



TO Chief Executive Officers/Directors
Private Licensed/Registered Schools

FROM Nicole Campbell, Division Chief

DATE May 19, 2022

RE Private Licensed Schools Policy Memorandum #101

Board Acceptance of Program Approvals

The State Board of Private Licensed Schools, at the meeting held on May 19, 2022, approved the following policy under the authority of 24 P.S. §6504 (a).

This policy memo is regarding programs which require additional approvals in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools' approval.

For example, in addition to the program approval required by the State Board of Private Licensed Schools, Practical Nurse programs also require the approval of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing; and Nurse Aide Training programs also require the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education.

In the examples provided, the program is approved by the mandated authorities responsible for ensuring specific program requirements are met.

The State Board of Private Licensed Schools' program approval encompasses a range of mandates not afforded by the approvals other Pennsylvania State Boards or Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureaus.

For these reasons, the State Board of Private Licensed Schools will accept a program's approval afforded by another Pennsylvania State Board or Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau for New Program applications. This means the Board will review all aspects of the program application in accordance with 22 Pa. Code § 73.81 except for the specific program requirements already approved by the program's mandated authorities.

Regarding changes to programs requiring additional approvals in conjunction with the State Board of Private Licensed Schools' approval, please reference 22 Pa. Code § 73.82 and Board Policy Memo #102. For both substantive and non-substantive program changes, it will be required that the program receive approval of the changes by the mandated authorities responsible for ensuring program requirements are met prior to the program changes being submitted to the State Board of Private Licensed Schools for approval.

If you have questions about the information provided in this memorandum, or you are encountering a scenario that the Board has not addressed, please contact your school's assigned Board Administrator.