

12VAC5-371-410. Architectural drawings and specifications. (revised 8/2010)

A. All construction of new buildings and additions, renovations or alterations of existing buildings for occupancy as a nursing facility shall conform to state and local codes, zoning and building ordinances, and the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

In addition, nursing facilities shall be designed and constructed according to Part 1 and sections 4.1-1 through 4.2-8 of Part 4 of the 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities of the Facilities Guidelines Institute (formerly of the American Institute of Architects). However, the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code and local zoning and building ordinances shall take precedence.

B. Architectural drawings and specifications for all new construction or for additions, alterations or renovations to any existing building, shall be dated, stamped with licensure seal and signed by the architect. The architect shall certify that the drawings and specifications were prepared to conform to building code requirements.

C. Additional approval may include a Certificate of Public Need.

D. Upon completion of the construction, the nursing facility shall maintain a complete set of legible "as built" drawings showing all construction, fixed equipment, and mechanical and electrical systems, as installed or built.