will the provisionally-approved program be allowed to expand beyond the original plan in the application for proposal or provisional approval. Expansion requests should be limited to a one year period (e.g. a program may apply to admit additional students in both fall and spring of the school year).

Rationale:

Programs that have provisional approval have not established a record of success in delivering nursing education and preparing new graduates. It is recognized that a gradual increase in admissions to a program may be beneficial to the successful delivery of nursing education.

It is not in the best interest of the public to approve expansion plans before a program opens, nor to expect programs to open at full capacity. It is also not in the public's best interest to allow programs to expand beyond their current level without the Board's assessment to ensure rule compliance.