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### 2008-2009 State Holidays

Memorial Day (by proclamation)	Monday, May 25, 2009
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2009
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2009
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2009

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

### Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

#### **Committee Meetings**

July 21, 2009  
October 20, 2009  
January 20, 2010

*(Administrative, Credentialing, Education, Compliance,  
and Practice Committees)*

#### **Board Meetings**

June 8, 9, & 10, 2009  
September 14, 15, & 16, 2009  
December 7, 8, & 9, 2009  
March 15, 16, & 17, 2009

#### **Advisory Council Meetings**

September 14, 2009

### Lost and Stolen Licenses

The list of lost and stolen licenses for Spring 2009 is located at the LSBN website at

<http://www.lsbm.state.la.us/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerSpring2009LostLicenses.pdf>

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## Board Notices

### Prescription Monitoring Program

Act 676 of the 2006 Louisiana Legislature authorized the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to develop, implement and operate an electronic system for the monitoring of controlled substances and other drugs of concern dispensed in the state or dispensed to an address within the state. The goal of the program is to improve the state's ability to identify and inhibit the diversion of controlled substances and other drugs of concern in an efficient and cost-effective manner and in a manner that shall not impede the appropriate utilization of these drugs for legitimate medical purposes.

To assist the Board of Pharmacy, the enabling legislation created the PMP Advisory Council. The council consists of 25 member organizations representing the professional membership organizations of all prescribers and dispensers, the regulatory agencies monitoring those prescribers and dispensers, substance abuse treatment professionals, and law enforcement professionals representing federal, state, and local agencies. The legislation enumerates the duties of the council, which shall provide information and advice regarding the development and operation of the electronic monitoring system.

The program requires dispensers (pharmacies as well as other practitioners dispensing to their patients) of controlled substances and other drugs of concern to report the essential data elements of those transactions to the program. The program houses the data in a secure database and makes that information available to authorized users – primarily prescribers and dispensers caring for their own patients. Regulatory agencies monitoring prescribers and dispensers also have access to that information. Law enforcement agencies may also access that information, provided they have acquired the appropriate administrative warrants or other judicial documents.

The legislature has not appropriated any funds for the operation of the program; rather, the operational expenditures are funded through the annual collection of a service fee levied on the following prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances: physicians, podiatrists, dentists, optometrists, advance practice registered nurses, physician assistants, medical psychologists, as well as every pharmacy licensed by the Board of Pharmacy. Veterinarians were specifically excluded. This PMP fee shall not exceed \$25 and is collected at the time of renewal of the Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) License, which is also issued by the Board of Pharmacy. In the event the legislature sees fit to appropriate full funding for the program, then no fees shall be collected from the prescribers or dispensers.

“Prescription Monitoring Program.” Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. 15 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.labp.com/meetings/pmp/PMP%20-%20General%20Information.pdf>>

## Board Notices

### Expedited Partner Therapy

The 2008 Louisiana Legislature passed a law that authorizes Expedited Partner Therapy in this state. When treating a patient diagnosed with gonorrhea or chlamydia, one alternative procedure now available to a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant to assist other individuals who may have been exposed to gonorrhea or chlamydia is the issuance of a prescription for the appropriate antibiotic to that partner even in the absence of a physical examination or other physician-patient relationship. As you know, pharmacy laws and rules require that a prescription be issued only in the context of a legitimate physician-patient relationship. The legislature recognized the public health imperative for the prompt treatment of persons exposed to gonorrhea or chlamydia, and specifically authorized pharmacists to recognize prescriptions authorized under Expedited Partner Therapy as legitimate, notwithstanding any other provision of laws or rules to the contrary. The 2008 legislation required the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to promulgate the rules necessary to implement this program, and those rules became final on February 20, 2009. We have enclosed a copy of the law with this bulletin.

**Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950**  
**Title 40 – Public Health and Safety**  
**Chapter 5 – Miscellaneous Health**  
**Provisions**

**Part I. Venereal Diseases**

**§1064.1 Expedited partner therapy**

A. The purpose of this Section is to allow for the provision of medications or prescriptions by any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or any advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed to practice nursing in this state, or any physician assistant who is licensed to practice in this state, provided such physician or nurse or physician assistant has the authority to write prescriptions in this state, to individuals who may have been exposed to gonorrhea or chlamydia. Expedited partner therapy is hereby authorized absent a doctor-patient relationship and absent clinical assessment.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any physician or any advanced practice registered nurse who diagnoses or does a nurse clinical

assessment or any physician assistant who performs an examination of a case of chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient may prescribe, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners absent a doctor-patient relationship or absent an advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship and without examination or nurse clinical assessment or physician assistant examination of that patient's sexual partner or partners.

C. If expedited partner therapy is chosen as an alternative, the patient with a case of chlamydia or gonorrhea will be given a written document that he agrees to give to his sexual contact. The document will contain, but will not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) The sexual contact should be examined and treated by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant, if at all possible.
- (2) The medicine or prescription for medicine given to the sexual contact by the patient should not be taken by the contact if the contact has a history of allergy to the antibiotic or to the pharmaceutical class of antibiotic in which case the sexual contact should be examined and treated by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant and offered another type of antibiotic treatment.
- (3) The medicine or prescription for medicine given to the sexual contact by the patient should not be taken by the contact if the contact is pregnant, in which case the sexual contact should be examined by the prenatal health care provider.

D. Any pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in this state may recognize a prescription authorized by this Section as valid notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rule to the contrary.

E. The provisions of this Section which relate to expedited partner therapy shall be implemented according to rules promulgated by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

*(Added by Act 449 of 2008 Louisiana Legislature, effective August 15, 2008)*

**[Editor's Note:** *The administrative rule required by Subsection E was promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals at LAC 51:117.H, effective February 20, 2009.]*

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## Board Notices

### Louisiana Supreme Court Denies LSBN Writ

On April 13, 2009, the Louisiana Supreme Court denied the writ application of the LSBN and the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetist (LANA) in the matter of Spine Diagnostics vs. LSBN. Joining in support of the LANA and the LSBN and filing amicus briefs were the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, Louisiana Hospital Association, National Council of State Boards of Nursing and , jointly, the American Nurses Association, Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana Alliance of Nursing Organizations.

The Supreme Court action to deny the writ exhaust the options to the LANA, and the LSBN to seek a court remedy in this matter. . The January 18, 2008 judgement of the 19th Judicial District Court declaring the practice of interventional pain management as solely the practice of medicine has been upheld.

### Louisiana Joins Licensure Verification System

#### Employers/Public

In addition to the availability to verify registered nurse licensure on-line at the LSBN website, you now have the option of verifying registered nurse licensure on the National Council of State Board's of Nursing's (NCSBN) secure, online verification system, ([www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com)).

This new option can increase your efficiency in verifying nurse licenses and/or checking a nurse's discipline status for employment decisions in that the nursys.com Web site contains data obtained directly from the licensure systems of the participating boards of nursing through frequent, secured updates. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensure status must still be obtained at the LSBN web site as APRN licensure verification is not yet a component of NURSYS®

### Louisiana Joins Licensure Verification System (Cont...)

Employers and the general public can now verify licenses and receive a report within minutes, free of charge. This report will contain the name, jurisdiction, license type, license number, license status, expiration date and any discipline against the license of the nurse being verified.

#### Registered Nurses (RN)

When a registered nurse applies for endorsement into a state, verification of existing or previously held licenses may be required. A nurse can use Nursys.com to request verification of licensure from a Nursys licensure participating board

Verifications can be processed by completing the online Nursys verification process. The fee for this service is \$30.00 per license type for each state board of nursing where the nurse is applying. Nursys license verification is sent to the endorsing board immediately. Please visit [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) for more details.

A short tutorial video on how to use Nursys.com is available for both the employers/public 'Quick Confirm' search as well as RNs seeking official verification under 'Nurse License Verification' Please visit [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) to 'Click to view Help Video' option.

A list of participating boards can be found at [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com).

For more information, email [nursys@ncsbn.org](mailto:nursys@ncsbn.org), call 312.525.3780 or visit Nursys.com

#### Advanced Practice Registered Nurses(APRN)

At this time Nursys.com is not able to provide verification of an APRN license. To endorse licensure credentials out of state official verification of your APRN licensure must be requested from LSBN in writing, usually on the form required of the receiving state board. The form is submitted with a \$25.00 verification fee, payable by money order to the LSBN. The LSBN will verify both RN and APRN licensure status, so it is not necessary to complete the Nursys license verification request in addition.

## Staff Job Opportunities

### Director of Education/Licensure

#### **Registered Nurse-Nurse Practice Consultant (MS-523):**

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing invites interested applicants to apply for the position of Director of Education/Licensure. This highly responsible advanced level professional position is responsible and accountable for education and licensure functions. The salary range for this position is from \$56,700.80 to \$113,235.20. The salary will be based on the candidate's education and experience. Retirement benefits may be transferred through a rollover system with the Louisiana State Deferred Compensation plan. For information on how to apply, please read the section "How to apply" on the last page. Responsibilities of this position include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that educational programs in nursing prepare students for licensure that meet the standards of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing;
- Ensure that individuals granted a license to practice as a Registered Nurse and/or applicants for licensure or students enrolling in clinical nursing courses are compliant with the requirements of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing;
- Provides consultative services to schools of nursing and utilizes sound judgment to interpret and apply policies, regulations and procedures;
- Provide direct supervision to the Licensing Analysts and Licensing Assistants;
- Requires management/supervision experience as well as knowledge and experience in nursing education;
- Requires frequent contact with schools of nursing, employers and law enforcement agencies as well as other regulatory agencies in Louisiana and/or nationally;
- The collection, analysis and dissemination of data relative to nursing education and licensure are inherent in this role;

This position is responsible to the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and is a classified appointment;

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Citizen of the US;
- Possession of a valid, unencumbered, license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana; or eligible for Louisiana licensure;
- A Doctorate's degree in nursing;
- Varied experience in nursing, including, but not limited to at least five (5) years of successful experience in nursing education;
- History of involvement in professional organizations;
- Strong leadership abilities that includes group process and conflict resolution;
- Creativity and vision on the future of nursing and nursing education;
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills;
- Can establish and maintain positive interpersonal relationships;
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing;
- Personal and professional integrity;
- Objectivity;
- Knowledge of the functions of state government;
- Ability to prioritize and excellent time management skills;
- Ability to travel as needed;
- Commitment to the purpose and mission of the Louisiana Board of Nursing;
- Ability to operate office equipment. Must have Microsoft computer skills and be able to access and

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### Director of Education/Licensure (Cont...)

accomplish on-line processing through mainframe and networked systems, world-wide web (Internet), and central data systems and ability to identify problems for users and make recommendations for resolutions of problems in operation of same;

- Ability to sit and stand for long periods;
- Ability to lift thirty (30) pounds;

#### How to Apply:

Please, enter the following link to create your LA CAREERS "Applicant Login" for the Civil Service job posting "Registered Nurse-Nurse Practice Consultant": <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/louisiana/default.cfm>. Click the "Applicant Login" text link to get to the "Login" screen. You will need to click on the "Not Registered Yet? - [Create Your Account Here!](#)" text link. Enter your personal information on the "Create Account" screen and when you are finished click on the "Save" button.

If you need more assistance you can review the "Online Employment Application Guide" text link on the "Current Job Opportunities" screen. Once you are ready to apply, scroll down to the bottom and search for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing "Registered Nurse-Nurse Practice Consultant" job posting.

Please mail your resume, a cover letter that addresses how your qualifications satisfy this position's criteria, three (3) letters of professional recommendations to: Mr. David Young (HR Analyst); Louisiana State Board of Nursing; 17373 Perkins Road; Baton Rouge, LA. 70810.

### Louisiana Center for Nursing Director

#### Registered Nurse-Nurse Practice Consultant (MS-523):

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing agency invites interested applicants to apply for the position of Director, Louisiana Center for Nursing. The Center was authorized through Senate Concurrent Resolution 152 of the 2008 Regular Legislative Session in order to address the issues surrounding the supply and demand of the nursing workforce in Louisiana. The salary range for this position is from \$56,700.80 to \$113,235.20. The salary will be based on the candidate's education and experience. Retirement benefits may be transferred through a rollover system with the Louisiana State Deferred Compensation plan. For information on how to apply, please read the section "How to apply" on the last page. This is an administrative position responsible for a broad range of activities related to nursing workforce issues and establishment of the Center. Responsibilities of this position include but are not limited to:

- Strategic development and program administration through identification of priorities and the establishment of nursing supply and demand databases;
  - Collaboration and communication with other relevant nursing and non-nursing organizations and agencies to describe and predict current and future need for nursing services, education, and research;
  - Identification of trends in nursing practice, nursing legislative, and regulatory policies, political action, and policies related to nursing workforce and health care;
  - Oversight of all project planning, funding, research design, and program outcomes;
- This position is responsible to the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and is a classified appointment;

#### Preferred Qualifications:

- Citizen of the US;
- Possession of a valid, unencumbered, license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana; or eligible for Louisiana licensure;
- Minimum of a Master's degree in nursing,

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### Louisiana Center for Nursing Director (Cont...)

- Varied experience in nursing, including, but not limited to at least five (5) years of successful experience in clinical nursing practice
  - Broad concept of nursing practice and the ability to interpret the role of nursing in society effectively;
  - History of involvement in professional organizations;
  - Strong leadership abilities that includes group process and conflict resolution;
  - Creativity and vision on the future of nursing and health care and need for and sustainability of the Center for Nursing;
  - Knowledge of grant writing and health services research and design methodologies;
  - Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills;
  - Can establish and maintain positive interpersonal relationships;
  - Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing;
  - Personal and professional integrity;
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## NCLEX Pass Rates of First Time Candidates for 2008

**Performance of First Time Candidates of Nursing Education Programs in Louisiana on NCLEX-RN, regardless of where taking examination, January 1 - December 31, 2008.**

<b>Nursing Programs</b>	<b>Number of Candidates</b>	<b>Number Passing</b>	<b>Percent Passing</b>
<b><u>Associate Degree</u></b>			
BRCC	NA	NA	NA
Charity/Delgado	266	231	86.84
Fletcher Tech. CC	NA	NA	NA
LSU Alexandria	96	85	88.54
LSU Eunice	52	44	84.62
Louisiana Tech	64	56	87.50
McNeese	30	27	90.00
Nicholls	5	5	100.00
Northwestern	76	64	84.21
Our Lady of Lake Coll.	235	215	91.49
Southern Shreveport	50	49	98.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>88.79</b>
<b><u>Diploma</u></b>			
Baton Rouge General	37	36	97.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>97.30</b>
<b><u>Baccalaureate</u></b>			
Dillard	9	9	100.00
Grambling	64	58	90.63
Louisiana College	28	24	85.71
LSU Hlth Sciences Center	147	121	82.31
McNeese	122	108	88.52
Nicholls	114	102	89.47
Northwestern	119	110	92.44
Our Lady Holy Cross	35	33	94.29
Southeastern	149	135	90.60
Southern	119	112	94.12
Univ of LA Lafayette	124	120	96.77
Univ of LA Monroe	71	70	98.59
William Carey – N. O.	11	11	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>91.10</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>90.21</b>

## Major Motions of the March 9-11, 2009 Board Meeting

### Practice Issues

**Adopted** the opinion that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to independently monitor a patient during the abdominal paracentesis, change bottle/collection device until flow of ascites fluid stops. The RN may ~~remove the Trocar and~~ (See Nurse Practice Opinion 09.01) dress the site. The physician must be in the endoscopy center during this process.

**Approved** "Consensus Document – Dermatological and Cosmetic procedures Performed by Registered Nurses" to continue collaboration with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME)

### Compliance Issues

**Approved** the following revision to LAC 46:XLVII.3405. A. Other Causes.n,

Currently reads-

Failing to report, through the proper channels, facts known regarding the incompetent, unethical, or illegal practice of any health care provider.

Proposed Change-

Failing to report, through the proper channels, facts known regarding the incompetent, unethical, illegal practice, suspected or possible impairment due to/from controlled or mood-altering drugs; alcohol; or mental or physical condition of any health care provider.

**Approved** staff's request to decrease frequency of RNP program reports to every other month for employers, group facilitators and aftercare reports. Calendars will be documented monthly but submitted every other month.

### Credentialing Issues

**Accepted** the rule change to have letters "J" and "K" added to LAC:46XLVII:3330 Criminal History Record which read as follows:

J. If the fingerprints are returned from the Department of Public Safety as inadequate or unreadable, the applicant, or licensee must submit a second set of fingerprints and fees, if applicable, for submission to the Department of Public Safety.

If the applicant or licensee fails to submit necessary information, fees, and or fingerprints, the applicant or licensee may be denied licensure on the basis of an incomplete application or, if licensed, denied renewal, until such time as the applicant or licensee submits the applicable documents and fee.

**Approved** the request from Southern Arkansas University Department of Nursing to use a Clinical Site in Louisiana.

**Approved** the request from Earl K. Long Hospital to approve CE for their program on "Interventions and Managements in Aggressive Behavior in all Louisiana Health System Hospitals"

**Approved** the request from Louisiana Delta Community College to continue to implement the steps required to establish a new associate of science in nursing program and grant initial approval to admit students in the Fall of 2009 pending the appointment of nursing program head.

**Accepted** the Annual Report and continued initial approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Fletcher Technical Community College.

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### Credentialing Issues (Cont...)

**Accepted** the Annual Report and continued full approval of the following programs:

#### Diploma programs

Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

#### Associate degree programs

Baton Rouge Community College.  
Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing.  
Louisiana State University at Alexandria.  
Louisiana State University at Eunice.  
Louisiana Tech University.  
Nicholls State University and commended them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.  
McNeese State University.  
Northwestern State University and restore full approval.  
Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing.  
Southern University at Shreveport.

#### Baccalaureate degree programs

Dillard University, and commended them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.  
Grambling State University.  
Louisiana College  
Louisiana State University Health Science Center.  
McNeese State University.  
Nicholls State University.  
Northwestern State University.  
Our Lady of the Holy Cross College.  
Southeastern Louisiana University.  
Southern University at Baton Rouge.  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette.  
University of Louisiana at Monroe.

William Carey College and continued full approval and commended them on their 100% pass rate.

**Accepted** the Annual Reports from the following graduate programs preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure and continue full approval status for:

Grambling State University  
Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing Program  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
Loyola University  
Northwestern State University  
Our Lady of the Lake College  
Southern University

### Continuing Education with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing

The Board receives many calls about places to find continuing education on ethics, medication, administration, documentation, boundaries, etc. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing offers these topics and others at [www.learningext.com](http://www.learningext.com).

## Disciplinary Actions from the March 9-11, 2009 Board Meeting

The files of 69 registrants were reviewed with a total of 75 following actions taken (some individuals had more than one action):

### Reinstatements

Granted/Stipulations/Active	6
Granted/Inactive	1
Denied/Delay	1
Denied/Ratify	1

### Discipline Actions

Summary Suspension (Ratify)	1
Suspended/Stipulations	11
Voluntary Surrender	3
Automatic Suspension/Ratify Staff Action	17
Suspend with Stay/Probate	7
Reprimand	3
Other	1

### Endorsement

Deny/Delayed/Ratify Staff Action	1
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### Education

Applicant: NCLEX Approved/Probation/Stipulations	3
Student: Automatic Suspensions (Clinical Nursing)	1
Student: Clinical Approve/Probation/Stipulations	10
Student: Clinical Deny/Delay/Stipulations	2

### Special Statistics Included in Above

Consent Orders	42
Settlement Orders	4
Applicant: NCLEX	3
Student's Clinical	12

## Disciplinary Actions from the March 9-11, 2009 Board Meeting

### Legend

#### Actions

**CO** : Consent Order

**S** : Student

**R** : Ratified

**SO** : Settlement Order

**A** : Applicant

**VS** : Voluntary Surrender

**RNP** : Recovering Nurse Program

**Abdulhalim, Eyad Lutfi (CO) (A)**  
Approved to take the NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

**Allen, Ebonyaeda Sade (CO) (A)**  
Approved to take the NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 6 months with stipulations.

**Anderson, Lauren Rae (CO)**  
Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

**Arias, Sherri Bowman (R)**  
License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Arnold, Derrick Ryan (CO) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.  
Charges: Positive Drug Screen

**Babcock, Nancy Seward (VS)**  
Voluntarily surrendered license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement.

**Barlow, Amy Cureington (CO)**  
Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

**Benitez, Myra Melancon (CO)**  
License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.  
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse

**Bergeron, Elizabeth Lee (CO) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.  
Charges: Criminal Conviction

**Bernard, Cora Ricaud (Settlement Order) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.  
Charges: Action by Another Jurisdiction

**Blankenship, Lonnie Lynn (CO)**  
12/23/08, License is summarily suspended.  
1/12/09, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.  
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Unable to Practice Safely by reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse

**Brown, Kati Trygg (R)**  
License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Brown, Wedon Allen (CO) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years (or until graduation) with stipulations.  
Charges: Criminal Convictions

**Brunt, Edward Alvin (CO) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.  
Charges: Other: Criminal Arrest

**Buchert, Francesca De Silva (R)**  
License suspended for a minimum of 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Cabrera, Juan Pablo (CO)**  
Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Obtaining Medication for Personal Use

**Chiasson, Nicole Rene (CO) (S)**  
Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 (until graduation) with stipulations.  
Charges: Other: Criminal Arrests

**Conner, Terri Lynn (R)**  
License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Cook, Courtney B. (CO)**  
License suspended with a stay, probated for 1 year with stipulations.  
Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

**Cooper, Roslyn Laine (R)**  
License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Entrekin, Kristen M (CO)**  
Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

**Faulk, Jillene Parkerson (R)**  
License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Fontana, Kristi Carr (CO)**  
Both the RN and APRN licenses of this registrant are suspended, with a stay of said suspension, and that both are probated for 2 years with stipulations.  
Charges: License Revocation, Suspension or Other Disciplinary Action Taken by a Federal or Local Licensing Authority

**Franklin, Raymond Alvin (CO)**  
Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

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**Frost, Brandin Lynn (R)**

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Fry, Julie Richardson (CO)**

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Criminal Conviction; Possession of Cocaine; Use of Illegal Narcotics

**Garcia, Rachel Calix (R)**

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Goyette, Margaret Beck (CO) (S)**

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Positive Drug Screen

**Graphia, Shelly St Cyr (CO)**

License is suspended with a stay, probated for 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Sexual Misconduct; Unauthorized Dispensing of Medication

**Herpin, Heather Moss (R) (S)**

Approval to continue/progress in clinical nursing courses is suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Holder, Julie Shirley (CO)**

Suspension stayed, license is reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

**Johnson, Angela Dousay**

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

**Johnson, Lucille Coggins (SO) (S)**

1/9/09 Ineligible to enter or progress into clinical nursing courses until the disciplinary action has been cleared with the LPN Board.

1/26/09 Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses continues.

**Johnson, Tammy Waxham (R)**

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Koehler, Leah Ann (R)**

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**La Prease, Julie Nash (R)**

Suspended a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Levine, Melanie Marie (SO) (S)**

2/10/09 Denied approval for clinical nursing courses based on the commitment or conviction of a crime which involves distribution of drugs.

2/16/09 Applicant is granted approval of clinical nursing courses in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.333 I.A4.

**Marretta, Beverly Bard (CO)**

The license of this Respondent is suspended for a minimum of one year contingent upon adherence to stipulations; Respondent is then eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of four years upon successful completion of the period of suspension and the applicable reinstatement process.

Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice

**Marshall, Cebrin Keith (CO)**

The license of the Registrant is suspended, with a stay of said suspension, and that the license is probated for 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or other Violation of Drug Statutes

**Moss, GERALYN Michelle (R)**

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non compliance with Board Order.

**Napolitano, Kathleen Mary Milliken (R)**

License suspended for a minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Nash, Shelly Maggio (R)**

RN and APRN licenses are summarily suspended.

**Netherton, Lisa Roberts (CO)**

12/09/08, Temporary Permit recalled. 3/09/09, Recall of temporary permit continues, to deny license by endorsement with eligibility to reapply for licensure after having completed required stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes

**O'Quinn, Kelly Anne (R)**

Licensure by Endorsement is delayed.

**Peterson, Dana Latrice (SO)**

Denied request for reinstatement of license with stipulations.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance

**Plaisance, Crystal Colleen Rogers (R)**

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Priour, David William (CO) (S)**

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Other

**Rivers, Wanda Marie (CO)**

A letter of reprimand shall be issued and become a part of this Registrant's permanent file regarding the incident which brought her before the Board; further, she shall comply with stipulations.

Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice

**Rodgers, Gerald David (R)**

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

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### **Romero, April Eve (CO)**

12/11/08, License is summarily suspended.

2/16/09, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Unauthorized Prescribing of Medication; Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Fraud – Forging Unauthorized Prescriptions; Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice; Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

### **Salvadrás, Kellie Lavergne (CO)**

Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

### **Sansone, Linda Hood (CO)**

Suspension of license stayed, license is reinstated with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

### **Schmitt, Georgiann Paul (CO)**

Voluntary Surrender of license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

### **Soavern, Kimberly (CO)**

License is suspended with a stay, probated for 2 years with stipulations. Charges: Improperly Obtaining a Pain Medication Prescription and Failure to Submit to a For-Cause Drug Test.

### **Simoneaux, Sunny Morales (CO)**

License is suspended for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Practice without a Valid License; Violation of or a Failure to Comply with Licensing Board Order; Unable to Practice safely due to Alcohol or other substance Abuse; Diversion of Controlled Substance

### **Slavich, Kathryn Joyce Canton (R)**

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

### **Smith, Suzanne (CO)**

The license of this Respondent is suspended and Respondent may request reinstatement contingent upon meeting stipulations as well as the applicable reinstatement process.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Physical Illness or Impairment

### **Southerland, Steve Landon (CO) (A)**

Approved to take the NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 18 months with stipulations.

### **Stancil, Ronald Wayne (CO)**

Delayed reinstatement until stipulations are complete; thereafter, eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 3 years.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance

### **Theard, Marilyn Barnes (FO)**

The automatic suspension of November 10, 2008 is ratified, the license shall remain suspend, and Respondent shall not be able to request license reinstatement until satisfaction of reinstatement application requirements and upon completion of stipulations.

### **Toups, Roxanne Snell (R)**

License suspended due to Action by Another Jurisdiction.

### **Usry, Brenden Cade (CO)**

Suspension of license stayed and reinstated to inactive status with stipulations prior to requesting an active license.

### **Villemarette, Jason Paul (CO) (S)**

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Other: Criminal Arrests

### **Williams, Laketra Lynette (CO)**

License is suspended, with a stay of said suspension, probated for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction

### **Williams, Lorraine Keller (CO)**

A letter of reprimand shall be issued and become a part of this Registrant's permanent file regarding the incident which brought her before the Board; further, she shall comply with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction

### **Williams, Rita Marie (CO)**

License is suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely

### **Williams, Tammy Davis (R) (S)**

Action on request to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses is delayed until you appear before the Board for review due to the conviction of Medicaid Fraud

### **Windecker, Heather Holton (CO)**

1/13/09, License summarily suspended. 2/16/09, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of alcohol or Other Substance Abuse; Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statues

### **Young, Amy Miller (VS)**

Voluntarily surrendered license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

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