

(a) Registered nurses who graduated prior to September, 1979 from Diploma Nursing Programs or Associate Degree Nursing Programs may validate prior learning, prior to entering a baccalaureate nursing program, by successfully completing the following 3 transition courses:

(1) Scientific Concepts;

(2) Concepts in the Social Sciences and Humanities;
and

(3) Nursing Concepts.

(b) The transition courses shall be taken at an institution of higher education that has received approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in cooperation with the State Board of ~~examiners-of-nurses~~ Nursing, to offer the transition courses.

(c) Registered nurses selecting the option under subsection (a) of this Act may not substitute other credits or challenge examinations in place of the transition courses.

(d) All transition courses shall be completed successfully before a registered nurse may begin the senior level baccalaureate nursing courses with 60 credits awarded as challenge grants.

(e) Anyone taking advantage of this option must enter a BSN program within 2 years of completion of the transition courses and must complete the remaining 64 credits for the BSN within 6 years.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989. It shall remain effective until September, 1994 and, at the end of September 1, 1994, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be void and of no effect.

Approved May 25, 1989.
