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Louisiana Center for Nursing Update

from Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN, Director of the Louisiana Center for Nursing

Nursing Supply, for the purposes of the Louisiana Center for Nursing, is defined as the number of registered nurses holding an active license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in Louisiana. The Louisiana Nurse Practice Act requires that an RN renew his/her license every year. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing is the state appointed agency assigned to implement, regulate, and monitor the issuance of a license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Louisiana.

In 2009, 54,366 nurses held a license to practice as an RN in Louisiana. Of the 54,366 RNs holding a Louisiana license, 46,828 (86%) reported their domicile as Louisiana, while 7,523 (14%) reported home addresses outside of Louisiana. There has been a 14% increase in the number of RNs holding a license to practice nursing in Louisiana since 2005. At the same time there has been a 13.5% increase in the number of RNs residing outside of Louisiana, holding a license to practice in Louisiana. The vast majority of RNs holding an active RN license in Louisiana (76%) reported that they were employed full-time. There has been a 15% increase since 2005 in the number of RNs that are working full-time and a 14% increase in the number that are working part-time.

These findings are in line with national trends, suggesting that the current economic climate in our nation has caused nurses that were not working to return to the workforce, nurses that were working part-time, to seek full-time employment, and nurses that were contemplating retirement, to delay their plans for retirement. The market for RNs, especially new RN graduates, appears to be flooded in some areas of our state and country, while in other areas there continues to be a shortage of RNs. Many experts feel that if we fail to prepare for the return of a more stable economic climate when spouses return to work, when nurses return to part-time instead of full-time positions, and when nurses that have delayed retirement proceed with retirement plans, we will experience the worst nursing shortage since the late 90s. According to Peter Beurhaus (2009), Director for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at Vanderbilt University, “. . . long-term projections still indicate that the nursing shortage will widen over the next decade as the economy improves and the current workforce retires.”

The LSBN Annual Report Is Now Available

If you are interested in additional statistics on nurse education, practice, and workforce in Louisiana, the LSBN Annual Report for 2009 is now available on our website,

<http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/documents/annualreport/annualreport2009.pdf>

Board Notices

Protecting Your License: Electronic Images of Patients

Tips for protecting your RN license against allegations of violation of patient confidentiality

Over the past two years the Board of Nursing has received complaints from hospitals, patients and others against nurses who take electronic images and share them on internet sites.

Did you know that creating and/or sharing electronic images of patients — even their body parts — is a violation of patient confidentiality? A cell phone image portrays protected medical information about the patient; therefore, creating and/or sharing that information (ex., via My Space) is prohibited just as is verbally disclosing patient medical information.

The Board of Nursing laws that apply to this activity are:

- *Louisiana Revised Statute 37:921 (3)* which states in part that the Board may take disciplinary action upon proof that a licensee or student nurse is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or *other cause*.
- *Board Regulation Title 46, Part XLVII, 3405.a.e.* states that *other causes* includes violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning the patient.

Note that, as an employee or agent of a hospital or other entity, you have a duty to follow that employer's policy regarding disclosure of patient information --- which by definition includes electronic images.

This means that if you act outside of your employer's policy guidelines and personally obtain the patient's permission to take an electronic image, you will not exempt yourself from violation of patient confidentiality. This is because you, as an RN, are in a position of unequal power with patients who must put their confidential information in your hands. You are expected to refrain from using that power for your personal reasons --- including creating, sharing or personally asking for consent to take ---- electronic images of patients.

TIP: Your duty to protect confidential patient information includes refraining from disclosure of the patient's medical information, *including images of the patient or any body part*. Protect your RN license by protecting your patient's protected information and refrain from taking electronic images of patients.

Board Notices

Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion and Removal

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing received a petition from a RN PICC nurse with Lafayette General Medical Center on August 28, 2007 requesting a declaratory statement or advisory opinion on nursing practice regarding whether it is within the scope of practice for a specialty trained PICC RN to verify by radiographic confirmation catheter tip placement in the Superior Vena Cava and to authorize use of the catheter prior to the radiologist's validation of the PICC placement.

The petition and research related to the topic was presented and reviewed by the Practice Committee on October 23, 2007, January 22, 2008 and April 22, 2008. On June 11, 2008 the Board determined that rule making would be required and on October 21, 2008 the Board approved a rule change draft with a directive to commence rule making after final approval of the Practice committee.

Notice of Intent concerning the proposed Rule was originally published by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on January 20, 2009 in the *Louisiana Register* (See LR 35:153-154) and republished on February 20, 2009 in the *Louisiana Register* (See LR 35:341-342) with revisions.

A public hearing was held at the office of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on March 27, 2009 to hear public comments on the proposed amendments to Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, adding LAC 46:LXVII § 3707. Written comments were invited, received and considered, as were oral comments, views, arguments and information. **Certain of those comments suggested substantive changes.** Revisions to the proposed rule were made. **The rule provides that catheter tip placement must be verified by a physician prior to the initiation of therapy.** A second public meeting was held on December 7, 2009 regarding the modified proposed rule, no further comments were received.

On December 9, 2009 the Board accepted the report to adopt the proposed rule LAC 46:XLVII.3707. Guidelines on IV Therapy to Include PICC Line Infusion and Competencies.

On January 20, 2010 the following rule change was promulgated as LAC 46:XLVII.3707 as follows:

RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Nursing

Registered Nurses—Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion (LAC 46:XLVII.3707)

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing has added LAC 46:XLVII.3707, in accordance with R.S. 37:918 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The rule, LAC 46:XLVII.3707, defines peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) lines and provides that registered nurses may insert, secure and remove PICC lines provided certain conditions, including specified training are satisfied. **The rule provides that catheter tip placement must be verified by a physician prior to the initiation of therapy.**

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses

Subpart 2. Registered Nurses

Chapter 37. Nursing Practice

§3707. Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion and Removal

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Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion and Removal (Cont...)

A. Definition

PICC Line—peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) are venous devices used to administer all types of intravenous medications and solutions. PICCs are soft, flexible catheters.

B. Registered nurses may insert, secure and remove central catheters through peripheral venous sites provided that the following conditions are met:

1. documentation of satisfactory completion of a minimum of four hours of study in an appropriate instructional program and verification of employment in a supervised clinical practice on file with the employer;
2. catheter placement is pursuant to a physician or other qualified prescriber's order for the procedure;
3. the procedure is performed according to appropriately established policy and procedure of the health care facility, employing agency and/or physician's office;
4. in view of the proliferation of various catheter products available for placement, the registered nurse must be knowledgeable about the manufacturer's suggestions and precautions concerning the specific catheter product utilized, and should review product information on a frequent basis; and
5. catheter tip placement must be determined by a physician prior to initiation of therapy.

C. In order for a registered nurse to be authorized by the board under this Section, the instructional program shall include the following courses of study:

1. for nurses performing duties to include insertion of PICC lines:
 - a. anatomy and physiology of circulation and fluid balance;
 - b. indications and contradictions for PICC placement;
 - c. complications and management techniques to include potential adverse reactions;
 - d. techniques for placement of PICC lines may include ultrasound techniques;
 - e. techniques for placement of PICC line placement and removal; and
 - f. nursing responsibilities;
2. for nurses performing duties that would include management and monitoring of PICC lines:
 - a. anatomy and physiology of circulation and fluid balance;
 - b. indications and contraindications for PICC placement;
 - c. complications and management techniques to include potential adverse reactions; and
 - d. nursing responsibilities;
3. for nursing performing the duties of PICC line removal:
 - a. techniques for PICC line removal;
 - b. complications and management techniques to include potential adverse reactions; and
 - c. nursing responsibilities.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:918.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Nursing, LR 36:64 (January 2010).

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To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe.

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First-Time NCLEX Performance

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, 2009.

Nursing Programs	Number of Candidates	Number Passing	Percent Passing
<u>Associate Degree</u>			
BRCC	34	34	100.00
Charity/Delgado	258	240	93.02
Fletcher Tech.CC	12	9	75.00
LSU Alexandria	97	84	86.59
LSU Eunice	52	49	94.23
Louisiana Delta CC	NA	NA	NA
Louisiana Tech	74	67	90.54
McNeese	38	34	89.47
Nicholls	17	17	100.00
Northwestern	119	106	89.08
Our Lady of Lake College	238	214	89.92
Southern Shreveport	31	29	93.54
Total	970	883	91.84
<u>Diploma</u>			
Baton Rouge Gen'l	36	35	97.22
Total	36	35	97.22
<u>Baccalaureate</u>			
Dillard	8	8	100.00
Grambling	100	83	83.00
Louisiana College	25	15	60.00
LSU Health Science Center	147	140	95.23
McNeese	154	132	85.71
Nicholls	145	134	92.41
Northwestern	97	95	97.94
Our Lady Holy Cross	34	30	88.23
Southeastern	160	138	86.25
Southern	84	78	92.85
Univ of LA Lafayette	102	99	97.06
Univ of LA Monroe	72	70	97.22
William Carey – N. O.	35	30	85.71
Total	1163	1052	90.45
GRAND TOTAL	2,169	1,970	90.83

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Board Actions of the March 15-17, 2010 Board Meeting

Education Actions

Accepted and acknowledged receipt of the initial draft and revisions of Feasibility Study and Step 1 of Procedure to Establish an ADN Program for Herzing University New Orleans until additional information is submitted for review at the April 20, 2010 Education Committee meeting.

Accepted and acknowledged receipt of the initial draft and revisions of Feasibility Study and Step 1 of Procedure to Establish an ADN Program for Bossier Parish Community College until additional information is submitted for review at the April 20, 2010 Education Committee meeting.

Accepted and acknowledged receipt of the initial draft and revisions of Feasibility Study and Step 1 of Procedure to Establish an ADN Program for Remington College Shreveport Campus until additional information is submitted for review at the April 20, 2010 Education Committee meeting.

Approved delaying acceptance of intent and review of proposal for major curriculum changes and transfer of students to and from IUON until Louisiana College regains full approval and retains full approval for one full year after.

Approved submission of a report for each of the students admitted in Spring 2010 for the IUON transfer program. These reports should be submitted to LSBN staff after completion of each semester.

Approved that Louisiana College notify current students in all programs of conditional approval status.

Accepted the October 2001 LSBN site visit report of Dillard University.

Approved continued approval status of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Continuing Education Provider Unit effective from March 17, 2010 through March 17, 2014.

Approved to grant two (2) year approval status of LA DHH/OCDD – Greater New Orleans Behavioral/Health Resource Center on Development Disabilities to become an approved CE provider effective March 17, 2010 through March 17, 2012.

Approved to grant two (2) year approval status of Lady of the Sea General Hospital to become an approved Continuing Education provider effective March 17, 2010 through March 17, 2012.

Approved to grant two (2) year approval status of Franklin Foundation Hospital to become an approved Continuing Education provider effective March 17, 2010 through March 17, 2012.

Approved to continue full approval and comment on 100% NCLEX Pass rate for the following:

Baton Rouge Community College Associate Degree
Nicholls State University Associate Degree
Dillard University BSN

Continue Full Approval:

Baton Rouge General Medical Center Diploma Program
LSU Eunice Associate Degree
Louisiana Tech Associate Degree
McNeese State University Associate Degree
Northwestern State University Associate Degree
Our Lady of the Lake College Associate Degree
Southern University Shreveport Associate Degree
Grambling State University BSN
McNeese State University BSN
Nicholls State University BSN
Northwestern State University BSN
Our Lady of the Holy Cross College BSN
Southern University Baton Rouge BSN
University of LA Lafayette BSN
University of La Monroe BSN
William Carey College BSN

Continue Full Approval:

Delgado Community College/ Charity School of Nursing Associate Degree

Continue Full Approval

LSUHSC- BSN

Continue Full Approval

LSUHSC- BSN

Continue Full Approval

Southeastern Louisiana University BSN

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Education Actions (Cont...)

Continue Initial Approval

Louisiana Delta Community College- Associate Degree

Continue Initial Approval

Louisiana Delta Community College- Associate Degree

Fletcher Technical College has pass rate less than 100%. Currently on Initial Approval. Continue Initial approval for no more than 2 years.

Place on Conditional Approval for exceeding Faculty Exception Rate

LSU Alexandria
Louisiana College

**Institutions to respond to the excessive Faculty Exception Rate and Communicate with staff regarding reduction of faculty Exceptions to less than 20% of FT faculty.*

Acknowledge and accept RN – BSN program reports from:

Our Lady of the Lake College
LSU Alexandria

Accepted the Annual Report and continue full approval status of:

- Grambling State University
- Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN)
- McNeese State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Louisiana State University Health Science Center
- Loyola University
- Northwestern State University
- Our Lady of the Lake College
- Southern University

Approved to continue full approval status of :
Louisiana State University Health Science Center
Southeastern Louisiana University

Other Action

Accepted the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director and legal counsel to explore amending Nurse Practice Act, to include sharing of investigative information with other law enforcement and regulatory entities and to authorize the LSBN to receive the same. And to revise the Public Records Act and to create the flexibility of disciplinary panels.

Unfinished Business

Accepted updated report for LAC46:XLVII.§ 334I. Fees for Registration and Licensure.

Accepted updated report for LAC46:XLVII. §3419. Alternative to Disciplinary Proceedings.

Accepted updated report for LAC46:XLVII. §3515. Faculty and Faculty Organizations

Administrative Actions

Approved the Vice-Presidents Report and 1st Quarter Financial Report as circulated.

Accepted the 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget as distributed with the understanding that the Administrative Committee will review for further revisions.

Approved to direct staff to initiate rulemaking to add to Chapter 33 a fingerprinting fee.

Accepted the proposed meeting dates as circulated and directed staff to recommend a date in an alternate month to be utilized to discuss disciplinary and other strategic matters.

Approved the SSA proposal to conduct Strategic Planning/ Governance project and adjust 2009-2010 budget to provide funding.

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Disciplinary Actions of the March 15-17, 2010 Board Meeting

The files of 99 registrants were reviewed with a total of 106 following actions taken (some individuals had more than one action):

Reinstatements

Granted	1
Granted/Stipulations/Active	9
Denied/Delayed	1

Discipline Actions

Summary Suspension (Ratify)	10
Revoked	3
Suspended/Stipulations	7
Inactive	1
Voluntary Surrender	2
Automatic Suspension/Ratify Staff Action	17
Suspend with Stay/Probate	12
Denied/Delayed APRN Licensure	1
Reprimand	4
Other	1

Endorsement

Deny/Delayed/Ratify Staff Action	2
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Education

Applicant: NCLEX Deny/Delay/Stipulations	4
Applicant: NCLEX Approved/Probation/Stipulations	6
Student: Clinical Approve/Probation/Stipulations	9
Student: Clinical Deny/Delay/Stipulations	13
Student: Automatic Suspensions (Clinical Nursing)	3

Special Statistics Included in Above

Consent Orders	59
Settlement Orders	1
Applicant: NCLEX	10
Student's Clinical	25

Disciplinary Actions of the March 15-17, 2010 Board Meeting

Legend

Actions

CO : Consent Order

S : Student

R : Ratified

SO : Settlement Order

A : Applicant

VS : Voluntary Surrender

RNP : Recovering Nurse Program

Abel, Kelly Nicole (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 2 years after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Conviction

Abshier, Becky Ann (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.

Albert, Shannon Romero (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Barbarin, Crystal Sissac (CO)

Suspension of license stayed, reinstated with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years contingent upon adherence to stipulations.

Barber, Victoria Gonzales (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Conviction or Adjudication

Baldrige, Robert Glen (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Baum, Alisha Ainsworth (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Bercegeay, Ranji Lynn

License reinstated.

Billiot, Jessica Ann (Charpentier)

License summarily suspended.

Blair, Byron T. (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter or progress to the next clinical nursing course until the court ordered probation is complete.

Boudreaux, Blane M. (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Bourque, Pamela Baker (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Bowers, Leah Neidhardt (CO)

12/30/09, RN and APRN licenses are summarily suspended.
3/5/10, Suspension continues with the opportunity to request reinstatement of only the RN license after having complied with stipulations and the reinstatement process. Further, respondent shall not be eligible to request reinstatement of APRN license until after a minimum of 3 years have elapsed following reinstatement of RN license.
Charges: Narcotics Violations/Other Violation of Drug Statutes; Diversion of Controlled Substance

Brewer, Carolyn (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Substandard or Inadequate Care; Filing False Reports or Falsifying Records

Broussard, Ashley Renee (CO) (S)

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

Broussard, Ian Matthew (CO) (A)

Delayed approval to receive temporary permit, to take the NCLEX-RN and to be licensed until completion of stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Broussard, Valerie Veillon (CO)

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

Brown, Michael Keith (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter or progress in clinical nursing courses based on the commitment of a crime of violence, Purse Snatching.

Burks, Nancy Brooke (CO) (S)

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest

Carapina, Lora Draga

License summarily suspended.

Chappell, Rick James (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse; Falsifying Records

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Disciplinary Actions of the December 7-9, 2009 Board Meeting

Childress, Alan Jason (CO) (S)

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse

Coate, Daniel Joseph (Ratified)

License suspended due to non compliance with RNP.

Colletta, Lisa Anne (CO) (S)

Suspended approval to continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Cox, Joy Comonique (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to progress in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met.

Charges: Criminal Arrests

Dixon, Shemeika Moniche (CO)

License suspended with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse; Diversion of Controlled Substances; Filing False Reports or Falsifying Records; Failure to Provide Medically Reasonable and/or Necessary Items or Services

Doiron, Ryan Joseph (R)

Reinstatement delayed, currently serving court ordered probation in another jurisdiction.

Edwardses, Bradley Scott (R)

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

Eleser, Cheryl Angela (R)

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

Erwin, Jaime Stephenson (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statues

Ewing, Edythe Zider (CO)

License suspended with a stay and probated for a minimum 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse; Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Credentials

Ford, Jennifer Elizabeth (R)

License suspended due to non compliance with RNP.

Fortner, Maria Adell (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Action by Arkansas Board of Nursing

Freeman, Timothy Lane (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrest

Fudge, Laura Clark (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Golen, Judy Golen (R)

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

Gremillion, Ken Lawrence (CO)

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

Charges: Criminal Conviction

Harris, Trenell Marie (R) (S)

Approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses is delayed until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Harris, Courtney Prothro (R)

License suspended due to non compliance with Board Order.

Harvey, Archie Faye (CO)

2/2/10, License summarily suspended. 3/11/10, Suspension continues for a minimum of 6 months of summary suspension date with the opportunity to request reinstatement after having complied with stipulations and the reinstatement process.

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

Henry, Tremica Knight (R) (S)

Approval to enter/continue in clinical nursing courses is delayed until the court ordered probation is complete and student has appeared before the Board for review.

Hidalgo, Colin Ross (CO)

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

Highstreet, Jeffrey Adam (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 1 year after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or other Substance Abuse

Hornsby, Janis Rodriguez (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 2 years with due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Disciplinary Actions of the March 15-17, 2010 Board Meeting

Howington, Donald Wayne (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to progress into the next clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met. After completion, student is granted approval to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Other Substance Abuse; Prior Criminal Action

Huval, Monique Michelle

License summarily suspended.

Irwin, Howard Kevin (CO)

12/15/09, License summarily suspended. 3/5/10, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

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

Johnson, Deena Douget (R)

License suspended due to non compliance with RNP.

Katz, Erica Lauren (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to progress into the next clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met. Also, a letter of reprimand issued.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests; Failure to Disclose

Kruger, Shalom Franco (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Lambert, Dustin Paul (CO) (S)

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Landry, Bonnie Castille (VS)

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

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

Lavergne, Jessie (CO)

1/18/10, License summarily suspended. 3/15/10, Agrees to summary suspension of 1/18/10, further license is permanently revoked.

Charges: License Revocation, Suspension or Other disciplinary Action Taken by a Federal, State or Local Licensing Authority; Patient Sexual Abuse; Sexual Misconduct

Lavergne, Tammy (R) (A)

Denied approval to take the NCLEX-RN, issuance of a temporary permit and RN licensure.

Lee, Heather Mire (CO)

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

Lee, Melissa Thornton (CO) (S)

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests; Criminal Conviction

Lewis, Keisha Wilford (CO)

License suspended with a stay, with probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

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

Lewis, Joshua Sabin (R) (S)

Suspended approval to continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Lombas, Lance Michael (CO) (A)

Delayed approval to receive a temporary permit, to take the NCLEX-RN and to be license until required stipulations are complete.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Lopez, Stephanie Ann (CO) (S)

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

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest; Medical Condition

Maguire, Elaine Schiller (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Macynski, David Frank (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct, Use of Profanity to Patient

McClure, Amber Lynn (CO) (A)

2/19/10, Delayed approval to receive a Temporary Permit, to take the NCLEX-RN and to be licensed until stipulations are complete.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Other Substance Abuse

3/16/10, Licensure by Examination is granted with stipulations probation/RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Failure to Disclose; Unable to Practice by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse

Menzies, Renita Bardwell (CO)

12/17/09, License summarily suspended. 1/8/10, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

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

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Mercer, Aimee Elizabeth (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, be issued a probated temporary work permit and receive a probated license for a minimum of 2 years after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.

Moeller, Brent O'Neal (CO)

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

Moody, Khalilah Partresse (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, be issued a work permit and licensure upon passing with a letter of reprimand and stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Conviction

Mulhearn, Tammy Lynn Pettis (R)

License suspended for a minimum of 1 year due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Myers, Diane Kay (CO)

1/13/2010, License summarily suspended. 3/5/10, Suspension continues with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

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

Nash, Shelly Maggio

RN license will remain suspended for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement. APRN license is revoked.

Neff, Ashley Nicole (R) (S)

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

Nieto, Katharine Alvey (R) (S)

Approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses is delayed until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Ory, Richard Joseph (CO)

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

Pierce, Julie Shores (CO)

License "Inactive" with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: License Revocation, Suspension or Other Disciplinary Action Taken by a Federal, State or Local Licensing Authority

Ray, John W.

Respondent's license is permanently revoked and under no condition will there be reinstatement of license.

Charges: Patient Abuse; Unprofessional Conduct

Rader, Rachel Sue (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until completion of comprehensive evaluations, have submitted to all treatment recommendations thereafter and have submitted evidence of continued compliance with all recommendations by the respective professionals.

Ramon, Bonnie Tobin (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter or progress in clinical nursing courses based on the commitment of a crime of violence, Aggravated Assault.

Rogers, Kelly Weaver (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statues

Rushford, Robert Carl (CO)

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

Russo, Jennifer Maria (CO)

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

Sauls, Sheri Schaefer (CO)

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

Shows, Sheila Jarreau (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Silvestri, Rachel Lynn (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Simonson, Daniel Patrick (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for a minimum of 1 year after successfully passing the licensing examination with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Sovine, Kathleen Marie

License summarily suspended.

Stack, Brandi Nicole (CO)

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

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct; Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice; Misappropriation of Patient Property or Other Property

Stanley, Vrennia Ann (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/progress in clinical nursing course/sequence with probation for a minimum of 1 year or until graduation.

Disciplinary Actions of the March 15-17, 2010 Board Meeting

Stevens, Billie Beaulieu (CO)

License suspended with at stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.

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

Tate, Jake Garrett (VS)

Voluntary surrender of license for a minimum of 5 years.

Charges: Sexual Misconduct; Unprofessional Conduct; Immediate Threat to Health or Safety

Thompson, Lea Whitehead (R)

License suspended due to action in another jurisdiction.

Tobin, Erin Fraley (CO) (S)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met.

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

Traxler, Joshua Bradley (CO) (A)

Applicant agrees to denial of endorsement application dated August 28, 2009, due to Applicant's diversion of narcotics and also due to failure to have disclosed his chemical dependency condition on the endorsement application.

Charges: Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Credentials; Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse

Utecht-Breaux, Michelle Rae (R)

License summarily suspended.

Victorian, Yshmyra Marie (R) (A)

Request for licensure by endorsement in Louisiana is delayed until action by the Texas Board of Nursing is resolved.

Vitello, Angela Danae' (R)

Request for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure is delayed due to RN license being placed on probationary status by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Waguespack, Kent Paul

Denied reinstatement, license is permanently revoked.

Williams, Yourshenda Denise (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/continue/progress in clinical nursing courses contingent upon completion of stipulations. Also, a letter of reprimand issued.

Charges: Failure to Disclose

Windecker, Heather Holton (R)

License suspended due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Witty, Carolyn David (SO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for 3 years with stipulations.

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

Woodring, Spencer Morgan (CO)

License suspended with a stay, probated for a minimum of 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statues

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2010 State Holidays

Memorial Day (by proclamation)	Monday, May 31, 2010
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2010
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2010
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2010
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2010

* 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 20-21, 2010
October 19-20, 2010
January 19, 2011

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

Board Meetings

June 7-9, 2010
September 13-15, 2010
December 6-8, 2010

Advisory Council Meetings

September 13, 2010

Lost and Stolen Licenses

The list of lost and stolen licenses for Spring 2010 is located at the LSBN website at

<http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerSpring2010LostLicenses.pdf>

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You can change your address on our website, www.lsbn.state.la.us, under "Online Services".

If you prefer to send the change in by mail, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

This is a change of:

_____**Name (Documentation Required)*** _____**Address** _____**Replacement Card Needed****

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

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

For identification, please provide one of the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (area code/number) _____

Mobile Number (area code/number) _____

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (area code/number) _____

Email Address _____

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

LEGAL DUTY TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE

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