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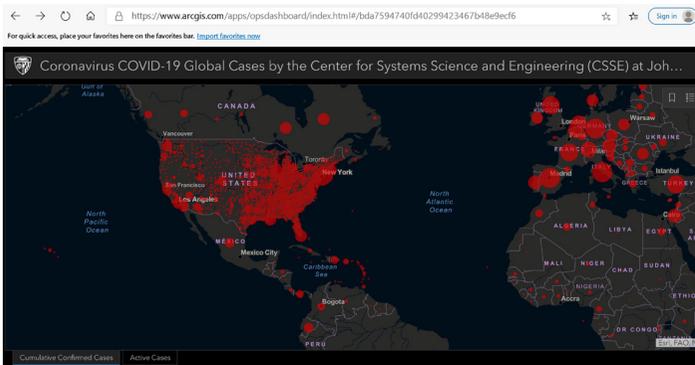


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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



As I write my column this quarter, the world is experiencing a health crisis not seen for the last 100 years when the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918 is estimated to have infected as many as one billion people worldwide with a death toll estimated at 40 million.¹ The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus COVID-19 dashboard reports that as of April 9, 2020, there are 1,506,936 confirmed cases worldwide, 432,596 of which are in the United States and 18,283 of those are in Louisiana with 702 deaths.²



In the last two months, we have added innumerable terms to our daily vocabulary: mitigate, granular, personal protective equipment (PPE), N-95 masks, flattening the curve, surge capacity, social distancing, testing swabs, self-isolate, quarantine, reproduction number (R0), hydroxychloroquine, and convalescent plasma. Who could have ever predicted that everyday Americans would have to become conversant with such medical terminology to understand daily press conferences from the White House or the never-ending articles published in daily news accounts of the pandemic?

Amid mostly bad news, however, I have never been prouder of my profession and, it would seem, I am joined by most of my fellow Americans. I watch, along with most of the world, when Manhattan transforms into the closest thing we have these days to a pep rally for healthcare workers. At 7 pm eastern daylight time, New Yorkers lean out of windows, gather on their high-rise porches or come out on the sidewalk, still maintaining that precious 6 feet separation, to scream, cheer, clap, bang pots and applaud the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and all other manner of healthcare staff who are getting us through this. My colleagues all over the world, but especially in hotspots like New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and Louisiana arrive every day to an environment none of them could have ever imagined: refriger-

ated trailers behind their hospitals to store the bodies because morgues have been overwhelmed and no longer have room for the dead; shortages of personal protective equipment; preparing their own advanced directives and getting their affairs in order because it's no longer "if I get the virus" – it's "when I get the virus". Staffing agencies from all over the country are sending nurses and allied health workers from all over the country to assist our nurses that are overwhelmed. Nurses with inactive or retired licenses are being restored so that these RNs can return to the work force to relieve their colleagues on the front lines of this battle. LSBN has been busy as well, working with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Governor's Office to pass emergency rules and suspend certain statutes that interfere with urgent and rapid licensure of nurses to assist with crisis care in our state as well as to allow RNs and APRNs to practice to their full scope without barriers that prevent that practice. Our first two emergency rules allowed new graduates to extend their temporary permit and to allow them to continue practicing as RN applicants until the crisis is over and they can take their licensure exam. We have also allowed emergency relief to RNs and APRNs to do moderate clinical laboratory point of care testing in all patient care areas. Collaborative practice agreements (CPA) for APRNs were extended to allow APRNs to work under their CPA in any site without first reporting it to the board. That rule was then supplemented by **Executive Order 38 JBE 2020**, which suspended the need for CPAs during the health emergency. Other actions taken by **Executive Order 38 JBE 2020** included permitting CRNAs to provide anesthesia care and ancillary services without direction and supervision of a physician or dentist; suspending the need for RNs and APRNs with active, unencumbered licenses in other states to apply for a license in Louisiana if they were practicing here during the emergency; and authorizing RNs to administer and manage anesthetics for intubated patients in all healthcare settings in which those patients were cared for. Additionally, the Board just met to allow an emergency rule that would allow pre-graduation RN applicant disaster permits to be issued to nursing students currently enrolled in their last semester of a nursing education program approved by the board during a public health emergency, and for such periods thereafter as approved by the board. The students would have to be verified by the Director of the Nursing Program as being currently enrolled in their last semester of the program and in good standing.

Children in my neighborhood have posted yellow ribbons on trees and chalked their driveways to thank the nurses and doctors. People gather at sundown to visit with their neighbors across the street or next door. Everyone toasts the nurses, PAs and other health providers in our neighborhood who continue to report to work





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daily despite the danger to themselves and even their families. We owe these people our lives. They are engaged every day in a job that demands constant exposure to danger. There's a reason people keep referring to this as a war and doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and others are on the front line fighting to keep the enemy from advancing. We must be resilient; we must not panic. We must focus on the future – we will beat this and, hopefully, we will make it to the other side as a kinder, gentler, more forgiving and more united nation.

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2. Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU). (2020) Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering. <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

For the Public Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen C. Lyon".

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN, NEA_{BC}
Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

New Employee Highlight

Feleshia Coleman serves as a Licensing Analyst in the Compliance Department. She received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Southern University A&M College. She has worked as an independent insurance agent for AFLAC and was a public servant through the LA Department of Revenue as a revenue tax analyst, team lead and supervisor in the processing center. Feleshia considers herself a "Die-hard Foodie". She loves creating meal ideas and cooking for the entire family. Her hobbies include watching any Marvel Movies, crafts and shopping.

Crystal Simmons serves as a Compliance Investigator 2 in the Compliance Department. Crystal was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada and moved to Louisiana in July 2019 to be closer to her family. She studied at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and received a joint bachelor's degree in Criminology and Psychology. Crystal began a career with the Canada Border Services Agency of the Federal Government of Canada. She worked at the international airport as a Customs and Immigration Officer for 6.5 years before taking a position as an Intelligence Analyst for the same agency. Crystal enjoys traveling, staying active, and spending time with family.





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Chiefs Corner

Division of Nursing
Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP, BC, FAANP
Chief Nursing Officer

Division of Nursing: Available to Serve

The Division of Nursing within the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) includes the Louisiana Center for Nursing directed by Dr. Cynthia Bienemy as well as the Licensure & Practice and Education & Examination departments which are directed by Monique Calmes and Dr. Patricia Dufrene, respectively. Though the LSBN office has been closed to the public since March 15th, the work of the division has continued in earnest as staff have transitioned to new and innovative modalities of providing services remotely as directed by the Governor and per current recommendations for the safety of staff, customers, and stakeholders in management of the public health emergency.

Though the office building is closed, the business of LSBN continues. Applications are being reviewed and processed; calls are answered; replies are being imparted in response to emails and messages in the nurse portal; and many other services provided each and every business day. Contact us via email, phone, or submit messages in the message center if you have questions or need assistance. We're available.

Center for Nursing	(225) 755-7563	lcn@lsbn.state.la.us
Education	(225) 755-7522	education@lsbn.state.la.us
Examination	(225) 755-7523	examination@lsbn.state.la.us
Endorsements	(225) 755-7520	endorsements@lsbn.state.la.us
RN Practice	(225) 755-7520	practice@lsbn.state.la.us
APRN	(225) 755-7520	advancedpractice@lsbn.state.la.us

Due to the restructuring of the business environment, please be patient as additional time may be needed to provide some services, though we remain committed to continuing the work and mission of the agency while abiding by the Governor's stay-at-home order. Amidst catastrophic events such as the pandemic we are facing, operations of many industries will be different than usual due to the impact of the public health emergency on resources. LSBN is committed to be a partner with our colleagues not an obstacle in getting through this unprecedented event together.

LSBN has sent email notifications of news and events impacting nursing practice, education, and licensure when they occur and are received and our website has links related to emergency rules, proclamations and other resources impacting health and our profession during this public health emergency: <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/>. Check out information supplied by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and see what states are doing throughout the country from a nursing regulatory perspective at <https://www.ncsbn.org/covid-19.htm>.

Let us know how we can help. Thank you for your dedication and service to the state and the profession!





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Division of Compliance
Wanda Woods-Matthews, MPA
Chief Compliance Officer

As previously posted on LSBN's website, the LSBN office is temporarily closed and LSBN staff is working remotely from home. However, the office closure does not negate the Compliance Department's responsibility to protect consumers of health care in Louisiana by ensuring that alleged violations of the Nurse Practice Act, Nursing Board Rules and Regulations, and state and federal laws are appropriately investigated or the Monitoring/Recovering Nurse Program Department's responsibility to allow licensees/student nurses recovering from substance use disorder and/or a medical, mental or physical condition to maintain licensure while being closely monitored by the board.

Please continue to contact staff directly via email or office phone should you have questions regarding your investigation, Board Order or Recovering Nurse Program Agreement. If you are unable to contact staff directly and would like to inquire about an investigation, email us at investigations@lsbn.state.la.us. If you are a Monitoring/Recovering Nurse Program participant, email us at monitoring@lsbn.state.la.us or rnp@lsbn.state.la.us.

Division of Legal Affairs
Carrie LeBlanc Jones
Chief Legal Officer / General Counsel

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing's doors were closed to the public due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but the agency remains fully operational with most of our staff working remotely. LSBN leadership has worked tirelessly with Governor Edwards' staff, LDH, other Louisiana regulatory boards, and state nursing boards throughout the country to increase Louisiana's nursing workforce and to remove barriers to healthcare during this unprecedented public health emergency. Specific emergency action in response to COVID-19 is updated regularly on the LSBN website.

I commend the Legal Division staff for transitioning to remote work so abruptly. As I write this, it is still a HUGE adjustment, but our team continues to serve and protect the public and support Louisiana's nurses during this crisis. Unfortunately, the LSBN's disciplinary hearings for April were cancelled; however, the Hearings Department is still processing cases. If you have a pending case, please monitor your official LSBN e-mail address listed in the Nurse Portal for important correspondence. If you have any questions regarding a pending matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our team is checking voicemail and e-mail throughout the day while we work remotely.

Division of Administration
Isonel M. Brown, MS, MBA
Chief Administrative Officer

Thank You LSBN Staff

Statewide concerns over containing the spread of the coronavirus prompted LSBN and all governmental agencies to encourage employees to shelter-at-home but continue providing services by working remotely. Today, the LSBN Division of Administration extends its thanks to our dedicated employees who continue to diligently respond to the needs of our customers. To those LSBN employees who have never experienced working remotely, we extend a special thank you for adjusting to this change so professionally. I extend much gratitude and appreciation to my staff, Team Ops, who continue to demonstrate unwavering commitment in keeping the agency open and operational.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our agency and the customers we serve. Please stay safe and I look forward to being together again when the directive is given.





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Compliance Division Complaints
by Wanda Matthews, MPA
Chief Compliance Officer

Complaints received by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) are reviewed by a Complaint Review Committee and the committee determines if the complaint should be opened as an investigation. Often the complainant requests to withdraw their complaint after working out an agreement with the licensee. The agreement does not preclude Board staff from proceeding with an investigation. The alleged offense and evidence must be considered and Board staff will determine if the licensee has committed an offense that violates the Nurse Practice Act (NPA). If a violation of the NPA is proven, the investigation is closed and the file is transferred to the Hearings Department for disciplinary action.

Complainants are sent an acknowledgment letter informing them that their complaint was received by the Board. However, complainants often contact the Board to determine the status of the complaint, if an investigation was opened and/or request details about the investigation. Board staff is prohibited from disclosing information regarding an investigation to a complainant or any person other than the licensee or licensee's attorney. Any information received from a complainant is considered privileged. Board staff is unable to disclose information unless the alleged offense is a proven violation of the NPA and provided the information will be offered as evidence in a formal hearing. Documents can be shared if the Board receives a subpoena from the court or if the information is requested by other regulatory or law enforcement agencies.

Therefore, when submitting a complaint on LSBN's complaint portal, know that you are unable to withdraw the complaint or preclude staff from continuing with the investigation process after the complaint is submitted.

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Public Records Act, La. R.S. 44:4(9)





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Practice
by Monique Calmes, APRN, FNP-BC
Director, Licensure and Practice

Continuing Education Requirements for APRNs Prescribing Controlled Substances

In an effort to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 55 (Act 76), revisions were finalized regarding the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's (LSBN) requirements for submission of prescriptive authority applications (Initial Prescriptive Authority and Changes to Prescriptive Authority).

The following are the highlights of the revisions that are now in effect relative to prescriptive authority:

- APRNs submitting prescriptive authority applications (a Change to Prescriptive Authority or Initial Prescriptive Authority) that include the prescribing of controlled substances must provide proof of completion of a board approved 3-hour CE course. The CE certificate is to be **uploaded** during the time of application submission. This is a one-time requirement under current law.
- Submitting documents that are from the preapproved list greatly assists in prompt processing and approval of applications. The current list of preapproved courses is available on our website at the following link <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Audit/CDSCEApprovedCourseList.pdf>.

Beginning in May 2020, we will begin accepting CE certificates **by mail** from APRNs due for licensure renewal who have not previously submitted proof of CE completion. **APRNs with both active prescriptive authority and who hold an active controlled dangerous substance (CDS) license will not be eligible to renew if they have not submitted the required CEs. The RN and APRN licenses and prescriptive authority credential shall become inactive if the required CEs are not submitted.**

Stay tuned to your emails and LSBN's website for further information regarding these matters.

Suspension of the Annual Continuing Education Audit

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the annual continuing education audit has been suspended. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/news/Suspensionof2019CNEAudit.pdf>. You will be required to submit the requested documentation when our healthcare crisis has ended.

Emergency Rule for relaxation of collaborative practice agreements for APRNs

LSBN passed temporary emergency rules that can be found here: <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/news/CPAExceptionFinal.pdf>. This was done in response to our current healthcare crisis and provides for an APRN practicing with a previously approved collaborating physician at a new site, otherwise not previously reported to the board, may continue to practice during the time of the declared emergency or disaster under the parameters of the signed collaborative practice agreement.





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Louisiana's Nursing Workforce and the COVID 19 Pandemic
by Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN
Director, Louisiana Center for Nursing

The COVID 19 Pandemic is, and will continue to impact our nursing workforce globally, nationally and at the state level in ways that we cannot begin to imagine. Words cannot describe the dire nursing workforce shortage that is being experienced around the world as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. Tremendous efforts are being carried out by our healthcare leaders, nursing regulators, nurse educators, and governmental officials in an attempt to ensure that we have nurses available at the bedside to care for those that have been infected with the coronavirus and that are literally fighting for their lives, and to also ensure that our nurses have the resources and supplies that are needed to keep them and the patients safe. In some areas of the country, hospitals are literally competing for personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and for healthcare providers by offering enormous salaries in the form of hazard pay. Truly, these are times that we have never seen before and hope to never see again.

We pray continually for those nurses and healthcare providers that are literally making the ultimate sacrifice by working on the frontlines providing care for those that are most in need. We would like to thank our governmental officials, legislators, healthcare associations, nursing leaders, state agencies, leaders and volunteers from the public and private sector, businesses, for profits and not-for-profits, thousands of volunteers, as well as the citizens of Louisiana for doing their part by adhering to the stay at home order given by Governor John Bel Edwards and President Donald Trump. Many of us may at times feel helpless, that we are not doing enough to help those that are on the frontlines. I would like to remind you that every prayer you whisper, every positive thought you have, and every kind act you carry out, makes this battle a little lighter for our first responders, nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, nurse techs, nurse aides, janitorial workers, cafeteria workers and so many more who are going to work every day to ensure that our loved ones receive the best possible care.

I recently read an article that was written by Robin Krinsky, a clinical nurse in cardiology at the Mount Sinai Hospital, that I thought truly speaks to the sentiment of so many of our nurses that are on the front line. Here are some excerpts from the article:

I know that I am rising to the occasion and that all of you are rising too. We are resilient, we are heroes to the public and our families. We are innovative and setting the highest standards for other organizations with our best practices. We are confronting ethical issues but not losing our humanity. We are doers, we are thinkers, thinkers who think outside the box, and our ideas have been adopted by our organizations and rapidly implemented.

At a time where information is changing every second, all ideas are good ideas. The conversation is always open, and I encourage all nurses to participate.

We can't overcome these challenges by ourselves. We all can, and must, work together regardless of our political affiliation, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, race, gender identities or anything that may set us apart from one another. If we do, I know that we will come out of this stronger than when we came in (April 1, 2019).

Thank you for making the ultimate sacrifice so that Louisianans may live long, healthy, prosperous lives. Louisiana truly will come out of this stronger, with many lessons learned that will transform our healthcare system for the better.

Reference:

Krinsky, R. (2020). Health-care professionals, pull together now. New York Daily News. Retrieved from: <http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-health-care-professionals-pull-together-now-20200401-xb54ms3nznfk5butr4cl2pvzvy-story.html>.





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NCLEX-RN®: Implications of Pass Rates for Louisiana and the Nursing Education Program
by Patricia Dufrene, PhD, RN
Director, Education and Licensure

A nursing education program is a program whose purpose is to prepare graduates eligible to write the licensing examination and practice as competent and efficient entry-level registered nurses. Boards of Nursing approve pre-licensure nursing educational programs, which meet their educational standards and assure protection of the public through evaluation and enforcement of those standards. In accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3535.B, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has legal authority over the programs and statutory authority to close programs that are not meeting the standards, which include 80% first time pass rate annually on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®). Nursing education programs in the state of Louisiana are reviewed annually at the February Board meeting for compliance with the Rules and Regulations related to preparation of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses.

The approved pre-licensure undergraduate programs in the state of Louisiana are listed below in Figure 1. Fifty-five percent (16) of the pre-licensure registered nurse education programs in Louisiana lead to a baccalaureate degree, forty-one percent (12) lead to an associate degree in nursing and three percent (1) is a diploma program (Figure 1). Programs leading to an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing are conducted by an educational unit, department, division, college or school that is an integral part of a college or university. A program leading to a diploma in nursing is conducted by an educational unit that is an integral part of a hospital.

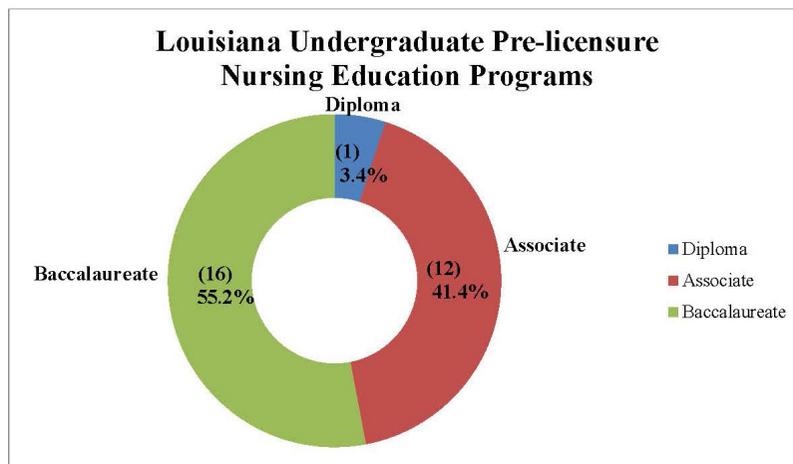


Figure 1- Breakdown by percentage and number for the twenty-nine (29) pre-licensure nursing education programs approved in Louisiana

Approval status is based on performance of each program and compliance with the standards identified in the Rules and Regulations. There are three levels of approval of nursing education programs in Louisiana identified as:

1. Initial Approval: Programs receiving approval to initiate a program are placed on initial approval. They may petition for approval after the first cohort of students graduate and take the NCLEX-RN®.
2. Full approval: The program meets all the education standards set forth by the Board in the Rules and Regulations.
3. Probation: A program has failed to meet one or more educational standards set forth by the Board in the Rules and Regulations.

One standard measured in regulation of undergraduate nursing education programs leading to licensure is the passage rate of the first time testers on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX-RN®. The NCLEX-RN® has been administered as a computerized adaptive test (CAT) since April 1994. CAT makes the test challenging for everyone by providing varying difficulty level and length based on the individual tester. The NCLEX-RN® is designed to test knowledge skills and abilities reflecting entry-level practice. The focus is on the delivery of safe competent care by the generalist registered nurse. Every three years, NCSBN conducts a practice analysis for entry-level registered nurses. The analysis results are utilized to es-





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establish the passing standard and make necessary changes to the test blueprint. On April 1, 2019 the most recent test plan was enacted and the passing standard was unchanged. The passing standard for NCLEX-RN® reflects the minimum ability required to safely and effectively practice nursing at the entry-level.

The pass rate measured from January to December of the previous year is reviewed for compliance with the standard. Programs achieving less than an 80% pass rate are not in compliance with the standard and are placed on conditional approval. Correction of the deficiency must be demonstrated for the entire year to have restoration of full approval.

NCSBN reports the national pass rate for January to December 2019 as 88.18%. Louisiana exceeded this with a pass rate of 94.72% for first time test takers. The pass rates for the Louisiana schools of nursing are as follows:

Performance of First Time Candidates of Nursing Education Programs in Louisiana on NCLEX-RN, regardless of where taking examination, January 1 - December 31, 2019.

Table 1: 2019 NCLEX-RN® Pass rates for Louisiana Educational Programs

Nursing Program	Number of Candidates	Number Passing	Percentage Passing
Associate Degree			
Baton Rouge CC	45	42	93.33
Bossier Parish CC	47	45	95.74
Delgado CC	212	201	94.81
Fletcher Technical CC	14	13	92.86
Louisiana Delta CC	27	26	96.30
LSU Alexandria	63	58	92.06
LSU Eunice	63	55	87.30
Louisiana Tech University	53	52	98.11
Northwestern State University	140	132	94.29
South Louisiana CC	34	34	100.00
Southern University at Shreveport	70	63	90.00
SOWELA Technical CC	22	22	100.00
Total	790	743	94.05
Diploma			
Baton Rouge General	71	66	92.96
Total	71	66	92.96
Baccalaureate			
Dillard University	10	8	80.00
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady	87	87	100.00
Louisiana College	21	12	57.14
LSU Health Science Center	222	218	98.20
McNeese State University	58	57	98.28
Nicholls State University	115	106	92.17
Northwestern State University	165	157	95.15
Southeastern Louisiana University	149	145	97.32
Southern University Baton Rouge	82	68	82.93
University of Holy Cross	38	38	100.00
University of LA Lafayette	138	136	98.55
University of LA Monroe	98	95	96.94
Total	1,183	1,127	95.27
GRAND TOTAL	2,044	1,936	94.72





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The following Louisiana pre-licensure registered nurse education program is on probation for 2019 secondary to pass rates lower than 80% from January 1 - December 31, 2019:

- Louisiana College

References and Additional Resources:

Louisiana State Board of Nursing:

Title 46, professional and occupational standards, part XLVII. <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us>

RN Students <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/FAQS/EducationandLicensureFAQ.aspx>

Schools of Nursing <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Education/SchoolsofNursing.aspx>

National Council of State Boards of Nursing:

National Council State Board of Nursing <http://www.ncsbn.org>

Major Motions

Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the October 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Emergency Board Meeting, the August 15, 2019 Board Meeting, and the September 12, 2019 Public Hearing.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the FY 2019 Financial and Compliance Audit.

Motion Carried.

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Report
2. Approved Program Reports
 1. Dillard University – Substantive Change in Organizational Chart
3. Tulane University Hospital- Request for Continuing Education Providership Renewal
4. Education Announcements.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

Motion Carried.

Education and Examination

Motion to accept Dillard University’s report and action plan re-

garding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept Louisiana College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the major/substantive changes request from Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) to increase enrollment to five traditional ASN students and five LPN-RN students.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the request of Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) to establish an LPN to RN program at the Winnsboro and Tallulah campuses.

Motion Carried.

Reports

Motion to accept the reports of the President, Vice- President and CEO/ Executive Director

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the 2020 Board Meeting Dates

Motion Carried.





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Motion to accept the 2020 Board Member Hearing Panel Assignments.

Motion Carried.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the report on litigation and personnel issues

Motion Carried.

Major Motions and Other Actions
Taken at the December 5, 2019 Board Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

1. Consent Agenda Motions
 1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Report
 2. University of Louisiana Monroe – Request for Continuing Education Providership Renewal.
 3. Fletcher Technical Community College–LPN to RN Petition
 4. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University–Major Substantive Change
 5. Education Announcements

Motion Carried.

Education and Examination

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Motion to accept Louisiana College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the request of Loyola University’s College of Nursing and Health to initiate a Dual Degree Program through a concurrent enrollment articulation agreement with Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing.

Motion Carried.

Motion to defer action on Baton Rouge General Medical Center’s School of Nursing request to withdraw the previously approved termination plan and request that they return to LSBN with data that LSBN staff will compile and forward to Board members in a formal request for presentation at a future Board meeting.

Motion Carried.

Licensure and Practice

Motion to edit 1.b. to reflect a minimum of 900 hours over the biennium will be accepted in lieu of CNE hours.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the proposed rule (Attachment #1) in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, L.A. R.S. 49:951-968 providing for revisions to sections 3335 and 3337, with edits to 1.b. to reflect a minimum of 900 hours biannually.

Motion Carried.

Administration

Motion to approve the proposed FY2021 Annual Budget.

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the reports of the President, Vice-President and CEO/ Executive Director

Motion Carried.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues

Motion Carried.





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Disciplinary Matters

The LSBN took a total of 28 actions at the January 8, 2020 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link:

[January 8, 2020](#)

The LSBN took a total of 32 actions at the February 12, 2020 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link:

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2020 State Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day.....	May 25
Independence Day.....	July 3
Labor Day.....	September 7
General Election Day.....	November 3
Veterans Day.....	November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 26
Christmas Day.....	December 25

Future Board Meeting Dates

- June 18, 2020
- August 20, 2020
- October 15, 2020
- December 3, 2020

