

Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2005

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Dr. Karen Moody, Chair, at 2:02 p.m. on April 26, 2005, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 601, Metairie, LA.
- Roll Call** **Committee Members Present**
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC, Chair
Tommie Ashby, BSN, RN
James Harper, RN, MSN, CFNP
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, PNP
Board Members Present
Patsy Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Board President (2:20 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)
Deborah Olds, RN
Staff Present
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, Credentialing Manager
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director (2:20 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, Assistance Executive Director (arrived 3:15 p.m.)
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Consultant for Education/Research
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** Peggy Bourgeois, APRN, CNS, Certified Diabetes Educator
Laurie Anne Ferguson, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
Barbara Gibson, RN, BSN
Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
Tanya Schreiber, APRN, CNS, Nicholls State University
- Motion** by N. Steele and seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried
- Announcements** M. Griener made two announcements: 1) The American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) is eliminating two certifications. ANCC has already transferred the certification process for Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nurse to the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN). ANCC is planning to eliminate testing and certification of the Community Health Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). Although ANCC has not yet announced that they will stop testing for the Community Health Nursing CNS, ANCC is negotiating with the American Public Health Association (APHA) to see if they will take over the testing and certification. 2) National Council of State Boards of Nursing voted to study the development of a national generic exam for APRNs at their last leadership meeting.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 26, 2004 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by T. Ashby and seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 26, 2004 Credentialing Committee.

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Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Review of Certification as Diabetes Educator Through National Certifying Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) for Approval as a Specialty having Criteria Equivalent to the LSBN's CE Nursing Practice Requirements for Relicensure

Peggy Bourgeois, APRN, CNS, spoke to the agenda item. She told the Committee that the National Certifying Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) now requires up to 75 hours of continuing education in order for Certified Diabetes Educators to maintain their certification. M. Griener noted that the reason Certification as a Diabetes Educators had not been approved previously was because the certification did not require any CE for recertification.

Motion: by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee approve Certified Diabetes Educators, certified through the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE), as a specialty/professional organization having criteria equivalent to LSBN's Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Requirements for Relicensure.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Review of Request to Recognize the ANCC Board Certification in Advanced Practice Palliative Care As Meeting the Requirements for APRN Licensure

M. Griener provided information on the current criteria Advanced Practice Palliative Care Certification. The ANCC was the certifying organization but the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN) has now assumed the certification process. Tanya Schreiber, MSN, APRN, spoke to the agenda item. While very few programs currently offer a specific focus in Palliative Care, the field is evolving. To date less than 200 individuals have been certified by ANCC in Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nursing. The Committee determined that since the NBCHPN has just started testing, there is very little data available at this time. It would therefore be premature to recognize the Certification for Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nurse as meeting the requirements for APRN Licensure. Marsha Bennett, DNS, APRN, ACRN, Associate Professor at Nichols State University, has put forth a proposal to Nicholls to establish a Master of Nursing program with a focus in Palliative Care. The Committee asked Tanya Schreiber to keep them updated on the proposed program and any new information that becomes available regarding NBCHPN certification criteria. The Committee also commended Marsha Bennett and Tanya Schreiber for their attempt to advance Palliative Care education.

Motion: by J. Harper and seconded, that the Committee deny the request by Tanya Schreiber and Marsha J. Bennett to recognize the ANCC Board Certification for Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nurse as meeting the requirements for APRN licensure.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

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Note: B. Morvant and P. Bourgeois joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Review Graceland University's MSN/FNP Program as Meeting the Requirements for APRN licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner The Committee received a request from two individuals to approve Graceland University's MSN/FNP program as meeting the requirements for APRN licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Louisiana. M. Griener and E. Tate reviewed the program and reported to the Committee that Graceland is a distance learning program; it is both regionally and nationally accredited by the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission (NCAHLC), the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) and by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The nursing program is also approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and the Iowa State Board of Nursing. All indications are that Graceland University has a very credible program. There have been some problems with distance learning programs not being aware of the requirements in Louisiana that pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 17:1808, "all public and private postsecondary, academic degree granting institutions offering instruction in Louisiana shall register with the Board of Regents." Many out of state schools have been advertising distance learning programs in local publications in Louisiana. M. Griener has been notifying these out of state schools of the requirement to register with the Board of Regents as staff becomes aware that the university is providing instruction through clinical preceptors in Louisiana. Graceland was notified and has registered with Regents as required. B. Morvant suggested that the Committee may want to monitor out of state distance learning programs to assure they meet the same educational standards as in state schools. Online programs do have to meet certain criteria for SACS.

Note: B. Morvant and P. Bourgeois left the meeting at 3:15 p.m. to attend the Administrative Committee meeting. Cynthia Morris joined the meeting.

Motion: by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee approve Graceland University's MSN/FNP program as meeting the requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Louisiana.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Review Request for APRN Licensure by Endorsement as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse and Mental Health Practitioner The Committee received a request by an applicant to be granted an APRN license by endorsement as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The applicant is certified through ANCC as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health and is eligible for APRN licensure as a CNS in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health. She would be eligible for recognition as a Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health and in Adult Psychiatric Health if she attains national certification. She is not eligible for grandfathering. The Committee went into Executive Session to review the request.

Motion by D. Olds, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

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Executive Session The Committee went into Executive Session at 3:27 p.m.

Motion by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee come out of Executive Session.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 3:42 p.m.

Motion by J. Harper, seconded that the Committee deny the request for APRN licensure by Endorsement as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner due to lack of certification in these areas.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

Motion by T. Ashby and seconded, that the Committee adjourn.

Vote Ashby – yes, Harper – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

Adjournment The Committee adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Submitted by:

Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager