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Please be advised that the Louisiana Office of Public Health is establishing a database of Registered Nurses who are willing to volunteer in the event of a natural or man made disaster. If you are willing and interested in participating in emergency response activities (responding to disasters), please submit your name, contact address, phone numbers, and email address to the Louisiana Office of Public Health by email dbrown@dhh.state.la.us , or fax 504-568-5142, or mail to Louisiana Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, Nursing Service, 325 Loyola Ave, Room 315, New Orleans, LA 70112.

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Kathleen Marshall, Imposter, DOB 03/09/57 has presented herself as an RN in the New Orleans area but does not hold a license here nor in any other state. She is a resident of California and formerly held an LPN license from that state. Please note that there are other individuals duly licensed in Louisiana with this name, additional identifying information such as date of birth should be verified to determine the impostor.

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ONLINE LICENSE AND PERMIT STATUS

The status of licenses and permits can now be verified using the Board's new ONLINE LICENSE STATUS SYSTEM. The system may be accessed on the Board's website at www.lsnb.state.la.us. Once on the site, the individual checking the license or permit must click on "Online License Status", select the License/Permit Type (i.e. Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Endorsement Permit, Exam Permit, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Permit or Prescriptive Authority) and enter the license number or social security number as applicable. The response will either be that the license number is not active or if the license is active, it will indicate the individual's name and expiration date of the license or permit.

NOTE: Online or phone status checks are not intended to replace visual inspection of licenses or permits. This type of verification of licensure does not substitute for official verification to other state boards of Nursing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

The Continuing Education Audit for compliance in 2003 is in progress. One thousand one hundred fifty-eight (1,158) RNs were randomly selected and notifications were sent out on February 10, 2003. As of May 9, 2003 1118 or 96% of the RN's selected for the audit have verified compliance. Failure to respond to satisfactorily complete the audit will result in the license of the individual to become invalidated and may result in disciplinary action

Reminder: Continuing education is mandated for relicensure as follows: (LAC 46:XLVII.3335.C.1.a-e.)

- **a minimum of 5 Board approved contact hours of continuing education and full-time practice as a registered nurse during the previous calendar year; or**
- **a minimum of 10 Board approved contact hours of continuing education and a minimum of 160 hours of practice as a registered nurse during the previous calendar year; or**
- **a minimum of 15 Board approved contact hours of continuing education during the previous calendar year; or**
- **initial licensure by examination or by endorsement during the previous calendar year; or**
- **current certification in a specialty area of nursing by a certifying body whose requirements have been approved by the Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the above requirements.**

Contact hours must be from an approved provider of the Board, an American Nurses Credentialing Center approved provider, or approved by another Board of Nursing. The individual registrant is responsible for compliance with these requirements. Should you have questions concerning the audit, please call Ellienne T. Tate, Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure at 504-838-5385 or Charlann Kable, Licensing Analyst at 504-838-5398.

OUT OF STATE REGISTERED NURSE GRADUATE STUDENTS IN LOUISIANA CLINICAL FACILITIES

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) was recently notified that out of state graduate nurse programs have graduate students in clinical facilities for practice without having requested permission from the LSBN. LAC 46:XLVII.4509.2.b. states, *Out-of-state schools shall request in writing to the Board and have approved, any request to initiate a clinical practicum in Louisiana. The following information relative to advance practice registered nurse student(s) shall be submitted:*

- i. *student(s) name*
- ii. *the clinical practice setting*
- iii. *the credentials of the instructor/preceptor*
- iv. *evidence of RN licensure in Louisiana*

All programs in nursing seeking to place for clinical practice, advanced practice registered nurse students in Louisiana clinical facilities must seek approval from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE MARCH 12, 2003 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Adopted the proposed committee meeting date change for January 2004 to January 26-27, 2003 and correction of Advisory Council meeting date to April 14, 2003.

Authorized Barbara L. Morvant, Executive Director to negotiate a five-year lease and to authorize activities to seek statutory authority authorizing the acquisition of immovable property.

Adopted Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3308.Public comments at Meetings of the Board.

Approved for Adoption Rule LAC 46:XLVII.4507.Licensure as Advanced Practice Registered Nurse for publication in the Louisiana Register effective April 20, 2003.

CREDENTIALING ISSUES

Approved the Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse-Advanced (CRRN-A) by the Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the continuing education requirements for certification in a specialty area to meet CE requirements for relicensure.

Denied approval of the Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse-Advanced (CRRN-A) by the Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board as not meeting the Board's criteria to be recognized as an advanced practice certification program for advanced practice licensure.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Accepted the 2001-2002 Annual Reports for the following associate and baccalaureate degree programs and continue full approval:

Associate Degree Programs

- Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing
- Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Louisiana State University at Eunice
- Louisiana Tech University
- Northwestern State University
- Our Lady of the Lake College

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

- Dillard University
- Louisiana College
- Louisiana State University Health Science Center
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Our Lady of Holy Cross College
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- Southern University
- University of Louisiana at Monroe
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- William Carey College

Accepted the annual report from McNeese State University ADN program and restored full approval based on a 95% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2002.

Accepted the annual report from Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing, Diploma program, continued full approval and commended them for 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2002.

Accepted the annual report from Nicholls State University, ASN program, continued full approval and commended them for 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2002.

Accepted the annual report from Grambling State University, BSN program and placed them on conditional approval for the second consecutive year due to an NCLEX-RN pass rate below 80%. (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B). Further, Grambling is to submit a plan to the LSBN within 30 days of the LSBN Board Meeting that identifies the reasons for the performance of their graduates on the NCLEX-RN and the proposed actions to assure compliance with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B.

Accepted the annual reports and continued full approval status for the following graduate programs preparing candidates for advance practice registered nurse licensure:

- Grambling State University
- Loyola University
- McNeese State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- Southern University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Accepted the annual report for Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Graduate Program and continue full approval and request that they collect and submit to the LSBN, information on the pass rate of their graduates on the national certifying examinations for which they prepared.

Accepted the site-visit report to the Division of Nursing, Louisiana College and granted full continuing approval with two suggestions as follows:

1. Continue to review faculty workloads relative to the workload of other college faculty and in light of the other responsibilities of the faculty in accordance with LAC 446:XLVII.3515.H.
2. Seek to enhance and expand learning resources.

Approved the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College, ADN Program, Summit, MS, for the use of Louisiana clinical facilities for Fall 2003 through Fall 2005.

Approved the request of Louisiana State Penitentiary for re-approval of continuing education provider status for two years, beginning April 2003 through April 2005.

Approved the request of LSU at Eunice for minor curriculum changes and accepted notice of their intent to change the title of the degree from Associate in Nursing to Associate of Science in Nursing.

Approved the request of Rebecca Harris-Smith to recognize her academic credentials as equivalent to a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4, to qualify her for a faculty position.

Approved the requests for faculty exceptions: Ratified staff action and approved the following requests for exception to LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.3.6. "Faculty Qualifications":

Tammy Jean Songy Callegan and Penny Carol Mitchell Vanpelt, Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

Approved the recommendation that the Board include the cost for deliberation time as part of the hearing charged at the same increment of pay as they do the hearing.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following nursing practice opinions:

CPT Codes: The Program Director, Bureau of Health Services Financing, DHH requested that the Board of Nursing render an opinion regarding the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners (CNP) performing certain CPT codes.

That it is within the scope of the practice of certified nurse practitioners (CNP) to perform the following CPT codes:

99223 Initial hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of high complexity.

99233 Subsequent hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of high complexity.

99245 Office consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of high complexity.

99263 Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient that requires medical decision making of high complexity.

A9502 Supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent

J0510 Injection, Benzquinamide HCL

J1245 Injection, Dipyrindamole

J3490 Unclassified drugs

78990 Provision of diagnostic radio pharmaceutical(s)

90801 Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination

90805 Individual psychotherapy...(20-30 minutes face-to-face)...with medical evaluation and management services

90807 Individual psychotherapy...(45-50 minutes face-to-face)...with medical evaluation & management services

90862 Pharmacologic management, including prescription....
That the following CPT codes are within the certified nurse practitioners (CNP) authorized scope of practice:

- 81001** Urinalysis: automated with microscopy
- 87070** Chemistry: any other source except urine, blood, or stool...
- 87149** Microbiology identification by nucleic acid probe
- 87210** Wet mount for infectious agents
- 87220** Tissue examination by KOH slide...
- 87490** Chlamydia trachomatis
- 87590** Neisseria gonorrhoea, direct probe technique:

In order for a CNP to perform Board approved procedures as designated by the specific CPT codes it must be within that said APRN's area of specialization and consistent with the APRN's collaborative practice agreement with the collaborative practice physician(s).

RN delegating to an LPN the injection of local anesthetic agents:

The Director of the Breast Center, Our Lady of Lourdes submitted a request for an opinion regarding an RN delegating to an LPN the injection of local anesthetic agents at the IV site prior to starting an IV to provide patient comfort.

That the exception in RS 37:930(D), which permits registered nurses who are not certified nurse anesthetists, to administer local anesthetic agents by injection under the skin does not include language indicating that this function can be delegated; therefore, an RN cannot delegate to an LPN the injection of local anesthetic agents.

Furthermore, that this issue be referred to a task force to be established regarding RS 37:930.

RN delegating PRN medications to trained unlicensed school employees:

That it is within the scope of practice for school nurses, based on their assessment and in collaboration with the child's physician and parents, when a characteristic set of symptoms occur for a specific student that the school nurse may delegate to trained unlicensed school personnel the prescribed PRN metered dose inhalant for students with asthma.

RNs administering analgesic doses of anesthetic agent:

To seek legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding RS 37:930 as it relates to RNs administering analgesic doses of anesthetic agents, to establish a task force to study the RNs scope of practice as it relates to pain management and to table this

agenda item until the task force makes their recommendation to the Committee.

RN removing an internal vascular doppler:

That it is not within the scope of practice for an RN to remove an internal vascular flow Doppler that is implanted, cuffed, sutured or non-sutured.

RN accessing a life-port in the subcutaneous area of the abdomen for recurrent ascites:

That it is within the scope of practice for an RN to access a life-port in the subcutaneous area of the abdomen to remove recurrent ascites in accordance with a medical order provided that the said RN has documented knowledge, skills, and abilities.

RN monitoring a patient receiving deep sedation:

That the Board defer action until the task force convenes and makes recommendations to the Committee regarding section RS 37:930.

RN injecting contrast media intra-arterially during diagnostic cardiac cath procedures:

That it is within the scope of practice for registered nurses to administer intra-arterially contrast media for cardiac cath procedures provided the said RN has the documented knowledge, skills and abilities.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING ISSUES

Authorized the Education Committee to review the proposed revised 2004 NCLEX-RN Test Plan and prepare a response on behalf of the Board.

Referred to the Education Committee the discussion of the NCLEX Examination video.

OTHER GENERAL ISSUES:

Submitted the name of Salley E. Cook, PhD for reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Midwifery.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MARCH 12, 2003

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Alviano, Philip James (Consent Order)

License retained with probation for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Anderson, Kenneth William (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrest, Failure to Disclose

Armstrong, Leslie Renee (Student) (Consent Order)

Approved to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest or Charges; Failure to Disclose.

Aspland, Holli Rebecca Hart (Consent Order)

Voluntary surrender of license minimum 2 years.

Avant, Stacy Lynn (Student) (Consent Order)(Ratified)

01/15/03 Approved to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course/sequence with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor.
02/20/03 Denied to progress in clinical nursing courses.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse.
Barthels, Malinda Kay Midkiff (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Bateman, Melanie Cherie Day (Consent Order)

Suspension with stay and license is reinstated with probation minimum 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Bishop, Elizabeth Schiller (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without License.

Blaney, Charon Derral Hamilton (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Bongawil, Yolanda Lee (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Boudreaux, Joshua C. (Student) (Consent Order)

Approved for clinical nursing courses, must meet admissions requirements, with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Bradford, Ginger Anne Crooks (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Braun, Grant Andrew (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct-Practicing Beyond Scope.

Breud, Bambi Lynn (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Brown, Joe Michael (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Brown, Wendy Marie (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Report Arrests.

Burns, Gwendolyn Joyce (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Fraud, Deceit: Fraudulent Billing.

Cadwell, Letitia Ann Baudoin (Consent Order)

Suspended with stay of suspension and probated for 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional conduct – medication errors; and Other – communications.

Carney, Adam (Student) (Consent Order)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, RNP, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests.

Carroll, Jacqueline Charlette

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Improper Documentation.

Coleman, Sylvia Pleasent (Student) (Consent Order)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor.

Connor, Terri Antionette (Settlement Order)

Reinstatement with probation and RNP for 5 years with stipulations.
Charges: Chemically Dependent; Action in another Jurisdiction.

Dauzat, Troy W. (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Dickerson, Martha Jo Lane (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Dilaura, Erika Marjorie (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Duhon, Victor (Ratified)(Settlement Order)

02/13/03 Summarily Suspended
02/18/03 Suspended license until stipulations are met and fine.
Charges: Documentation Errors, Medication Errors, and Narcotic Discrepancies.

Durham III, Hill Clinton (Consent Order)

Suspended ARPN license with stay and eligible for reinstatement with probation minimum 8 years after completion of reinstatement process with stipulations and fine.

Edgar, Joan Kathleen Barker (Consent Order)

Voluntary Surrender of License for a minimum 2 years.

Edwards, Mary Lauve (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated license for 1 year with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Document Appropriately.

Farmer, Joyce Arline Gwyther (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Ferguson, Tracy Ann (Ratified)(Consent Order)
12/24/2002 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.
01/29/03 Summarily suspended
03/07/03 Suspended license minimum 6 months with stipulations and fine. Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies, Positive Urine Drug Screen.

Fletcher, Julie Deann (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay, reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations.

Fontenot, Brandy Nicole (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest or Charges.

Fuselier, Denise Yvette Hollingsworth (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Ginn, Kevin Lee (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Consent Order.

Glover, Keenan (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical nursing courses or to be licensed.
Charges: Non-compliance with Board Order, Positive Drug Screen.

Grant, Carson Allen (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive drug screen.

Grant, Earl Joseph (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Physical Abuse

Guidry, Clint James (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Haire, Larry Eugene (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay reinstated to active status with probation for minimum of five (5) yrs. with stipulations and fine.

Harwell, Robert Daniel (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Documentation Errors

Jones, Linda L.
Suspended license until she can appear before the Board with fine.
Charges: Falsifying records; and Failure to practice nursing in accordance with legal standards of nursing.

Kerstine, Vicki Marie Chapman (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Kramer, Kasey Troy
Suspended license until he can appear before the Board with fine.
Charges: Positive Drug Screen, Presenting an Illegal Prescription and Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

Laborde, Brent Thomas (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.

LaFleur, Rhonda Sue Stephenson (Consent Order)
Suspended license subject to the right to petition for reinstatement after meeting stipulations; after completion of stipulations, suspension is stayed and license reinstated with probation minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Standards of Nursing, Physical Abuse

Lambert, Phyllis Collins
Suspended license until she can appear before the Board with fine.
Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies and Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

Lange, Monica Lynette (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Renew Licensure.
Lawson, Kellie Denise Burkett (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Consent Order.

LeClair, Tammy Sue Ledet (Student)(Consent Order)
Approved to continue in clinical courses with probation and stipulations.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse.

Leduff, Karen Sabrina Purnell (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Le Jeune, David Troy (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP
Linder, Leslie Elizabeth Chenevert (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for a minimum of 18 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: False Documentation and Fraudulent Billing.

Marshall, Elizabeth Lyle Craig (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for 18 months minimum with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen

Masoner, Melissa Danette Hyde (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unsafe practice.

McCaffery, Christina Hayhurst (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest

McDonald, Mariann Elizabeth (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and reinstatement with probation for 4 years with stipulations and fine.

Meaux, Myla Sue (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum six months, due to non-compliance with RNP.

Munro, Robert Eric (Consent Order)
Approved for licensure by endorsement with probation minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests.

Namer, Patricia Ruth Virginia (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to intervene and follow orders and failure to appropriately delegate and supervise.

Nolte, Julie Nelson Pierce (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Peterson, Dana Latrice
Denied request for rehearing seeking reconsideration of the consent judgment accepted by the Board through order on 12/4/02.

Phillips, William Dale (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated license for min 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Against Person

Ralph, Gregory Leslie (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Drug Related

Randall, Andrea Henry
Suspended license until 12/07 with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Violating Board Order, Violating State Statute; Fraud/Deceit: Fraudulent Billing; Drug Related: Drug Diversion, Self.

Reid-Sullivan, Kimberly Ann
Suspended license until she can appear before the Board and fine.
Charges: Drug Diversion, Falsifying records, and Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

Rougeau, Rae Simonson (Student) (Consent Order)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest
Sharbono, Steven Ray (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue clinical nursing courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Spears, Lauren Lee Morgan (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Stevenson, Valarie Brown (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest/Failure to Disclose.

Stewart, Steven Edward (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board order.

Sylvester, Ted James (Consent Order)(Ratified)
12/13/02 Reinstated license to active status with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement; then reinstate with further stipulations and fine.
01/31/03 Suspended license minimum six months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Taylor, Tina Jean Diepenbrock (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Taylor, Vicki Diane (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay, reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Temes, Stephen Scott (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Thompson, Tena Louise Bowden (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to utilize appropriate judgment.

Tuminello, Laura Ann Medcalf (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay, reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations and fine.

White, Nancy Marie Carter
Reprimanded licensed with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Improper Use of Patient Records.

Zieman, Tiffany L. (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests.

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

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Practicing RNs are invited to come explore job options at the ninth annual Medical Job Fair of Louisiana, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24, 2003, at the Sheraton Shreveport in Shreveport.

The Medical Job Fair of Louisiana is a cost-effective recruitment event which since 1995 has facilitated the recruitment of other types of health care providers to work in rural and underserved urban areas of Louisiana. This is the first year that registered nurses have been included. Students studying to become RNs who will graduate before September, 2004 are also invited to attend.

The field of thirty exhibitors will include hospitals, clinics, practice groups and other health-related organizations. Admission for registered nurses or senior students is free. (There is a nominal charge, however, for a spouse or guest.) In addition to visiting recruiters' exhibit booths, participants will have the opportunity to attend educational workshops covering topics such as *Practice Management* and *What to Expect during Recruitment*.

The main sponsor of this event is the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, and the SE and SW Louisiana Area Health Education Centers. The event is coordinated by the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC).

For on-line registration or detailed information, visit www.medicaljobfair.org. Additional information can also be obtained by calling 337-989-0001 or e-mailing medfair@swlahec.com.

**PERFORMANCE OF FIRST TIME
CANDIDATES OF
NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS
IN LOUISIANA**

Performance of first time candidates of nursing education programs in Louisiana on NCLEX-RN, regardless of where taking examination, during January 1 through December 31, 2002

Nursing Programs	Number of Candidates	Number Passing	Percent Passing
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Associate Degree

Charity/Delgado	198	179	90.4
LSU Alexandria	62	60	96.8
LSU Eunice	57	52	91.2
Louisiana Tech	59	51	86.4
McNeese	20	19	95.0
Nicholls	13	13	100.0
Northwestern	122	106	86.9
Our Lady of Lake College	88	82	93.2

Total	619	562	90.8
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Diploma

Baton Rouge Gen'l	21	21	100.0
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Total	21	21	100.0
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Baccalaureate

Dillard	25	22	88.0
Grambling	30	21	70.0
Louisiana College	18	15	83.3
LSU Health Sciences Center	113	101	89.4
McNeese	52	51	98.1
Nicholls	39	38	97.4
Northwestern	120	96	80.0
Our Lady Holy Cross	35	34	97.1
Southeastern	101	92	91.1
Southern	52	47	90.4
Univ of LA Lafayette	110	105	95.5
Univ of LA Monroe	60	56	93.3
William Carey - N. O.	36	31	86.1

Total	791	709	89.6
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GRAND TOTAL	1,431	1,292	90.3
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**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON
PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR APRN
MEETINGS**

Joint Administrative Committee meetings - The meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the Louisiana State Medical Society's office, 6767 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the following dates:

June 18, 2003
TBA
TBA
TBA

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Advisory Council meetings will be held at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's office, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon on the following dates:

September 8, 2003

BOARD MEETING DATES

Committee meetings of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

July 15-16, 2003
October 14-15, 2003

Board meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Closed Board Meetings	Open Board Meetings
June 9, 10, 2003	June 11, 2003
September 8, 9, 2003	September 10, 2003
December 1, 2, 2003	December 3, 2003

All committee and board meetings will take place at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's office, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 501 and 601, Metairie, Louisiana. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the open Board meetings. Any group wishing to attend open Board meetings should contact the Board office at least four weeks prior to the meeting date to verify availability of space. Discipline hearings are held on the above specified closed meeting date(s). All actions of the Board are taken in open session. Specific times for agenda items are not established. If there are questions concerning when an agenda item will be addressed, contact the Board office.

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July 04, 2003

Independence Day (Statute)

September 01, 2003

Labor Day (Statute)

November 11, 2003

Veterans Day Observance (Statute)

November 27, 2003

Thanksgiving Day (Statute)

November 28, 2003

Acadian Day (By Proclamation)

December 24, 2003

Christmas Eve (By Proclamation)

December 25, 2003

Christmas Day (Statute)

December 31, 2003

New Year's Eve (By Proclamation)

January 1, 2004

New Year's Day (Statute)

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