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## ALERT – RENEWAL INFORMATION

Approximately 2000-2500 renewal applications were returned to the Board office due to incorrect addresses. It is the licensees' responsibility according to LAC 3333.1 *change of address. Notify the office of the board in writing within 30 days if a change of address has occurred.* It is imperative that the board has the correct address of record in order that you will receive the renewal application as well as other communications from the Board. If you have not received your renewal application due to an address change, please submit in writing (form available at website and in this publication) to the Board of the address change and we will re-mail the renewal application if received back in the Board office.

Also, in the instructions for renewal, all licensees were asked to complete the employer information or designate unemployed if applicable. If this section is left blank, the renewal application will be returned for completion. This information has become more vital for statistical information and to identify supply and demand data.

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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](mailto: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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## COMING SOON!

Coming in January will be the online account signup system. Registering for an online account will provide you with the ability to signup for online renewals and address changes. Upon creation of your account it is advisable to change your PIN to a password immediately. The PIN is used as the initial password. You may choose not to change your pin to a password but it is recommended that you do so. Also, you will have the option of receiving the Quarterly Examiner as an email notification. You will also receive email notices of upcoming events such as the approaching renewal season or notices of new services. Visit our website in January for the signup notification.

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## INTRODUCING NEW NURSING BOARD STAFF

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing has three new Registered Nurses on staff...

In the position of Recovery Nurse Program Manager is Cathy Maher-Storm, RN, MA, LPC. Cathy is a graduate of LSUMC School of Nursing she has a Masters in Counseling from Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Nursing. She joins our staff after having served several years with the Northlake Addictive Disease Clinic in Covington, Louisiana. Cathy has nearly twenty years experience in the field of Psychiatric/Mental Health and has held a variety of positions including nursing administrator.

Joining us as Credentialing Manager is Margaret "Peggy" Griener, MPH, APRN. Peggy is very familiar with nursing regulation as she has served as a member of the Board from August 1996 through February 2001. Peggy has been a registered nurse for more than thirty-five years, and authorized as a Primary Nurse Associate/Nurse Practitioner for nearly twenty-six years. She has a variety of professional experiences including serving as an instructor in the Family Nurse Practitioner Grant Project at Tulane School of Public Health from March of 1979 through June of 1981. She was the Nursing Administrator at Children's Hospital in New Orleans from 1982 through 1991. Ms. Griener served as an Instructor in Nursing at LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans and was most recently employed as a Nurse Consultant for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health.

And our newest addition, Lesley Rye, MSN, RN, joins our staff as Regional Manager for the Northern region; Lesley has held her registered nurses license for twenty years with a Master Degree in Child/Adolescent Mental Health since 1988. Lesley's previous experience includes RN Instructor in the Staff Development Department at MCLNO, Director of Nursing at Northshore Psychiatric Hospital in Slidell, and Nurse Executive at Greenbrier Hospital in Covington, Louisiana. She has held various nursing positions including nursing administrator and private practice. Her experiences include working with staff nurses on compliance/practice issues as well as hospital compliance to regulatory agencies

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## MAJOR MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 BOARD MEETING

### ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

**Accepted** the Vice-President's Report and Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Report for April 1 – June 30, 2003.

**Approved** the 2003-2004 budget amendments.

**Accepted** the proposed recommendation to establish a toll free consumer hotline to be used exclusively for reporting complaints from the public and will be publicized as such.

**Accepted** the proposed amendments to the Strategic Plan.

**Deferred** the adoption of amendments to LAC 46:XLVII.3503. Definitions in Chapter 35, Nursing Programs.

**Adopted** the amendments made jointly by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of the Secretary to LAC 22:1 Chapter 5. Administration of Medications to Children in Detention Facilities.

**Accepted** the report on the Emergency Medical Services proposed rules.

### CREDENTIALING ISSUES

**Accepted** the proposed policy on acceptable examinations and scores for English proficiency by foreign nurse graduates.

**Accepted** the proposed Canadian Nurse Endorsement Policy on acceptable scores for the Canadian RN licensure examination.

**Approved** removal of the American Association of Diabetes Educators as an approved nursing specialty/professional organization.

### EDUCATION ISSUES

**Approved** the request from Our Lady of the Lake for an accelerated program to be conducted in the New Orleans area in collaboration with Tulane University Hospital pending verification to Board staff of qualified nursing facility and documented proof of contact with other programs to coordinate use of clinical facilities.

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**Accepted** the report of LSBN/CCNE coordinated site-visit to Northwestern State University, and;

**Approved** the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Northwestern State University

**Approved** the Master of Science in Nursing program at Northwestern State University be granted full continuing approval

**Approved** the request of Texas Wesleyan for clinical practicum of their anesthesia students in Louisiana and to clarify the role of the Board with regards to out-of-state students in clinical facilities needed by students in Louisiana graduate programs.

**Approved** request from Louisiana State University Health Science Center Anesthesia Program to review the rules in Chapter 35 and Chapter 45 to provide clarification of the Board's role on the issue of out-of-state graduate students in Louisiana health care facilities.

**Approved** the request of Nicholls State University to offer their ADN program in an accelerated format for paramedics pending verification that they have permission to do so by the appropriate governing Board.

**Approved** the request for faculty exceptions (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7) of the following individuals:

**Kathleen Bohrer Wilson,**

University of Louisiana Lafayette;

**Mary Alice Williams Decoursey,**

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing;

**Selita Ann Jeter Humbles,** LSU at Alexandria;

**Joan Kim Hughes Smith,**

Our Lady of the Lake College;

**Denise Elizabeth Pelegrin,** Nicholls State University;

**Patsy M. Dillon Jenkins, Barbara Spencer-**

**Morgan,** LSU at Eunice;

**Suzanne Bedgood Cherene, Nancy Eleanor**

**Whitmore Moss, Amy Rose King Kincannon,**

University of Louisiana Monroe;

**Vickie Gray Anderson, Lena Caldwell Brown,**

**Kitty Jon Kervin,**

**Tanya F. Sims,** Louisiana Tech University.

**Approved** the request from Delgado/Charity that the credentials of Michael Santone and Georlene Vander be recognized as equivalent to a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in nursing in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4.

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## COMPLIANCE ISSUES

**Approved** the proposed disciplinary file retention policy.

**Approved** request to remand to the Administrative Committee for further direction to the Compliance Committee concerning fees in regards to the percentage of the increase.

## NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES

After due deliberation of the following nursing practice opinions the Board made the following actions:

**Approved** that it is within the scope of practice for CNP and CNS to perform CPT codes 99291 and 99292.

**Approved** that is within the scope of practice for CNM, WHNP and FNP to perform CPT codes J7300, J7302, 11981, 99234, 99235, and 99236.

**Approved** that it is within the scope of practice of RNs to delegate to trained unlicensed school personnel the administration of medication through a gastrostomy tube in a school setting.

**Approved** the following opinion request **to be referred** to the Task Force on Pain Management:

Opinion regarding RN administering a bolus dose of bupivacaine and sufenta via pump using pre-established parameters for pain management during labor.

**Approved** that it is within the scope of practice for an RN to practice under the SANE program provided the RN has documentation of knowledge, skills, and abilities as set forth in the clinical forensic course recognized by ANCC and that the SANE RN shall practice within the scope and standards of forensic nursing practice as developed by the International Association of Forensic Nurses and published by the American Nurses Association. Nothing herein shall include medical diagnosis and the RN may not perform the bimanual examination of pelvic organs.

**Approved** that it is within the scope of practice for the CNP and CNS to perform CPT codes 17000 and 56420.

**Approved** that it is within the scope of practice for RNs to remove PICC lines in acute care setting provided the RN has relevant knowledge, skills, and abilities.

**Accepted** the proposed scope of practice of decision trees for publication on the Board's website.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING ISSUES

**No action.** Report on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's 2003 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly, Alexandria, Virginia on August 5-8, 2003.

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### DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 2003

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

**Anderson, Barbara Jewel** (Consent Order)(Applicant)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Prior Arrest: Failure to Disclose.

**Andre, Celeste Ann Karn** (Ratified) (Consent Order)  
07/18/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order;  
08/01/03 Reinstated license to active status.

**Arcement, Shim Cherie** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 3 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Drug Diversion-Self; Drug Diversion-Others, and Other: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**Bascle (Jr.), Donald Louis** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

**Berndt, Reinhard Johannes-Heinz** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Alcohol use on duty

**Blanchard, Jerilynn Marie Pierce** (Ratified) (Student)  
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until pending legal matters resolved.

**Bongawil, Yolanda Lee** (Ratified)  
License suspended for minimum of 3 years with stipulations and fines.  
Charges: Practicing without a license; Violating a Board Order

**Bonomolo-Rivas, Geralyn Ann** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Documentation Errors, Medication Errors, Practicing Beyond Scope; Inability to Practice Safely: Physical and Mental Conditions.

**Boudreaux, Joshua C.** (Ratified) (Student)  
Denied approval to continue in clinical nursing courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

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**Bowman, Clyde David** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to enter into clinical nursing courses/sequence with probation, RNP, and fine.  
Charges: Alcohol Abuse.

**Burns, Brian A.** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to action in another state.

**Burns, Ricky Rena** (Consent Order)(Applicant)  
Approval granted for probated license upon successfully passing NCLEX-RN exam for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine  
Charges: Prior Arrests: Failure to Disclose

**Caskey, Christopher Wade** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded, suspension with stay of suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years, stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Practicing Nursing Without a License; Granted Reinstatement with Probation

**Chandler, Kerri Beshea** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement; after reinstatement of license, suspension of license is stayed with probation minimum 3 years, stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Abuse

**Chiaramonte, Lydia Marie Savoy** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Chisholm (Jr.), Clyde James** (Consent Order)  
Voluntary Surrender of License

**Close, Patricia Anne Davaney** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Coleman, Sylvia Deshun Pleasant** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam, be issued a probated temporary work permit and probated license minimum 6 months after successfully passing exam with stipulations and fines  
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor

**Combust, James Newton** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Coughlin, Daniel Anthony** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stipulations prior to reinstatement; after reinstatement of license, issued a suspended license with stay of suspension, probation minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Fraud, Deceit: Fraudulent Billing

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**Crawford, Mitchell Scott** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing courses/sequences with probation, stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

**Curole, Anthony John** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Granted approval to take NCLEX-RN exam; be issued a probated temporary work permit with stipulations; upon successful passing exam, be issued a suspended license with stay of suspension and probated minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Criminal Arrests: Alcohol-related.

**Davidson, Susan Mae Niehaus** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to board action in another state

**Debarbieris, Aimee Marie** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam; suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Other: Arrest for DWI

**Dial, Keriel Marie** (Ratified) (Student)  
Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Duke, Cristi Ann Bullock** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP

**Duncan, Glenda** (Ratified) (Student)  
Delayed progressing in clinical nursing courses until Consent Order returned and evaluations completed.

**Durning, Wendy Lynn Chustz** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Elliott, Patricia Lynne Moore** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 3 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Documentation Errors

**Emmons, Shaun Paul** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to enter clinical nursing courses with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Criminal Arrest

**Ervin, Rosi Marie Logwood** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Reprimanded; licensure by endorsement granted upon completion of application requirements and fine.  
Charges: Other: Failure to Report Violations

**Fleming, Mollie R.** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course/sequence with probation, stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Alcohol Abuse

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**Fletcher, Julie Deann** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

**Foley, Katherine Marie** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Falsification of renewal application and failure to comply with the Continuing Education Audit.

**Fontenette, Darryl Louis** (Ratified) (Student)  
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation is completed.

**Gaines (Jr.), Euclide Dewayne** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 24 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Narcotic Documentation Discrepancies

**Gray, Todd DeWayne** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam; be issued probated temporary work permit and probated license minimum of 1 year.  
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

**Grimmer, John Michael** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to progress to the next clinical nursing course with probation, and stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

**Guillory, Virginia Lauren** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Disclose

**Hall, Sarah Stanley Beach** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license and approval granted for reinstatement with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Practicing without a license: Failure to Renew

**Harper, Shelby Leigh** (Ratified)  
Summarily suspended license.  
Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies

**Harris, Nina Elizabeth Dowling** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP agreement.

**Hatala, Janine Ann McCloskey** (Ratified) (Applicant)  
7/18/03 License recalled;  
9/10/03 Licensure by endorsement denied until stipulations and fines are met.  
Charges: Criminal Conviction Felony, Practicing without a license.

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**Hatfield, Mary Beth Price** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 12 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Practicing Beyond Scope and Boundary Issues.

**Hurd, Carl Douglas** (Applicant)  
Denied licensure by endorsement with fine.  
Charges: Falsification of records.

**Husser, Keith Edwin** (Consent Order)  
Suspension of license stayed and license reinstated with probation and RNP for minimum of 5 years with stipulations and fine.

**Irvin, Lyshinda Lynell** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Disclose

**Jennings, Dionne Marie** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 24 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Action in Another Jurisdiction

**Johnson, Demetrus** (Ratified) (Student)  
Denied progression to the next clinical nursing course due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Jones, Annette Marie** (Settlement Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 12 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Documentation Errors

**Kemp, Dorothy Eugenia Johnson** (Consent Order)  
Eligible for reinstatement upon completion of stipulations and fine.

**King, Rhiannon Julie Duos** (Ratified) (Consent Order)  
6/19/03 Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed;  
8/20/03 Approved granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing courses/sequence with probation, stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Prior Arrests

**Kirby, Rachel Jean Kent** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards.

**Laborde, Brent Thomas** (Ratified)  
Suspended licensed due to non-compliance with Board order.

**Lee, Mary Marquerite Dugas** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Misconduct: Other: Falsification of Prescription

**Lemoine, Jake Joseph** (Consent Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 3 years, RNP, stipulations, and fine.  
Charges: Criminal Convictions; Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Lilly, Marvin Bradly**  
Suspended license minimum 6 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Drug Related and False documentation Failure to report violations.

**Littleton, Daniel Arthur** (Consent Order)  
Suspended APRN license minimum 12 months; suspended RN license with stay of said suspension and probated minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Abuse.

**Mayeaux, Sarah Alice Wood** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Properly Assess and Intervene.

**McCornell, Mary Lee Walker** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine; license to remain on inactive status until resolution of civil matter is received by the Board.  
Charges: Failure to Disclose Previous Arrest.

**Meserve, Nancy Evans** (Ratified)  
7/31/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP agreement.  
9/10/03 License revoked.  
Charges: Violating Board Order.

**Miller, Leslie Lynn** (Ratified)  
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Munro, Robert Eric** (Consent Order)  
Reinstated license with probation for minimum 12 months with stipulations.

**Murray, Paulette Smith** (Consent Order)  
Voluntary surrender of license.

**Napolitano, Kathleen Mary Milliken** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP

**Nelson (Jr.), Donald Eugene** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Other: Failure to Disclose Criminal Arrest

**Ontimara, Lisa Marie Howe** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with fine and stipulations prior to request for reinstatement.  
Charges: Drug Abuse: Presenting Illegal Prescriptions

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**Owens, Charles Anthony** (Settlement Order) (Applicant)  
Approved to take NCLEX-RN, be issued probated temporary work permit and probated license.  
Charges: Previous Arrest

**Patterson, Jaschandria Iriane Bailey** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a work permit and licensure with stipulations and fine  
Charges: Criminal Action; Failure to Disclose

**Pearson, Gary Wayne** (Settlement Order) (Student)  
Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.  
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

**Penrose, Irma Dukate Cieutat** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Poisso, Kevin Lynn** (Ratified)  
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Pollard, Rachel E.** (Ratified)(Student)  
Approval delayed to continuance in clinical nursing courses until pending legal matter is resolved.

**Rauls, Kevin Doyle** (Consent Order)  
Probated license for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Positive urine drug screen

**Rezin, Dawn Monic** (Consent Order)  
Licensure by endorsement granted with probation 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Prior Arrests

**Ritter, Alicia Charlene Boudreaux** (Consent Order) (Applicant)  
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Failure to Disclose

**Robertson, Lisa Catherine** (Ratified) (Student)  
Delayed approval to enter clinical courses until court ordered probation is completed.

**Roy, Blake James** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Arrest: DWI

**Roy, Eric Brent** (Ratified) (Applicant)  
Delayed licensure by endorsement due to action in other jurisdiction.

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**Sheppard, Angel Lynette** (Ratified) (Student)  
Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

**Stalsby, Charles Curt** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation for minimum 36 months with stipulations and fine.

**Thomas, Evelyn Lucille Kennerson** (Consent Order)  
Eligible for reinstatement upon completion of stipulations.  
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

**Thomas, Paul Wayne** (Consent Order)  
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Practicing without a license

**Thorpe, William George** (Ratified)(Applicant)  
08/27/03 Delayed licensure by endorsement;  
09/10/03 Denied licensure by endorsement with a fine.  
Charges: Practicing without a license; Action in another jurisdiction.

**Varnum, Roland David** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Drug Related: Other; Practicing Beyond the Scope of Nursing Practice.

**Ward, James Walter** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.  
Charges: Arrest: DWI

**Weller, Tina Louise** (Consent Order)  
Suspended license minimum 3 months with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.  
Charges: Falsification of Records.

**Williams, Pamelyn Wooten** (Ratified) (Consent Order) (Student)  
08/06/03 Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with RNP.  
08/22/03 Approved granted to enter/progress to the next clinical courses/sequences with probation, RNP and stipulations.  
Charges: Drug Abuse

**Wilson, Connie Lynn Farmer** (Consent Order)(Student)  
Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation, RNP and stipulations.  
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor

**Wilson, Shanna Sue Graham** (Ratified)  
Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

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**Wimprine (Jr.), Ronald Davis** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations prior to reinstatement  
Charges: Misconduct: Physical Abuse, Breach of Confidentiality and Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards, Unsafe Practice.

**Zoppi, Jennifer Raye Waites** (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until criminal charges resolved.

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**RENEWAL TIME IS HERE**

**To prepare for renewals, the Board is asking employers to notify their registered nurse staff of the following:**

**Active Military Service: If a licensee (RN and APRN) is serving in the active military service of the United States or any of its allies, all requirements for licensure are suspended. Write on the application – ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE and return in the enclosed envelope. The license(s) will be renewed for the year.**

**Submit Address/Name Changes:** The 2004 renewal applications were mailed the week of October 1-3, 2003 to the last known address on file as of September 11, 2003. Many renewal applications are returned as undeliverable because the nurse has moved and failed to notify the Board of the address change. Address changes must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or e-mail.

Failure to receive a renewal application does not excuse the nurse from the requirements of renewal of licensure or from the possibility of disciplinary action for practicing without a license. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times

**Registered Nurses With Defaulted Student Loans:**

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2951, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing withholds the licensure renewal applications of registered nurses who were deemed by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to be in default of a student loan.

Individuals were notified on August 22, 2003 by Certified Mail that their 2004 renewal applications were going to be withheld until the Board receives notification from LOSFA that payment arrangements have been made. *Please be advised that the Board has no authority to arrange payments or to issue a renewal application until we are notified by LOSFA that arrangements have been made.*

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**Continuing Education/ Nursing Practice Requirements:**

RN's must be in compliance with the C.E./Nursing Practice requirements prior to submitting their renewal application for processing. Qualifying continuing education must meet one of the following criteria:

- a. the activity is approved by a Board of Nursing; or the provider is approved by the Board of Nursing; or the provider is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation; or
- b. the activity or the provider is approved by an agency accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation to approve continuing education providers and/or continuing education activities. The Louisiana State Nurses Association is an example of an agency, which meets criterion.

*Note: The certificate of attendance must contain a statement identifying the approval authority for the contact hours.*

The administrative rules provide the following options for meeting the continuing education/nursing practice requirements for renewal of an active license:

1. Continuing Education requirements: (The rule specifies which activities are acceptable continuing education activities.)
  - a. 5 contact hours (full-time employment)
  - b. 10 contact hours (part-time employment)
  - c. 15 contact hours (less than part-time/unemployed)
  - d. Initial licensure by examination or by endorsement during the previous calendar year.
  - e. certification by organizations in a specialty area of nursing whose requirements have been approved by the Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the above requirements.
2. Nursing Practice requirements:
  - a. full-time employment (1600 hours per calendar year)
  - b. part-time employment (a minimum of 160 hours per calendar year)
  - c. self-employed, home health, or independent contract employment (minimum of 1600 nursing practice hours per calendar year)

**PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY  
RENEWAL GUIDELINES**

- APRN's with limited prescriptive and distributing authority must have earned (6) contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics between January 1, 2003 and January 31, 2004.

- On the backside of the APRN application, check the box if prescriptive authority has been granted.

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- **CRNA's authorized to administer anesthetics per LRS 37:930.A.3 but who have not been granted Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority should not check this box.**

- Documentation of the contact hours for prescriptive authority must be submitted with the renewal application.

### REMINDER

APRNs who are grandfathered or licensed with commensurate requirements without advanced practice certification (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE APRNS LICENSED AS APRNS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION) must meet in the year 2003 a minimum of 300 hours of practice in advanced practice nurse (**as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:913.3.a.i-ix**) within a twelve (12) month period and a minimum of two college credit hours per year of relevance to advanced practice, or a minimum of 30 continuing education contact hours approved by the Board per year. Of the 30 hours, a maximum of 10 hours may be approved Continuing Medical Education (CME's).

APRNs who were grandfathered may choose to obtain advanced practice national certification. Otherwise, they will need to meet the practice and continuing education requirements.

For questions, contact Margaret Griener @ 504-838-5337 or grienerm@lsbn.state.la.us.

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### BOARD MEETING DATES

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

Closed Board Meetings	Open Board Meetings
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.

**Agendas are posted on the Board's web site; [www.lsbm.state.la.us](http://www.lsbm.state.la.us) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.**

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### 2003 STATE HOLIDAYS

**November 27, 2003**

*Thanksgiving Day (Statute)*

**November 28, 2003**

*Acadian Day (By Proclamation)*

**December 25, 2003**

*Christmas Day (Statute)*

**December 26, 2003**

*(By Proclamation)*

**January 1, 2004**

*New Year's Day (Statute)*

**January 2, 2004**

*(By Proclamation)*

**Holidays by proclamation are subject to change at the discretion of the Governor**

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