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RE: 16A-541(Nursing Education Programs)

Dear Ms. Schulder,

I am writing in reference to the proposed regulatory requirements for students entering a PN program to have completed two maths and two physical science courses.

In our BSN program we have admitted a number of students who have used an LPN program as a stepping stone in preparation for becoming an RN. I am concerned that this added barrier will impact enrollment in PN programs and subsequently BSN programs and have a negative effect on the nursing workforce. Many of these students are using a PN program because of financial reasons, life circumstances, or to refine their academic abilities before entering an RN program. Adding additional requirements would place an undue burden on many of these students.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 570-348-6275 or by email at ttulaney@marywood.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Theresa Tulaney'.

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