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To whom it may concern:

The Pennsylvania Association of Private School Administrators (PAPSA) is the statewide association that represents approximately 150 career colleges and schools across the Commonwealth. These schools educate students in a diversity of career fields, including some nursing and other health care programs.

PAPSA has reviewed Regulation #16A-5125 (IRRC #3080) published by the State Board of Nursing and requests the following change to the regulation under Annex A, Title 49, Chapter 21, §21.2 (Scope).

## §21.2 (e) The Board may approve professional nursing education programs conducted in hospitals, colleges, and universities, and other postsecondary education institutions, and will make available a list of approved programs.

Our association has several member schools that are approved to offer professional nursing programs, both RN and PN. While some are colleges, the majority are postsecondary education institutions that do not fall under the terms college, university or hospital school of nursing. As a result, we ask you to consider adding the term "postsecondary education institution" in §21.2 and any other relevant section of the regulation to include these previously approved schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have further questions on this issue, please contact me at <u>aaron@papsa.org</u> or 717-599-8098.

Sincerely,

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