

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools*

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

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Mr. Nelson,

Per our conversation, I am able to verify what the Virginia Board of Nursing regulations state in regards to accrediting agencies.

18VAC90-27-40. Organization and administration.

A. The governing or parent institution offering Virginia nursing education programs shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Education or SCHEV or accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

So, if an accrediting body is approved by the U.S. Department of Education, the Board of Nursing would accept that as meeting the requirements for accreditation of the governing or parent institution of a nursing education program.

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