

## Chapter 22. Grant and Scholarship Programs

### Subchapter P. Exemption Program for Clinical Preceptors and Their Children

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**§22.302 Authority and Purpose** (a) Authority. Authority for this subchapter is provided in the Texas Education Code, §54.222, Preceptors for Professional Nursing Education Programs. These rules establish procedures to administer this exemption program.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this program is to provide partial exemptions from the payment of tuition to eligible persons employed as clinical preceptors and to their children in order to encourage the preceptors to continue their employment and induce others to seek such employment in the state of Texas.

**Source Note:** *The provisions of this §22.302 adopted to be effective November 28, 2005, 30 TexReg 7872*

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**§22.303 Definitions** The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Board--the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Child--a child 25 years of age or younger, including an adopted child.
- (3) Clinical preceptor or preceptor--a registered nurse or other license health professional who meets the requirements below, not paid as a faculty member by the governing board of an institution of higher education, but who directly supervises a nursing student's clinical learning experience in a manner prescribed by a signed written agreement between the educational institution, preceptor and affiliating agency. A clinical preceptor has the following qualifications:
  - (A) competence in designated areas of practice,
  - (B) a philosophy of health care congruent with that of the nursing program,
  - (C) current licensure or privilege as a registered nurse in the State of Texas, and
  - (D) if not a registered nurse, holds a current license in Texas as a health care professional with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in that field.
- (4) Commissioner--the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.
- (5) Institution of Higher Education or Institution--any public technical institute, public junior college, public senior college or university, medical or dental unit or other agency of higher education as defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(8).
- (6) Program--the Exemption Program for Clinical Preceptors and Their Children.
- (7) Resident of Texas--a resident of the State of Texas as determined in accordance with §§21.21 - 21.27 of this title (relating to Determining Residence Status). Nonresident students who are eligible to pay resident tuition rates are not residents of Texas.
- (8) Tuition--includes statutory tuition, designated tuition and Board-authorized tuition.
- (9) Undergraduate professional nursing program--a public educational program for preparing students for initial licensure as registered nurses.

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**§22.304 Tuition Exemption** Each institution of higher education shall exempt all eligible preceptors and eligible students from the payment of up to \$500 of tuition per term or semester.

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**§22.305 Eligible Preceptors** To receive an exemption under this program, a preceptor must:

- (1) be a resident of Texas;
- (2) be a registered nurse;
- (3) be serving under a written preceptor agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program for the semester or other academic term for which the exemption is sought.

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**§22.306 Eligible Students** To receive an exemption under this program, a student must:

- (1) be a resident of Texas;
- (2) be the child of a clinical preceptor who is serving under a written preceptor agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program for the semester or other academic term for which the exemption is sought.

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**§22.307 Discontinuation of Eligibility** (a) An individual's eligibility for the program ends when the person has:

- (1) previously received exemptions under this subchapter for 10 semesters or summer sessions at any institution or institutions of higher education, or
- (2) received a baccalaureate degree.

(b) For the purposes of this program, a summer session that is less than nine weeks in duration is considered one-half of a summer session.

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**§22.308 Value of the Exemption** The value of an exemption granted under this program is equal to \$500 or the student's tuition, whichever is less.

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**§22.309 Application Process** To apply for an exemption under this program, a student shall complete the Clinical Preceptor Exemption Application, developed by the Board and distributed and processed by participating institutions.

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