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**Welcome New Board Members
and Thank You to Those Who
Have Served**

The Honorable Kathleen B. Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, recently appointed three new Board members to vacancies created by term completion of Patsy Bourgeois, Deborah Ford and Tommie Ashby. The Governor reappointed Dr. **Nora Steele** who was eligible to serve another term. The three new Board members are **Bonnie Johnson, Carlilene MacMillan**, and **Gerald Bryant**. Welcome to these new members.

Thank you to **Patsy Bourgeois, Deborah Ford**, and **Tommie Ashby** for their excellent service as Board members.

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Major Motions of the Board Meeting—March 6, 2006

Compliance Issues

Approved policy “Guidelines for Applicants with Criminal Record” to supersede Board policy entitled “Arrest/Conviction Record Guidelines for Applicants.”

Approved the policy “Applicant’s Failure to Disclose Criminal History.”

Accepted the report of the Compliance Committee.

Education Issues

Approved the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of clinical facilities for student clinical teaching at LSUHSC in Shreveport if verification is obtained regarding faculty meeting faculty credentials criteria of the Board, LAC 46:XLVII.3515 as well as document events of coordination/collaboration with our programs in Louisiana.

Accepted NCLEX Pass Rates for 2005.

Approved action on programs with less than 80% pass rate and action on those who were on conditional approval who have exceeded 80% pass rates for 2005 to include the following:

Placing Dillard University on conditional approval for the second consecutive year due to an NCLEX pass rate of 77.78% for 2005 in accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *the Nursing Education programs shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*

Placing Grambling State University on conditional approval for an NCLEX pass rate of 63.64% for 2005 in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B., *the Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*

Placing Southern University-Baton Rouge on conditional approval for an NCLEX pass rate of 76.47% for 2005 in accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *the Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking*

Education Issues (Cont.)

the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval

Placing William Carey College on conditional approval for the second consecutive year for an NCLEX pass rate of 55.32% for 2005 in accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *the Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*

Removing McNeese State University Associate Degree Nursing Program from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.

Removing Our Lady of the Lake College’s accelerated program from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.

Removing University of Louisiana at Monroe from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX rate in 2005.

Approved to **defer** action on the revisions to Policy “Requests for Faculty Exceptions in Accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3515” and revisions to guidelines relevant to exceptions to LAC46:XLVII.3515; faculty and faculty organizations.

Accepted the report from Our Lady of the Lake College on the accelerated program as requested by the Education Committee, and reinstate full approval of that component of their nursing program based on an NCLEX pass rate of 100% for 2005.

Approved the requests for Faculty Exceptions to Faculty Qualifications (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7) of the following:
Delgado/Charity School of Nursing
Maria Rosalie Robertson Campbell

Northwestern State University
Angelia Marie Birdsong Powell

UL at Lafayette
Lisa Ann Benefield
Shannon Lynne Woodson Bergeron
Jeneen Anjanette Black-Turner

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Education Issues (Cont.)

Sandra Elizabeth Vallot Comeaux
Kathleen Bohrer Wilson

Our Lady of the Lake College
Louann Marie St. Pierre Bombet
LaTonya Colar Monroe

Accepted the report of the Education Committee.

Nurse Practice Issues

Approved that the issue of administration of Natrecor in the home setting with RN supervision be **deferred** until the next meeting and further that petitioner attend the next meeting to clarify the request or withdraw the petition.

Approved the Practice Committee's recommendations regarding the administration of radionucleotides, namely cardiolite and neurolite, which are tracer elements used for cardiac stress testing and for focal seizure diagnosis, that staff contacts the petitioners to explain the present law and recommend alternatives to pursue.

Approved that the Board upholds the previous opinion 96.07 in regard to rapid sequence induction/intubation and further approves that it is within the scope of practice for the RN as a member of a rapid response team to administer medication at the direction of the attending physician who is present and has designated the situation as an emergency (an acute, life-threatening event) with the following provisos:

1. The physician has ordered the rapid sequence induction/intubation, medication to be administered and is present at the bedside.
2. There is institutional policy and procedure developed to guide the RN in this emergency process.
3. The nurse has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the medication administration.
4. All equipment needed for resuscitation, hemodynamic support, and monitoring is available at the bedside.
5. The competency of the registered nurse is verified and documentation of competency is contained in the file of the registered nurse. The competency is renewed and documented annually.

Approved that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse (RN) to administer and delegate to the li-

Nurse Practice Issues (Cont.)

censed practical nurse (LPN) ultraviolet light therapy as ordered by the physician provided the compliance with the rules on delegation LAC 46:XLVII.3703 a-d is maintained and competency of the LPN is shown.

Approved that the decision be **deferred** as to whether it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse (RN) to prepare and administer topical medications involving the preparation of a combination of medications if they are prepared for single use and administered by the person preparing the dose to obtain information from the Board of Pharmacy.

Approved to table the decision on whether it is within the scope of practice for the RN to perform class IV laser procedures under the direct supervision of a qualified physician. It was **deferred** back to the Practice Committee for further information and study.

Approved that it is within the scope of practice for the RN/APRN to provide neurofeedback services provided the RN has the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the procedures safely and competently and the procedure is ordered by an authorized prescriber.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

The APRN Advisory Panel has been working on the APRN Vision Paper and is soliciting comments from Member Boards and APRN stakeholder groups.

Other Issues

Accepted report on the Prescription Monitory Program.

Approved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an offer and execute a purchase agreement and enter into a loan agreement to purchase property located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

Approved to **defer** to the Credentialing Committee the request from Joni Nickens, President of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, requesting the Board to consider removing the 500 hour restriction for obtaining prescriptive authority from the rules.

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Louisiana and the Nurse Licensure Compact

The delegate assembly of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing established the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) in 1997. The Nurse Licensure Compact is a mutual recognition model that affords registered nurses and licensed practical nurses the privilege of practicing in states that hold membership in the compact by maintaining a single license in their primary state of residence. The compact has the force of statutory law and takes precedence over conflicting state laws. The Compact is managed by the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators. Nineteen states have membership in the Compact.

Louisiana does not hold membership in the Nurse Licensure Compact and the LSBN has essentially taken the position of continuing to gather data. Louisiana RNs must hold licensure in Louisiana to practice in our state.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 (SCR 64) of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature charged the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (NSDC) to study the feasibility of joining the NLC and to make recommendations for action in this regard. The NSDC reported their findings to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on Health and Welfare in February, 2006.

The NSDC has asked for additional time to gather data prior to making recommendations. They reported their intent to seek an opinion from the Attorney General on the constitutionality of being a member of the NLC as this is a different model of regulation and essentially delegates legislative authority to the NLC Administrators. Further, the NCSBN has commissioned an independent Gallop Poll to study the NLC. The NSDC believes the results may provide important data to assist in making recommendations.

Many unanswered questions have evolved in studying the feasibility of being in the NLC and the NSDC will continue to gather data to serve as the basis for any recommendations relative to membership.

The Report of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission

To The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare And the House Committee on Health and Welfare

Relative to the Charge of SCR 64 of the 2005 Regular Louisiana Legislative Session

SCR 64 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature charged the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (NSDC) to report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee by February 1, 2006 both the feasibility of Louisiana joining the Nurse Licensure Compact and recommendations for action in this regard.

The NSDC respectively submits the enclosed Interim Report

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Louisiana and the Nurse Licensure Compact

The Report of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (Cont.)

Overview of the Nurse Licensure Compact

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Delegate Assembly established the Nurse Licensure Compact in 1997 as a mutual recognition model and the first participating states joined in 2000. Through the provisions of the compact, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are afforded the privilege of practicing in states that hold membership in the compact by maintaining a single license in their primary state of residence. Model language for a compact for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was approved in 2002. Prior to the initiation of the Nurse Licensure Compact, nurses were required to hold a license in each state in which they practiced. The process of seeking licensure in multiple states was accomplished through the process of endorsement. Under the Nurse Licensure Compact, nurses are not required to hold a licensure in each state of practice but only in the state of primary residence. Through the compact, unless otherwise restricted, a nurse may practice across state lines without requirement for additional licensure through the process of mutual recognition. For states who are not members of the Nurse Licensure Compact, nurses are still required to hold licensure in each state of practice and the process of endorsement is still operative.

For states that are part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, the compact, through an interstate agreement, serves as a formal agreement that obligates the member states to abide by the provisions of the compact. The compact has the force of statutory law and takes precedence over conflicting state laws. The Compact is managed by the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (NLCA).

Currently 19 states are members of the Nurse Licensure Compact for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses. Two additional states have enacted legislation authorizing the compact with a future effective date and have not yet implemented it.

To become a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact, the state must enact legislation authorizing the action and must adopt administrative rules and regulations for implementation. The state must also designate a Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator. The fee for membership is currently \$3000 per year.

Status of Data Collection By The Nursing Supply Demand Commission

- Based on data obtained at this time, the NSDC will seek an opinion as to the constitutionality of participating in the nurse licensure compact from the Louisiana Attorney General's office.
- An independent poll as to the advantages and problems of being in the Nurse Licensure Compact has been commissioned by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and is being conducted by Gallop Poll with the results anticipated in late Spring 2006.
- Additional data is needed to determine the effect of joining the nurse compact relative to constitutionality of delegating legislative authority to another state.
- Additional data is needed to determine if joining the nurse compact would violate the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.
- Joining the Nurse compact will not assure alleviation of a state's nursing shortage.
- While membership in the compact could insure easier movement of nurses between states, it could also increase the number of nurses leaving the state.
- Consumers and employers would have less timely access to information on compact nurses who work in Louisiana.
- Louisiana is the only state conducting criminal background history on students entering clinical nursing courses preparing for RN licensure and is one of 36 states that perform a criminal history search at licensure, hence licensure standards are not uniform among states.
- Participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact will have a negative financial impact on the Boards of Nursing.

Louisiana and the Nurse Licensure Compact

The Report of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (Cont.)

- If Louisiana was to become a part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, both the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners would be unable to discipline RNs and LPNs whose actions are detrimental to the health and welfare of Louisiana citizens if the individual license is not issued in Louisiana.
 - The American Nurses Association has not endorsed the concept of the Nurse Licensure Compact.
 - Membership in the Nurse Licensure Compact could increase the number of out of state disciplinary cases and the costs associated with investigating those cases.
 - A comprehensive education program is needed for new compact states to educate all stakeholders relative to the new guidelines.
- Membership in the Nurse Licensure Compact does assist in clarifying the authority to practice when engaged in tele-nursing or interstate practice.

Recommendation of the Commission

The Nursing Supply and Demand Commission respectively request that the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Welfare Committee accept the Interim Report of the Commission and that the Commission be allowed to continue data collection and submit a final report

NCLEX Examination Correspondence For Candidates

Effective April 23, 2006 candidates applying to take the NCLEX examination who choose to provide an email address at the time of their registration, regardless of registration method, will receive the correspondence only by email. This is for correspondence with Pearson VUE, not correspondence with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Hard copy correspondence will only be sent to candidates who do not have an email address in the Pearson VUE system. If correspondence to an email address proves to be undeliverable, candidates will then be sent a copy of the undelivered correspondence by US mail.

Pearson VUE will send all of their correspondence via email if a candidate provided an email address. This includes the confirmation of registration; Authorization to Test (ATT); and confirmation of scheduled, rescheduled or un-scheduled appointments.

Please note that correspondence between the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the candidate will continue to be hard copy by mail.

License Renewal 2006

The online renewal process was very successful. Thank you to all the RNs and APRNs that participated in the online process. Seventy-two percent (72%) of RNs renewed online and eighty-one percent (81%) of APRNs renewed online. Let's make it 100% for next year. At the end of the renewal period 44,309 RNs renewed compared with 46,742 for last year. That is a reduction of 2,433. There were 2,531 APRNs that renewed compared 2,291 last year for an increase of 240. The staff is now processing the "Yes" answers from the paper and online renewals and will be addressing these licensees in the near future. More information regarding the changes in addresses and the number requesting licensure in other states will be forthcoming.

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University of Louisiana at Lafayette Receives NLN Excellence Award

UL Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions is one of only two (2) universities in the USA that received the National League for Nursing (NLN) prestigious Center of Excellence designation for Creating Environments That Promote Ongoing Faculty Development, 2005-2008. Only seven (7) nursing programs in the country have earned designations as Centers of Excellence in Nursing Education. UL Lafayette's honor was announced in October at the NLN's 2005 Education Summit in Baltimore, MD, which was attended by 1,400 nursing educators.

Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Model

The Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Model is accessible at the LSBN website, www.lsbn.state.la.us. This model was developed by a taskforce on articulation that was commissioned by the LSBN per the request of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (NSDC). This group had representation from all levels of nursing education as well as from the two boards of nursing. The model was adopted by both boards of nursing and was endorsed by the NSDC and presented to the Health Works Commission and to the Board of Regents. The model is comprehensive and is consistent with trends throughout the US. All programs preparing candidates for RN licensure have affirmed that they meet the requirements set forth in the model.

Disciplinary Actions

Armand, Paula Marie (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter clinical nursing courses with reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action; Failure to disclose.

Arnold, Bonnie Louise Lyons (Consent Order)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct

Bellow, Latasha Catrice (Consent Order)

12/16/05 Summarily suspended license. 03/03/06 Suspension of license continues with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement; upon reinstatement suspension of license will be stayed with probation for a minimum of 3 years.

Charges: Failure to Practice Nursing in Accordance with the Legal Standards of Nursing Practice.

Benoit, Gerald James (Consent Order)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Aiding or Abetting; Inappropriate Incomplete or Improper Documentation.

Bolomolo-Rivas, GERALYN ANN (Consent Order)

Suspension of license is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with a minimum of 5 years probation and stipulations.

Bordelon, Barbara Louise Rhodes (Consent Order)

Suspended license with a stay, probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies.

Bordelon Kellie Ann Henry

Suspension remains with stipulations and fine prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Drug Related; Narcotic discrepancies and Criminal Arrest.

Causey, Karen Renee Howard

(Settlement Order)

Reinstate license as a suspension with stay and probation for a minimum of 12 months with stipulations.

Cornay, Kathy Bellow (Consent Order)

Voluntarily surrendered license for a minimum of 2 years.

Dykes, Angela Renee Eason (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with a minimum of 2 years probation and stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

Erwin, Robin Jones (Consent Order)

Reinstate to active status with probation for a minimum of 5 years with supervised employment and stipulations.

Etheridge, Jimmie Carl (Consent Order)

Suspended license with a stay, probation 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Forest-Wallace, Phyllis Lynn (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement; upon reinstatement suspension of license will be stayed with probation for a minimum of 18 months with stipulations.

Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

Guillory, Mary Jeanene (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter or continue in clinical nursing courses on probation with stipulations.

Charges: Potential Illegal Drug Use.

Hale, Adam Jacob (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with a minimum of 3 years probation and stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest; Chemical Addiction.

Hall, Bryan Keith (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Disciplinary Actions

Harris, Zabrina Dishelle (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with a minimum of 2 years probation with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Actions; Failure to Disclose Timely.

Ihli, Johanna Marie (Consent Order)
Suspension of license is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with a minimum of 5 years probation and stipulations.

Kellogg, John Harold (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Langeley, Melanie Renee (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Little, Kenneth Duane (Consent Order)
6/14/05 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.
8/17/05 Reinstated license with probation for minimum 3 years with stipulations.

Marcotte, Lori Domino (Settlement Order) (Student)
1/18/06 Delayed approval to progress in clinical nursing courses or license by examination in LA.
2/20/06 Delayed approval to progress into the next clinical nursing course.
Charges: Action in another jurisdiction

Marshall, Elizabeth Lyle Craig (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement; upon reinstatement suspension shall be stayed with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest

Mc Curdy, Richard William (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Mc Intyre, Rita Ann Crain (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Menard, Sharelle Christine (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Merrill, Charlotte Ann Grant (Settlement Order)
Suspended license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards and Fraudulent Billing.

Owens, Candace Kristen
Suspended license with stipulations and fine for reinstatement.
Charges: Criminal Arrests

Pearce, Ashley Lorraine (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Parker, Sara Alison (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Richardson, Amber Nichole (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license for a minimum of 2 years.

Rogers, Kelly Lynn Weaver (Consent Order)
Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope of a Registered Nurse

Roy, Amy Elizabeth Broussard (Consent Order)
1/12/06 Summarily suspended license.
2/13/06 Suspension of license remains with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement; upon reinstatement suspension shall be stayed, probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Other

Seymour, Glenn Bradford (Consent Order)
Suspension of license is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with a minimum of 3 years probation with stipulations.

Sigur, Larry Peter (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter, continue, or progress in clinical nursing courses with letter of reprimand and stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Theriot, Lisa Hoder (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with minimum of 1 year probation and stipulations.
Charges: Prior Drug Use

Thomas, Stacey Renee Nunemacher (Consent Order)
Eligible to reinstate with stipulations; upon reinstatement, license shall be suspended with stay and probated for a minimum of 36 months with stipulations.

Thuringer, Susan Lee Hyde (Smith) (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Turchin, Janet Patricia Heiser (Consent Order)
Reprimand issued with stipulations.
Charges: Failure to Use Appropriate Judgement.

Verdun, Ashley Ann (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to progress in clinical nursing courses with a letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action; Failure to disclose.

Von Almen, Cheryl Elizabeth Patton (Consent Order)
Suspension of license is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with a minimum of 5 years probation and stipulations.

Woodard, Paula Deneen Henderson (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Zachary, Stephen Douglas (Consent Order)
Suspended license with a stay, probation for 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Diversion – Other and Theft

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Staff Vacancies

Registered Nurse Regional Manager

This is an administrative position responsible and accountable for collaboration with the Investigations Director to address a broad range of activities related to the compliance/investigation functions and the enforcement of the nurse practice act within a defined geographical area of the state. This Regional Manager will be stationed in the Baton Rouge Board office but will travel to the geographical area periodically.

Qualifications required and not limited to:

Possession of a valid license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana and a minimum of a bachelor's degree in nursing plus four years of professional nursing experience. Master's degree in Nursing preferred. Administrative and nursing practice experience preferred.

Starting salary is negotiable within the civil service range of a MS 521 level and includes compensation for education and experience.

Director of Education/Licensure

This highly responsible advanced level professional position requires a minimum of a master's in nursing preparation and Registered Nurse licensure. This individual is responsible and accountable for education and licensure functions to ensure that programs in nursing preparing students for licensure meet the standards of the Board of Nursing; and to ensure that individuals granted a license to practice as a Registered Nurse, applicants for licensure or students enrolling in clinical nursing courses are compliant with the requirements of the Board. Provides consultative services to schools of nursing and utilizes sound judgment to interpret and apply policies, regulations and procedures.

Qualifications required and not limited to:

Possession of a valid license to practice professional nursing plus a Master's degree in Nursing (Doctorate preferred) and five years of professional nursing experience. Administrative and nursing education experience preferred.

Starting salary is negotiable within the civil service range of a MS 523 level and includes compensation for education and experience.

Licensing Analyst and Licensing Assistant

These are support staff positions at civil service range of AS 608, 611, and 612.

Qualified candidates should mail, email or fax a resume with a cover letter, salary requirements and three references to: Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Attn: Human Resources, 5207 Essen Lane, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, en-nisj@lsbn.state.la.us or Fax 225-763-3580. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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Registered Nurse Practice/Licensure Manager

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Qualifications required and not limited to:

Possession of a valid license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana and a minimum of a bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing plus four years of professional nursing experience. Administrative and nursing practice experience preferred.

Starting salary is negotiable within the civil service range of a MS 521 level and includes compensation for education and experience.

Board Meeting Dates

Board meeting and the bi-annual meeting of the Advisory Council will held on the following dates:

<u>Closed Board Meetings</u>	<u>Open Board Meetings</u>	<u>Advisory Council</u>	<u>Committee Meetings</u>
June 12-13, 2006 September 11-12, 2006 December 4-5, 2006	June 14, 2006 September 13, 2006 December 6, 2006	September 11, 2006	July 25-26, 2006 October 24-25, 2006 January 23-24, 2007

2006 State Holidays

Memorial Day (by proclamation)	Monday, May 29, 2006 *
Independence Day (statute)	Tuesday, July 4, 2006
Labor Day (statute)	Monday, September 4, 2006
Veteran's Day (statute)	Friday, November 10, 2006
Thanksgiving Day (statute)	Thursday, November 23, 2006
Acadian Day (by proclamation)	Friday, November 24, 2006 *
Christmas Day (statute)	Monday, December 25, 2006
New Year's Day (statute)	Monday, January 1, 2007

* Holidays listed "by proclamation" are not legal holidays until proclaimed by the governor of Louisiana.

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HAS YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGED?

If so, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 5207 Essen Lane, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

This is a change of:

____Name (*Documentation Required*)* ____Address ____Replacement Card Needed**

* Copy of a marriage license, divorce decree with name restoration clause, or other legal document granting a name change is required.

** A licensee who wishes a license card replaced because of a change in name or address must return the current license card to the Board, give information that is to be changed, and pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.

For identification, please provide one of the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (area code/number)

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (area code/number)

No Fee for Name or Address Change (Copy as Needed)

LEGAL DUTY TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE

Every RN with a Louisiana license is responsible for immediately notifying the Board office in writing of any name or address change. Correspondence from the Board, such as licensure renewal, notice of Board Actions printed in The Examiner which may affect the license, as well as disciplinary charges and notice of hearing are mailed to the last known address of the Registered Nurse. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times. Failure to properly notify the Board of one's current address can result in a lapsed license, noncompliance with regulations of the Board, or disciplinary action in the nurse's absence. **Correspondence to the last known address is legal notice.**