

## Notice of Rulemaking Activity

At its meeting held on August 13, 2015, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approved the revisions of the Education Rules identified as Chapter 35 Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs. The proposed changes will combine Chapter 35, which focuses on undergraduate nursing programs, and Chapter 45, section 4509, which focuses on graduate nursing programs. In addition, Chapter 35 has been revised to align with current national nursing trends and practices. Chapter 35 will provide guidelines regarding the following for undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs: (1) program approval, (2) program closure, and (3) day-to-day operating requirements. These proposed changes will provide clarity to expectations of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for in-state and out-of-state undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs.

The first step in the rulemaking process is the publication of the Board's Notice of Intent in the January edition of the *Louisiana Register*. As of January 20, 2016 you will be able to access the publication free of charge at the state register's website at [www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr). The Notice of Intent can be found [here](#).

The Board will host a public meeting on February 29, 2016 at 1:00p.m. The meeting will take place at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, La. 70810.

Please direct all written communications regarding this proposal to my attention at the Board office.

For the Board  
Karen C. Lyon  
Executive Director