

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
3.4.1.c. EDUCATION GUIDELINE
Determining Effective Teaching Parameters for
Vocational Nursing Education Program Directors

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Rule 214.6(f)(8) in Administration and Organization states that a director or coordinator with responsibilities other than the program shall not have major teaching responsibilities.

Since the rules do not place specific limits on the teaching responsibilities for vocational nursing (VN) program directors, a reasonable teaching load is left to the discretion of the director and the governing entity. Factors to be considered when establishing a teaching load include:

- Responsibilities to direct other programs in addition to the VN program;
- Number of faculty and staff under the program director's supervision;
- Number of program sites included in the responsibility;
- Level of administrative support;
- Size of student enrollment;
- Assistance from a nursing faculty to serve as coordinator of the day-to-day management of the program;
- Ongoing projects and assignments;
- School/college expectations of program directors;
- Responsibilities to oversee accreditation and regulation compliance; and
- Current Board of Nursing approval status.

Teaching responsibilities of the VN program director should allow ample time for the director to carry out administrative duties and to maintain currency in nursing education through participation in professional organizations and ongoing professional development.

Important: Please be aware that references to Rule 214 are not all inclusive.