

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD
SUITE 601
METAIRIE, LA 70002

MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2004
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Ms. Bourgeois at 9:08 a.m. on July 27, 2004, at 3510 North Causeway Blvd, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana.
- Presiding:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Karen Moody, PhD, RN C
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Consultant for Education/Research
- Cynthia D. Morris, MSN, RN
Assistant Executive Director
- Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (NSU)
Diane Webb (NSU)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN, (SLU)
Melanie Green, MN, RN (OLOL)
Jennifer Beck (OLOL)
Sandra Tucker, PhD, J.D., RN (SUSLA)
Debra Jackson, MSN, RN (SUSLA)
Cynthia Prestholdt, PhD, RN (SLU)
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (MSU)
Pat Prechter, EdD, RN (OLHCC)
Theresa deBeche, MN, RN (LSUE)
Mary Abadie, MN, RN (SUBR)
Shannon Boyd, (LDCC)
Janice Britton, (LDCC)
Pam Cook, MSN, RN (LDCC)
Dolores R. Hawthorne (LDCC)
Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN (SUBR)
Melinda Oberleitner, DNS, RN (ULL)

Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (BRGMCSN)
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN (ULL)
Monty Sullivan, (LDCC)
Lynn Kreider, (LDCC)

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the April 27, 2004 meeting were reviewed. There were typographical corrections on pages 3, 5 & 6.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes with corrections of the April 27, 2004 meeting.

Seconded by Dr. Moody

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

**Grambling State
University, BSN/MSN
Program Coordinated
LSBN/NLNAC Site-
visit Report:**

Ms. Bourgeois presented the report on the coordinated LSBN/NLNAC site-visit to Grambling State University, BSN and MSN programs.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board recommend continuing full approval of the BSN program at Grambling State University with one suggestion:

Suggestion:

Seek to add a faculty who is masters prepared in the nursing of children. (LAC 46:XLVII.3515),

and recommend continuing full approval of the masters in nursing program at Grambling State University with one suggestion:

Suggestion:

Seek to increase the number of doctorate prepared faculty consistent with the University requirements for graduate faculty status and to support increased scholarly productivity consistent with master's level education. (LAC 46:XLVII.4509.1.f.iv.)

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes, Moody-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

ICMSN – Major Curriculum Changes:

Ms. Bourgeois presented the request of the ICMSN for major curriculum changes. Dr. Booth, SLU, Dr. Poirrier, ULL and Dr. Wolfe, MSU were present to answer questions or concerns. Dr. Poirrier stated that they have been working on the curriculum revisions for approximately two years and have gone through a successful external review by the Board of Regents and the changes have been approved by the Board of Regents for all four of the ICMSN institutions. Staff stated that the request is to implement most changes in Fall 2004 as core courses are already in place.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the curriculum changes for the ICMSN as follows for the Fall of 2004:

1. Maintain current Adult Health specialty for the preparation of nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialist at MSU and SLU;
2. Add Adult Health Specialty at UL Lafayette;
3. Delete High Risk Home Health specialty at UL Lafayette;
4. Delete Community Psychosocial specialty at SLU for Fall 2005; and
5. Add Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Specialty At MSU, SLU, and ULL, effective Fall 2005 for the preparation of the NP and the CNS.

Seconded by Ms. Crapanzano.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes. Motion carried.

CE Provider Re-Approval Status for Lake Charles Memorial Hospital:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the request of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, LA as distributed.

Motion:

by Ms. Crapanzano that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the request of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital for re-approval provider status from July 26, 2004 through July 26, 2006.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes. Motion carried.

OLOL College Implementation of

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from Our Lady of the Lake College (OLOLC) relative to their request for the implementation of

**Accelerated ASN
Program In Baton
Rouge:**

an accelerated ASN program at their Baton Rouge campus. A question was raised concerning the faculty that would be teaching in the accelerated program. Ms. Green, Interim Dean, stated that they have increased their full time faculty and that there will be faculty specific for the accelerated program. Staff stated that because we know what the resources and faculty are in Baton Rouge, it is recommended that the accelerated program be implemented. Staff further stated that no evaluation data from the implementation of the accelerated curriculum at the New Orleans site has been reviewed; therefore it is recommended that a site visit be conducted at the accelerated program in New Orleans by December 2004. Ms. Green stated that last Fall, 33 students were admitted to the New Orleans program and 28 had completed the program in mid June and are now pending the NCLEX-RN results. The evaluations/comments from students completing the program have been favorable. Ms. Green reported that they have solid faculty on board.

Motion:

by Ms. Crapanzano that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the request to implement the accelerated ASN program at the Baton Rouge campus of OLOLC and that they report on the evaluation of the outcomes of the accelerated ASN program that was approved for implementation in New Orleans. It is requested that OLOLC submit a written self-study on the implemented accelerated program, focusing on faculty preparation, student outcomes, and learning resources, and that staff conduct a site visit to the New Orleans site following receipt of the self study no later than December 2004.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**OLOL College
Implementation of
accelerated ASN
Program in
Shreveport:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material distributed from Our Lady of the Lake College requesting implementation of an accelerated ASN program in Shreveport. Staff stated that this would be like initiating a new program because the faculty, record keeping, fiscal resources and the clinical facilities are not within driving distance for faculty to teach courses like New Orleans; insufficient information was provided to be able verify that all LSBN standards are met. Ms. Green stated that they have a campus in Shreveport area and their intent is to hire faculty once this program has been approved.

Ms. Cashio, NSU, stated a concern about another program starting in the Shreveport area since Southern is slated to begin an ASN

program, and that a shortage of faculty already exists in the area. Although a wealth of clinical facilities is evident, there are several programs currently using them.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that action on the request of OLOLC to implement the accelerated ASN program in Shreveport be delayed pending evaluation of the outcome of the accelerated ASN program that was approved for implementation in New Orleans, and a full review of faculty credentials, physical space, and resources for that campus.

Seconded by Ms. Crapanzano.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**OLOL Request
Implementation of
LPN to RN program in
Shreveport:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the request from Our Lady of the Lake College to implement a LPN to RN program in Shreveport as distributed.

Motion:

by Ms. Crapanzano that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that action on the request to implement the LPN to RN program in Shreveport be delayed pending a site visit to the facilities, verification of clinical space, and a review of specific faculty credentials.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**OLOL Letter of Intent
to Establish a MSN
Program to Prepare
Candidates for APRN
Licensure:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the letter of intent received from Our Lady of the Lake College to establish a MSN Program as distributed. A question was raised concerning when OLOLC anticipates approval from SACS-COC to offer the master's degree. Ms. Green stated that the report has gone to SACS and that they are expecting approval in Fall 2004.

The Education committee acknowledges receipt of the letter of intent to establish a MSN program from OLOL.

Old Business:

**LDCC Proposal
Update and Request
for LSBN Site-visit:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) as distributed. Faculty and administrators of LDCC were present. Ms. Boyd stated that they would like a late October 2004 site visit. Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Kreider were stated that they appreciated the assistance provided by the LSBN staff.

Motion:

by Dr Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend acceptance of the proposal from Louisiana Delta Community College to initiate an Associate Degree in Nursing Program and request that staff conduct a site visit in October 2004 in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3533.C., for the purpose of initial approval of the program. Also recommend sanctioning planning for January 2005 admission of students to be contingent upon (1) LSBN action subsequent to site-visit, (2) achieving SACS-COC candidacy in December 2004, and (3) permission by the Board of Regents to admit students.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**Southern University –
Shreveport – Proposal
Update and Request
for LSBN Site-visit:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from Southern University Shreveport as distributed. Dr. Tucker and Ms. Jackson were present. Staff stated that the faculty qualification forms for Southern University Shreveport were received and the applicants are qualified.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend authorization of staff to conduct an on-site survey for purposes of granting initial approval for an associate of science in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport, in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3533.C.1. .

Seconded by Ms. Crapanzano.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**Initiation of Criminal
Record History
Information on Student
Entering Clinical
Nursing Courses:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material distributed relative to the initiation of criminal record history information on students entering clinical nursing courses. A question was raised concerning finger print cards and the impact of the increased numbers on the LA Department of Public Safety. Staff stated that contact with that

department will be initiated. The question was raised as to the point at which students should be given finger print cards for completion. Staff stated that all students who apply for clinical nursing should be included. The question was raised as to process for the educational institution to notify clinical agencies that students have been approved by the LSBN. Staff stated that they envision producing a letter or certificate that applicants will receive stating that based on a criminal record check; they are approved to proceed as of a specific date. Ms. Morris stated that the Board has the authority to do criminal records checks but cannot release this information to any other source. LSBN will notify the school if a student is eligible or not.

Lengthy discussion ensued and a question was raised concerning the responsibility of the nursing program. Staff stated that the program would have to distribute the finger print cards, application forms, and collect them for submission to Board's office. The issue of a student applying to multiple programs was discussed. This issue will need addressing as the planning continues. Ms. Morris stated that we are the only state that is doing criminal checks on students.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the policy for initiating criminal record history information for students in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3330.B, effective for students applying for admission in Fall 2005, and approve the changes to the Application to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**Deaconess College, St
Louis On-line
Program Follow-up
Report:**

Staff reported on the updated material distributed for Deaconess College. The LSBN received an application for initial licensure from a graduate of Deaconess College. The transcript received identified the program as an on-line program. A permit was issued and after a review of the rules, Board staff was not sure that this individual was eligible for licensure because the program doesn't have clinical practice supervised by faculty. Meanwhile, the candidate failed the NCLEX-RN. Staff recommended that any individual from Deaconess or any Distance Learning program be individually reviewed to determine eligibility for licensure in Louisiana. A concern about the preceptors used by Deaconess College was raised. Staff stated that they reported that they seek to get BSN preceptors but are not always

successful. A letter was sent to Deaconess telling them that they may not have students in Louisiana unless their institution is registered with the Louisiana Board of Regents and the LSBN documents that all education standards are met.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that application for licensure by a graduate of Deaconess College's on-line associate degree nursing program and/or the graduate of any distant education nursing program, be individually reviewed to determine eligibility for initial licensure to assure compliance with standards specified in LAC 46XLVII.3521.G.1. and 2, and 3325.B.2.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**Guidelines for the
Evaluation of Distant
Learning Programs:**

Staff stated the distant education guidelines are essentially the same as those for a traditional program. No action requested.

**Information on
Excelsior College that
was Gathered in 1999
Update:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the information on Excelsior College that was gathered in 1999 as distributed. Policies for Excelsior College were established and a site visit was conducted in 1994. Staff stated that a letter was received from California State Board of Nursing stating that they will no longer accept Excelsior graduates for initial licensure because they do not have supervised clinical practice. Excelsior is a NLNAC accredited program. We have 794 Excelsior graduates actively licensed in Louisiana and of that number, 21 have been disciplined.

FYI:

Ms. Bourgeois announced the items distributed for information as follows:

1. William Carey College reports that Dr. Mary W. Stewart, PhD, RN has been named as Dean of the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing, effective May 11, 2004
2. Our Lady of the Lake College announces that Ms. Melanie Green, MN, RN will assume the position of Interim Dean effective June 7, 2004

3. Our Lady of the Lake College announces that Dr. Catherine Caston will be taking the position of Director of the New Orleans campus, effective July 1, 2004
4. Delgado Community College announced that the Louisiana Community and Technical System Board of Supervisors appointed a new Chancellor, Dr. Alex Johnson from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio
5. Personnel changes announced at Nicholls State University: Dr. Carroll Falcon appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2004; Dr. Velma Westbrook will serve as Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health effective July 1, 2004; Dr. Marsha Bennett has completed her service as Interim Department Head for Nursing effective May 18, 2004 and Dr. Thomas Smith will assume the role of Interim Department Head for Nursing until the position is permanently filled
6. McNeese State University, College of Nursing announced reorganization of the College: Dr. Elaine Vallette has been appointed as the Department Head of Undergraduate in Nursing Degree Programs and Dr. Jeannine Babineaux, former head of the associate degree program, will assume responsibilities as a faculty in the graduate nursing degree program.
7. Dillard University—Provided a copy of the interim report they submitted to the NLNAC
8. Our Lady of the Lake College: Minor curriculum changes in the ASN curriculum
9. Kaplan College to initiate online RN to

BSN program

10. L. E. Fletcher Community College
update on progress toward establishing
an associate degree in nursing program

11. Our Lady of Holy Cross announced the
retirement of Margaret Shannon, RN,
PhD, and the appointment of Patricia
M. Prechter, RN, EdD, as Dean of the
Division of Nursing

12. California Board correspondence
regarding Excelsior graduates

Adjournment: 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure**

**Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Chairperson, Education Committee**