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NJCAA Committee Proposal Submission Form

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Submitting Committee Eligibility

Proposal Title/Topic Enrollment Eligibility/Full-Time Requirement

Type of Proposal Bylaw Change

Proposed Effective Date of Proposal August 1, 2026

Rationale for Proposal Addresses the increasing number of student-athletes who are enrolling in specialty programs such as health care and provides a path to participation using clinical hours.

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Please specify the NJCAA Handbook section(s) affected Article V, Section 2.C.2

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**Proposed NJCAA Handbook
Language**

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**Please attach any supporting
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ELIGIBILITY PROPOSAL 2

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SUBMITTED BY: NJCAA Eligibility Committee

RATIONALE

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APPROVED

NJCAA Eligibility Committee, January 9, 2026

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