

# Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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## **Louisiana State Board of Nursing Works to Protect the Public for 100 Years**

BATON ROUGE, LA – July 10, 2012 – The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) works diligently to establish standards for nursing practice and nursing education that seek to ensure that Louisiana citizens have access to safe and competent registered nurses. On July 10, 1912, Act No. 138 of the 1912 Regular Session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana provided for the regulation of nursing practice and education and the signing of the first Nurse Practice Act. One hundred years later, Resolution No. 190 was signed to commemorate the signing of the first Nurse Practice Act in Louisiana and to recognize July 10, 2012 as Louisiana State Board of Nursing Day.

The LSBN regulates over 57,000 registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who provide health care to our citizens, and regulates curricula for over 6,000 nursing students undertaking clinical nursing courses in Louisiana. Additionally, LSBN approves and oversees twenty-six programs that prepare nursing students for initial registered nurse licensure and seven graduate programs that prepare nurses for advanced practice registered nurse licensure. In 2012, the Louisiana Center for Nursing, a division of LSBN completed a Nursing Workforce Demand Study that revealed that there continues to be a substantial need for nurses across all levels of nursing personnel in Louisiana.

“Our aim is to support and promote the best interests of the public” says executive director Barbara Morvant. “We are thankful to the registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who provide quality care to our citizens on a daily basis by exhibiting professionalism and competency. As a regulatory agency, we are excited to be acknowledged for the dedicated services provided by the past and present board members and staff of LSBN.”

For more information about LSBN, please contact Barbara Morvant at [lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us](mailto:lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us) or visit our website at [www.lsn.state.la.us](http://www.lsn.state.la.us).

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#### About Louisiana State Board of Nursing

The mission of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing is to safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe.

#### About the Louisiana Center for Nursing

As a division of LSBN, the mission of the Louisiana Center for Nursing is to contribute to the health and welfare of Louisiana residents and visitors through activities that are directed to ensure that there is an adequate workforce to meet the current and future healthcare needs of the citizens of the state of Louisiana.