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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



From August 26 through August 30, 2024, I attended the Annual Meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators accompanied by Chiefs Isonel Brown, Dr. Monique Calmes and Executive Counsel Alicia Wheeler. We were also accompanied by Board Members President Tracey Moffatt, Vice President Dr. Jennifer Manning, and Board Member Dr. Jennifer Couvillon. Following is a summary of select information from those meetings.

Nurse Licensure Compact

Chairperson Zickafoose welcomed Christine Constanza, new NLC Commissioner for Louisiana (PN), Dana Dalton, NLC Commissioner for Connecticut, Amanda Gray, who will become NLC Commissioner and Executive Officer for Florida in October, and Jayme Hildreth, interim NLC

Commissioner for Iowa.

Connecticut - Gov. Lamont signed the NLC into law on May 30. The focus now is on implementation, which includes implementing criminal background checks (CBCs).

Massachusetts - Earlier this year, the NLC bill was included with other health workforce bills in an extension order. The bill is still actively considered for passage.

Alaska - State Affairs has attempted on three occasions to amend the NLC to other bills but has been unsuccessful. There is good momentum going into next year's legislative session.

Jim Puente reported on an enhancement to the Nursys discipline report. The addition, which is an addendum to the existing discipline report, displays the "My clean MSL holders" who have the privilege to practice (PTP) discipline in another compact state.

Report on Executive Officers Meeting at NCSBN 2024 Annual Meeting

The following Executive Officers were recognized for their retirements and honored for their service to NCSBN:

- Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar, Nova Scotia
- Joe Baker, Jr., Executive Director, Florida
- Jay Douglas, Executive Director, Virginia
- Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer, Hawaii (not present)

Joe Baker (Florida) provided information regarding Florida Senate Bill 1600 (<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/1600>). He explained that the legislation created new provisions for individuals seeking licensure in Florida by endorsement. Applicants will be required to have practiced three out of the previous four years, must have no active complaints in any other jurisdiction, must not have any felony convictions related to the practice of nursing, and must not have any unresolved reports to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). If the applicant does not meet the criteria listed above, the applicant will not be eligible for licensure by endorsement and will be required to apply for licensure by examination and retake NCLEX. Baker explained that the active practice requirement would be verified by affirmation from the applicant and clarified that the Florida Board of Nursing was not given rulemaking authority for this legislation. He noted that, based on the current legal interpretation, applicants would not be able to use previous NCLEX results and would be required to retake the examination as a condition of licensure. Baker also noted that the new statutory provisions repealed the pathway for applicants from Puerto Rico to seek licensure in Florida by endorsement without taking NCLEX.

The law becomes effective January 1, 2025, or when the rules are finalized, whichever date is sooner.





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Jim Cleghorn, Director of Member Engagement and Government Affairs, provided information regarding planned updates to the Substance Use Disorder Guidelines published by NCSBN. Rachel Prusak (Oregon) expressed appreciation for the upcoming updates and noted the importance of NCSBN collaborating with other partner organizations as it drafts the updates. It was noted that the information should also include guidelines for mental health disorders, a self-assessment tool and common metrics.

Cheryl Pulec, Director of the International Center for Regulatory Scholarship, provided information regarding the ICRS certificate program. She provided an update regarding *"Practicing with Intention: Professional Decision Making for Nurses"* and noted that the pilot program would begin in early 2025. The course is designed to lead nurses with discipline to understand how they can reflect on their actions and improve their practice. The instructor-led, six-week course will include four mandatory live sessions. Pulec explained that the pilot program would include five NRBs. Louisiana is one of the states that will be piloting this course. Participating NRBs will receive a pass/fail report for each nurse enrolled.

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

LSBN Welcomes our New Board Member



LSBN is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Amie Bulliard, MSN, RN, CPHQ** as the Other Areas of Nursing Practice representative on the Board. Ms. Bulliard is currently employed by Ochsner Health and serves as the Director of Population Health for the Acadiana Region. Ochsner Health System is a non-profit, academic health system, with over 40 hospitals, and 350 clinics and urgent cares. Ms. Bulliard has been with Ochsner since 2010. She has served in various roles such as Director of Inpatient Quality/Infection Prevention and Performance Improvement. She has been with the Population Health Team since 2019, with a focus on Ambulatory Care.





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Chiefs Corner

Division of Compliance
Lauren Byrd Papillion, J.D.
Chief Regulatory Officer

During the third quarter of 2024, the Compliance Department received 478 complaints. Of the 478 complaints received, 139 new investigations were opened. Department staff closed 153 investigations and as of the end of the quarter, the department had 415 open investigations, including 28 open Priority One investigations (Priority One cases pose an imminent and substantial danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens). The Compliance Department has been working diligently and is on track to close all 2023 investigations by the end of this year.

At the end of the third quarter, RNP/Monitoring Department had 490 participants – 229 in Monitoring and 261 in RNP (121 confidential participants and 140 disciplinary participants). During the third quarter, RNP welcomed 9 new participants, and 5 participants successfully completed the program. Monitoring staff was assigned 78 new participants, and 29 participants successfully completed their orders and/or agreements with the Board. Earlier this month, the RNP/Monitoring Department staff met with one potential new evaluation and treatment center seeking to become Board-recognized.

Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Chief Credentialing Officer

Isonel M. Brown, MS, MBA
Chief Administrative Officer

LSBN will be changing its criminal background check (CBC) process. Effective November 15, 2024, LSBN will no longer be accepting fingerprint cards. LSBN will begin using the new statewide fingerprint services as mandated by the Louisiana State Police. Fingerprinting will take place at a third-party vendor named Identogo/Idemia. Identogo has many locations across the state where applicants will be able to schedule a fingerprint appointment directly with Identogo. Applicants for licensure with LSBN will be required to provide Identogo with LSBN's unique service code, which will ensure that we receive your results.

We expect to notify our applicants as soon as possible once we have the final information. In the meantime, we strongly suggest the following: *If you have started an application in the Nurse Portal that requires a CBC, but have not yet submitted it, we encourage you to complete your application **and** forward your fingerprint cards to us before November 15, 2024.* We will be sending information directly to our schools of nursing to help facilitate December 2024 graduates and clinical students that start January 2025.

This change in fingerprint does not affect renewal for licensees.

Stay tuned to your emails for additional information.





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The Challenges of Unrenewed Nursing Licenses Amid Investigations in Louisiana by Nichole R. Battle, MCJ Compliance Investigator Team Leader

As an employee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), I have witnessed firsthand the crucial role we play in upholding the integrity of nursing in the state. Our mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by ensuring that all practicing nurses maintain high professional standards. However, one recurring challenge we face is the situation of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) under investigation for a potential Nurse Practice Act (NPA) violation, failing to renew their licenses. An investigation is initiated when Board staff receives information in writing that a practitioner has possibly violated a provision set forth by the NPA. Board staff investigates this information to determine if sufficient evidence exists to warrant informal or disciplinary action.

An active nursing license is mandatory to practice legally. In recent years, we have seen an increasing number of cases where APRNs/RNs under investigation for potential NPA violations choose not to renew their licenses. Some nurses may believe that allowing their license to lapse while an investigation is ongoing will halt or delay disciplinary proceedings, while others may opt to abandon the profession altogether rather than face the potential consequences of the investigation.

It is important to clarify that an APRN/RN failing to renew their license does not stop the investigation process. Whether or not a nurse maintains an active license during the investigation, the board continues to move forward with its proceedings, potentially issuing informal/formal disciplinary action even after the license has lapsed. In accordance with the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) guidelines, investigations are not reportable. However, if a practitioner withdraws a renewal application and/or fails to renew licensure prior to the conclusion of the Board's investigation, it is reportable, except in the situation where an applicant submitting an initial application for licensure can withdraw for any reason without the withdrawal being reported to the NPDB. The governing authority will report the practitioner to the NPDB under the Initial Action Code 1155: Respondent allowed his/her license to lapse while under investigation or Applicant withdrew her/his renewal application while under investigation (*Reporting state licensure and certification actions December 2022*).

As an employee within the LSBN, the trend of nurses failing to renew their licenses while under investigation poses a significant challenge to both the regulatory process and public safety. The ongoing efforts by the LSBN to address these cases underscore the need for vigilance, transparency, and a firm commitment to upholding the standards of the nursing profession. By doing so, we continue to protect the public and ensure that nurses in Louisiana provide the highest quality of care.

NPDB Guidebook, Chapter E: Reports, Reporting State Licensure and Certification Actions. (Dec 2022). <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/guidebook/EStateLicensureActions.jsp>





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Division of Nursing
by Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Chief Credentialing Officer

Continuing Education (CE) and Nursing Practice Requirements

Licensure renewal involves consideration of regulations related to CE and nursing practice. LSBN's requirements are in alignment with national trends and guidelines of other nursing regulatory agencies in the US. Each year, following renewal season, a random audit is performed by LSBN to ensure compliance with requirements. All Louisiana licensed RNs, except those issued a 1st time Louisiana license in the 2024 calendar year, must follow LSBN rules regarding nursing CE and nursing practice requirements.

For RN license renewal, at least one of the two options below must have been completed during the two-year licensure period:

- a. a minimum of 30 board-approved contact hours of continuing education during the two-year licensure period;
- OR
- b. a minimum of 900 practice hours during the two-year licensure period as verified by the employer on a form provided by the board.

There are no separate CE or nursing practice requirements for renewal of an RN MSL issued by LSBN. Further details including some exceptions and the definition of the practice of nursing and roles that RNs fulfill are available at [CE Brochure \(state.la.us\)](https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/CE_Brochure).

For APRNs with prescriptive authority, each year they must obtain six CEs in pharmacotherapeutics. Act 76 of Louisiana's 2017 legislative session mandated that prescribers of controlled substances in Louisiana obtain three credit hours of CEs as a prerequisite for license renewal. This is a one-time requirement. Content of the CE must include drug diversion training, best practices for the prescribing of controlled substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other content deemed appropriate by the regulatory agency. For additional information, contact LSBN at renewals@lsbn.state.la.us.

Renewal Reminders

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing's (LSBN) Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license renewal season began October 1, 2024. The active renewal season ends on December 31, 2024. Applications submitted January 1, 2025, through January 31, 2025, are considered late and subject to a late fee. Renewed licenses are issued for a 2-year period; thus, renewal of licenses is biennial. The expiration date for licenses renewed this year will be January 31, 2027. The renewal process is electronic through the online LSBN nurse portal. Paper renewal applications are not available. RNs and APRNs who choose not to renew or otherwise wish to voluntarily inactivate, including retire, their active license(s) may do so by submitting an application online through their nurse portal account. Licensees who have a Louisiana license that expires on January 31, 2025, and who elect to maintain active licensure in Louisiana must renew before the expiration date. If the license is not renewed prior to this expiration date, the license will lapse at midnight Central Standard Time (CST) on January 31, 2025, which is also when the renewal season ends, and renewal applications are no longer available.

Verification of Licensure:

Licensees, employers, and any member of the public can verify a license through LSBN's Licensure Verification service at [License Lookup \(boardsofnursing.org\)](https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/License_Lookup) in addition to accessing the license verification services available through Nursys.com. RNs and APRNs can also confirm the status and expiration date of their licenses through their personal nurse portal account.

Employers:

Employers should track the expiration dates, license status, and discipline of RNs and APRNs through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing nurse licensure notification system, Nursys e-Notify. All healthcare entities licensed by the Health Standards Section of the Louisiana Department of Health are required to register with Nursys e-Notify. Nursys e-Notify is a free service that sends data directly to employers and individuals that are enrolled. The system assists employers in maintaining com-





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pliance with current regulations and guidelines by remaining informed about RNs and APRNs whose licenses have expired or reflect discipline. More information is at [Nursys®](#).

Nursys e-Notify:

RNs and APRNs may also enroll in the Nursys e-Notify system as individuals to receive alerts regarding their license status. The Nursys e-Notify system emails and texts enrolled individuals prior to license expiration and after their licenses become inactive, including inactivation due to expiration of the license which may occur due to non-renewal of a license.

Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs Leading to Licensure:
Requirements for Louisiana State Board of Nursing Approval
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In accordance with La Revised Statutes 17:1808, an out-of-state institution of higher learning may not offer courses/clinical experiences in Louisiana unless registered with the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Further, La Revised Statues 37:918 authorizes the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) to approve nursing programs preparing graduates to seek licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

Regardless of approval by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA), programs **MUST** seek approval from LSBN to establish programs and/or offer clinical experiences in Louisiana.

- If a school intends to initiate an RN or an APRN program in Louisiana, the school must seek approval for the program from the LSBN by submitting an application and appearing before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting (LAC 46XLVII.3533).
- If a school whose administrative control is located in another state intends to initiate an RN or an APRN program in Louisiana, the school must seek approval for the program from the LSBN by submitting an application and appearing before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting (LAC 46XLVII.3539.A).
- If a school whose administrative control is located in another state intends to enroll students in a program to become an RN or an APRN and engage in courses/clinical experiences in Louisiana, the school must seek approval for those courses/clinical courses from the LSBN by submitting an application and appearing before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting (LAC 46XLVII.3539.B).
- If a school whose administrative control is located in another state with current approval to engage in APRN courses/clinical experiences in Louisiana, intends to add or delete an APRN clinical role/population, the school must seek approval for those roles and populations from the LSBN by submitting an application and appearing before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting (LAC 46XLVII.3523.B.6).
- If a school with an approved RN or APRN program intends to develop a duplicate program in a separate location within the state, the school must seek approval for the program from the LSBN by submitting an application and appearing before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

In addition to other requirements, the programs must provide current Board of Nursing (BON) approval from the state where administrative control is located, Louisiana Board of Regents license, regional accreditation, national nursing accreditation, compliance with faculty and preceptor qualifications, and clinical affiliation clearance.

Approval

Requirements and Importance

Approval is a status indicating the undergraduate or graduate nursing education degree program has met the legal standards established by the Board.





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The LSBN approves undergraduate and graduate nursing educational degree programs leading to licensure as an RN or an APRN which meet their educational standards and assure the protection of the public through evaluation and enforcement of those standards. The Board has legal authority over the pre-licensure programs and statutory authority to close programs that are not meeting the standards (LSBN).

- Eligibility to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) requires graduation from a Board approved School of Nursing (LSBN)
- Eligibility for Licensure in Louisiana by Examination or Endorsement requires completion of a nursing education program approved by the BON.
- Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Plan (2005, Revised 2014) requires transferred courses and prior degree used for articulation to be from an approved nursing education program.

Types of Approval in Louisiana (LAC 46XLVII.3509).

1. Initial Approval

Initial Approval is a term used to refer to approval granted to a new undergraduate and graduate education degree program.

Initial approval is granted to a new undergraduate and graduate education degree program which is determined by the Board to be eligible to admit students to the nursing education degree program upon application by the parent institution and after survey and board evaluation.

There are three steps a program must complete to achieve initial approval. The program must present a letter of intent and feasibility study at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. If sanctioned, the program is granted permission to develop the program and request an LSBN staff site visit. Approval of the Board, following the LSBN staff site visit is required prior to initial approval. Initial approval authorizes the program to advertise and admit students.

2. Full Approval

Full Approval is a term used to refer to approval granted to an undergraduate or graduate education degree program meeting all standards and requirements of the Board.

After members of the first class of graduates receive the results of the licensure examination, an on-site survey shall be conducted to evaluate the program's compliance with standards. Following the Board's review of the on-site survey report, the Board may continue initial approval or grant full approval of the nursing program.

Initial approval shall not be continued for more than two consecutive one-year periods following the nursing program's eligibility to apply for full approval.

A program not accredited by a national nursing accrediting body within one year post-approval may petition the Board for a one-year extension. Following the one-year extension, a program failing to achieve national nursing accreditation must cease admission of students and begin termination (refer to §3531).

3. Probation

An undergraduate or graduate nurse education degree program shall be placed on probation when the Board has determined that it fails to meet one or more of the established standards.

A program shall not be granted probation by the Board for more than three calendar years in any five-year period. After three years on probation in a five-year period, a program shall not admit any students into the nursing sequence and shall initiate phase-out as outlined in §3531.





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Accreditation

Accreditation is an external review process that assesses the quality, continuous quality improvement, and program effectiveness (Eaton, 2015). Many Boards of Nursing, including the LSBN require accreditation to sit for the NCLEX-RN. Eaton (2015) identifies four primary roles of accreditation: 1) assuring quality by identifying a program meets at least minimum standards; 2) requiring access to state and federal funds; 3) providing confidence to employers of applicant credentials, and 4) promoting smooth transfer of programs and courses among colleges and universities.

- Eligibility to offer an RN or APRN education program or clinical nursing experiences in Louisiana requires accreditation (LSBN).
- Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Plan 2005, Revised 2014, requires transferred courses and prior degree used for articulation to be from a regionally accredited institution and a nationally accredited nursing education program.

Four types of accrediting organizations include Regional, National faith-related, National career-related, and Programmatic (Eaton, 2015). Since not all accreditors are the same, LSBN requires programs to hold Regional and National Nursing (Programmatic) Accreditation for nursing education program approval and licensure by examination.

Regional Accreditation

Advantages of Regional accreditation according to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) include:

- Helps assure that a neutral, external party has reviewed, using appropriate peer expertise, the quality of education provided by an institution or program and offered suggestions for improvement.
- Provides for eligible students to have access to federal financial aid if they attend institutions accredited by accreditors that are recognized by USDE.
- Signals to prospective employers that an educational program has met widely accepted educational standards. A particular field may require graduation from an accredited program or institution.

National Programmatic (Nursing) Accreditation

There are three (3) national agencies that accredit nursing programs.

- Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

Advantages of National nursing accreditation according to ACEN (2023), CCNE (2024), and CNEA (2021) include:

1. Identifies the program as meeting or exceeding national standards and criteria for nursing educational quality.
2. Identifies programs that have been evaluated and periodically re-evaluated by a qualified, independent group of respected and competent peers who have found it to be meeting appropriate postsecondary and higher educational purposes in a satisfactory manner.
3. Tied closely to BON and state agency licensing rules and regulations.
4. Nursing Program accreditation services to hold the programs accountable to the community of interest.
5. Allow for the evaluation of the successes of a nursing program to achieve its mission, goals, and expected outcomes.
6. Provides for continued improvement and thus professional practice.
7. Assures professional development opportunities and validation for faculty.
8. Is a gateway to licensure, certification, and eligibility for entitlement programs.
9. Promotes professional and educational mobility of program graduates.





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10. Promotes academic excellence in accredited programs.
11. Enables student eligibility for funding support from federal and state agencies, and foundations for those programs that do not have regional or national accreditation. (Example - Diploma Programs)

Failure to secure appropriate program approval:

- Schools of nursing allowing clinical experiences in Louisiana without approval will be required to cease and desist until approval is requested and granted.
- If you are a student enrolled in a program to become an RN or you are an RN enrolled in a program to become an APRN and engaged in clinical experiences or a clinical facility engaged in contracts with out-of-state programs, you need to verify that the program is approved. A current list of approved programs can be found at: <https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/wp-content/uploads/credentialing/schools.pdf>
- Individual students may be engaging in the unlawful practice of registered nursing or advanced practice registered nursing if engaging in clinical experiences in Louisiana while in a program not approved by the LSBN to do so.
- Students and RNs enrolling in clinical courses in Louisiana from a school that has not gone through the appropriate approval process by the LSBN could be subject to disciplinary action for violation of LAC 46:XLVII.3405.
- Graduates from an out-of-state school not approved for meeting the standards by the LSBN are subject to ineligibility from credentialing and licensure in Louisiana.

Additional information for RN and APRN students can be found at: <https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/education-and-exam/>

Additional information for Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Programs can be found at: (Links to Rules and Regulations and Proposal Requirements) <https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/schools-nursing/>

Schools of Nursing holding current LSBN approval can be found at: <https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/wp-content/uploads/credentialing/schools.pdf>

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Public Comment Opportunity
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Executive Counsel

Public Comment Opportunity on Nursing Scope of Practice

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing is seeking public input on an important nursing scope of practice issue. Louisiana Administrative Code 46:XLVII.3707(B)(5)(a) currently provides “The procedure of verifying catheter tip placement by an APRN is a written established institutional/facility policy which . . . provides that the final verification of catheter tip placement performed via radiographic methods be provided by a physician . . .” The board is currently reviewing the use of electrocardiography (ECG) guidance for determining the tip location of peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC). This technique has significant implications for nursing practice, patient safety, and care outcomes.

Public Comment Period Now Open

Healthcare professionals, stakeholders, and members of the public are invited to submit their comments, insights, and recommendations regarding the role of nurses in using ECG technology for PICC tip confirmation. This process will allow all interested parties to voice their views and opinions on the various dimensions of the issue at hand.

How to Submit Your Comments

Please submit your feedback to us via email at practice@lsbn.state.la.us. The public comment period will remain open until November 30, 2024. Your input is crucial in shaping safe and effective nursing practices in Louisiana. We encourage all interested parties to participate.

Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact the Louisiana State Board of Nursing at practice@lsbn.state.la.us or call (225)755-7520.





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BULLETIN No. 24-01

To: All pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and candidates
From: Joe Fontenot, Executive Director
Date: July 17, 2024
Re: Act 246 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature

[Act 246 \(SB 276\) of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature – effective October 1, 2024](#)

This [Act](#) creates the crime of coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud when a person knowingly and intentionally engages in the use of an abortion-inducing drug on a pregnant woman, without her knowledge or consent, with the intent to cause an abortion. The Act also adds the drugs mifepristone and misoprostol to Schedule IV of the State's Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law. The legislature directed the Board of Pharmacy to notify all pharmacists in Louisiana about the provisions of the law and to ensure pharmacists are aware that lawful prescriptions for mifepristone and misoprostol *may be filled* in accordance with [R.S. 14:87.9\(C\)\(6\)](#).

According to [R.S. 14:87.9\(C\)\(6\)](#), which became effective August 1, 2022, a diagnosis or a diagnosis code shall be written on the prescription by the prescriber indicating that the drug is intended for a purpose other than to cause an abortion in violation of this Section of law. It also states that filling a prescription for a drug prescribed for a bona fide medical reason shall not subject the pharmacist or the pharmacy to the criminal consequences of this Section of law.

As mentioned, this state law places all mifepristone and misoprostol containing products in Schedule IV of the state list of controlled substances and will supersede the federal status of a non-controlled substance. All of our licensees are obligated to adhere to the recordkeeping, physical security, and all other requirements applicable to controlled substances listed in Schedule IV.

- Effective October 1, the procurement, possession, distribution, prescribing, and/or dispensing of mifepristone and misoprostol products shall require a current Louisiana CDS license with the Schedule IV privilege.
- For those distributors, practitioners, and pharmacies in possession of mifepristone and misoprostol products on October 1, a complete inventory of such products shall be conducted to establish an opening inventory level. The inventory record shall be stored with other controlled substance inventory records.
- Prescriptions for mifepristone and misoprostol products *issued prior to October 1* shall expire six months after the date of issue. Originally authorized refills remaining on such prescriptions shall comply with the limitations applicable to Schedule IV products: the first five refills may be dispensed within the six months following the date of issue. In the event more than five refills were originally authorized, or in the event there are any refills remaining six months after the date of issue, all such refills shall be automatically voided.
- Prescriptions for mifepristone and misoprostol products *issued on or after October 1* shall comply with the usual limitations applicable to Schedule IV products.
- Effective October 1, pharmacies and other dispensers of mifepristone and misoprostol prescriptions will be required to report their eligible prescription transactions to the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) due to the scheduling action. We encourage you to check with your pharmacy information system vendor to ensure the correct controlled substance coding of mifepristone and misoprostol drug products in the master drug file of your information system.



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Major Motions

Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the June 13, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion to Adopt the Agenda with flexibility for efficiency and expediency.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
2. Education Announcements
 1. Dillard University
 2. Delgado Community College
 3. Other Announcements

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

Motion Carried.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Motion to accept and approve the LSBN Board Resolution to amend its contract for legal services with Shows, Cali & Walsh LLP.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the proposed FY2024 amended annual budget.

Motion Carried.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept Herzing University’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 substantive change proposal from Nicholls State University to change the name of the College of Nursing to Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing at Nicholls State University.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from William Carey University for naming Dr. Kelly Williamson as Dean of Nursing.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the addition of the post baccalaureate DNP FNP and post masters DNP completion Family Nurse Practitioner programs to the currently approved MSN FNP, and post masters FNP Certificate programs under the organizational structure of the Texas Wesleyan University School of Health Professions.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from Loyola University New Orleans naming Dr. Claren Wiencek as the new School of Nursing Director.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, School of Nursing to add a post-masters Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for a Nurse Midwife (NM) pathway beginning in the fall 2024 semester.

Motion Carried.

Motion to re-approve the request of Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization as a Continuing Education Provider to expire June 18, 2028.

Motion Carried.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO





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Motion to accept and approve the 2023 Nurse Supply Report and the 2023 Infographic Snapshot of Nursing Education Capacity and Nursing Supply in Louisiana.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Motion to approve the reports of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the August 8, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion to Accept the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Reports
2. Education Announcements
 1. Chamberlain University Administrative Change
 2. Dillard University Administrative Change
 3. Glenwood Regional Medical Center Administrative Change
 4. Other Announcements

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

Motion Carried.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION

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

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from South Louisiana Community College requesting to expand the ASN Program’s LPN to RN tract to the SLCC Iberia Campus in New Iberia, Louisiana.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from Northwestern State University for naming Dr. Aimee Badeaux as Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change proposal from William Carey University requesting the addition of the Healthcare Transitions Hybrid RN track.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the substantive change request from LSU of Alexandria for greater than 25% increase in enrollment in the RN-BSN post-licensure program.

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the request of Chamberlain University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 7, 2027, for the following roles/populations:

- MSN-FNP
- MSN-AGPCNP
- MSN-AGACNP
- MSN-PMHNP
- GC-FNP
- GC-AGPCNP
- GC-AGACNP
- GC-PMHNP

Motion Carried.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Motion to accept and approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.





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Motion Carried.

Motion to accept and approve the LSBN Board Resolution to contract with the Louisiana Department of Justice for professional legal services.

Motion Carried.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Motion to approve the request of the Louisiana Action Coalition to underwrite the cost of speakers for the 2024 Culture of Health Summit.

After discussion with Executive Counsel Wheeler concerning the possible violation of the Louisiana Constitution regarding a state agency using state funds for non-LSBN activities, the motion was amended:

Motion to approve the request of the Louisiana Action Coalition to underwrite the cost of speakers for the 2024 Culture of Health Summit only after review by the Board’s Executive Counsel as to the constitutionality of using state funds for such purposes.

Motion Carried.

Motion to re-approve the request of University of Mobile (Alabama) to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 7, 2027 for the following roles/populations:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice – DNP:** Family Nurse Practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing – MSN:** Family Nurse Practitioner
- Post Graduate Certificate:** Family Nurse Practitioner

Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Motion to approve the reports of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Disciplinary Matters

The LSBN took a total of 54 actions at the July 17, 2024 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link: [July 17, 2024](#)

The LSBN took a total of 33 actions at the August 7, 2024 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link: [August 7, 2024](#)

2024 State Holiday Schedule

Election Day.....	November 5, 2024
Veterans Day.....	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 28, 2024
Acadian Day - Proclaimed holiday.....	November 29, 2024
Christmas - Proclaimed holiday.....	December 24, 2024
Christmas.....	December 25, 2024
New Year's Day - Proclaimed holiday....	December 31, 2024

2025 State Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day.....	January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....	January 20, 2025
Mardi Gras.....	March 4, 2025
Good Friday.....	April 18, 2025
Independence Day.....	July 4, 2025
Labor Day.....	September 1, 2025
Veterans Day.....	November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 27, 2025
Christmas.....	December 25, 2025

Future Board Meeting Dates

December 5, 2024

