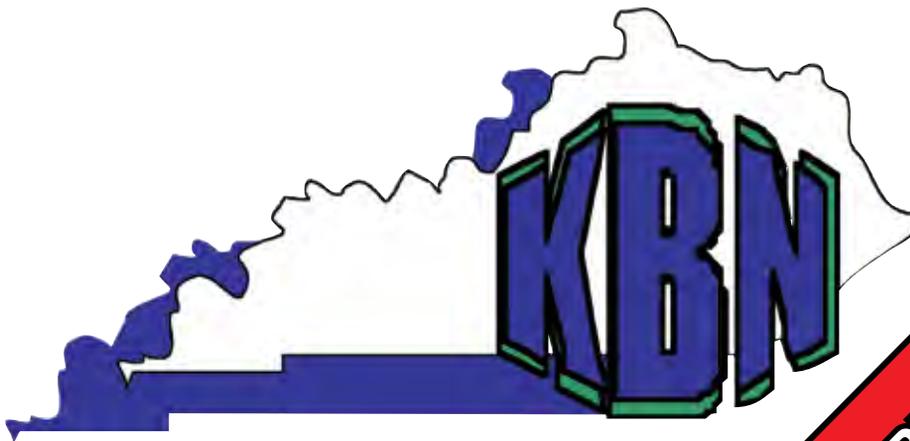


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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Kentucky Board of Nursing staff has had a busy summer implementing the new Jurisprudence examination, automating additional processes and

once more getting everything in place for the upcoming licensure renewal cycle that will begin on **September 15, 2011**. We have made changes to the structure of the KBN website based on the recommendations of an audit by a national communications firm retained by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). While the KBN website received high marks for content and for being user friendly, we hope the site is now even more easily navigated as a result of our changes.

August 2-5, KBN members and staff attended the annual meetings of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (NLCA) and of NCSBN held in Indianapolis, IN. As in the past, both annual meetings conveyed timely and pertinent information on issues affecting nursing practice across the country and all attendees had a number of opportunities for discussion regarding these issues. Highlights of the 2011 NCLA meeting included discussions for collaborative efforts among compact states and use of the NurSys ALERT feature to post disciplinary data. [KBN began using this feature in Spring 2011]. NCSBN delegates accepted recommendations for uniform licensure requirements for nurses across the country and were briefed on implementations of a national study on the effects of simulated clinical experience in nurse education programs. Attendees also reviewed white papers on issues of importance to all boards of nursing such as "A Nurse's Guide to Use of Social Media" and "Guidelines for Regulatory Decision Making Related to Criminal Conduct." In the coming months the *KBN Connection* will publish additional details about these and other national issues that impact Kentucky's nurses.

KBN is also undergoing a number of staff transitions. . . .

Once more it is time for KBN to say goodbye to co-workers as they depart for well-earned retirements. In this case, three of our KBN colleagues are retiring from the Consumer Protection Branch during the summer. Carol Woodworth, RN, a certified nurse investigator retired on June 30 from



Carol Woodworth



Judy Amig

a 15-year career with KBN. Carol most often worked with nurses seeking reinstatement of their nursing license or with new licensees. Judy Amig, RN certified nurse investigator retired on July 30 following a 12-year career with KBN. In addition to her investigative duties, Judy was KBN's representative to the state's Kentucky Nurse

Excellence Recognition Banquet – an outstanding celebration that annually recognizes nurses from across the state for their contributions to patient care and the profession. Sandy Johanson, RN, certified nurse investigator retires from KBN on September 30 following a 20-year career with KBN. Sandy is manager of the Consumer Protection Branch and supervisor of the Investigation and Discipline section within that branch. Recognized for her expertise in this area, Sandy has been a frequent speaker at professional meetings in Kentucky and at national meetings of NCSBN and the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). She has also been a member of several NCSBN committees.



Sandy Johanson

Through their daily duties, these nurses played an important role in ensuring that KBN met its goal of public protection. Each of them was routinely the first person to be contacted by individuals, organizations or families inquiring about nursing practice or seeking to file a complaint and they were instrumental in carrying these complaints to an appropriate resolution. While they leave a void not easily filled, we wish each health and happiness in the future. Thoreau probably wasn't thinking of retirement when he wrote the following, but it is none the less timely:

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I know that I join all of the Kentucky Board of Nursing members and staff when I wish Carol, Judy and Sandy the very best as they begin their well-deserved retirements.

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This time of year, confusion exists regarding board appointments. Just to refresh everyone's memory, the process begins when the Governor appoints four new members every year, depending on the vacancy of representation. The members may

resubmit for reappointment, but it is ultimately the Governor's choice for that member's succession. Each term is for four years and begins annually on July 1, and concludes June 30 of the fourth year. The 16 member board includes: 9 registered nurses; three licensed practical nurses; one nurse-service administrator; one LPN educator; and two members who represent citizens-at-large. Specific organizations who submit names to the Governor for his consideration include the following:

Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA); Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses Organization (KLPNO); Kentucky Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL); Kentucky Association of Nonprofit Homes and Services for the Aging, Inc. (KAHSA); Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF).

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to extend thanks and gratitude for the service of our four board members whose terms are currently concluding. All four of these individuals have made significant contributions to regulations affecting nursing education, nursing practice and consumer protection.

Beth Partin has served three terms for a total of 12 years. She is not resubmitting for reappointment, but her dedication

is reflected in many areas of regulation enacted during her terms of office. Cheryl, Jann and Jamie are completing their first four-year term and are to be commended for their steadfast commitment to KBN.

For several board members, the first activity of this fiscal year will be a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana in August to attend the annual NCSBN Board meeting. This year's theme is "Transforming the Future of Regulatory Leadership." There are many recommended changes and challenges emerging for nursing that encompass education, practice and licensure. This annual meeting will provide board members an opportunity to stay abreast of the most current regulatory issues and to glean the latest information regarding some of those forecasted changes. Board member Sally Baxter and I will be the Board's delegates to the convention.

In conclusion, please remember that KBN's mission is to protect the public through the "development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nursing, nursing education and credentialing." While the *KBN Connection* attempts to keep all nurses up to date on current actions, please know that any person may call or write the KBN staff for information and/or clarification regarding any regulations. Likewise, please remember that all Board and Committee meetings are open to the public, and we always welcome attendance from interested parties. Please refer to our website for meeting dates and times (www.kbn.ky.gov/board).

Carol A. Komara, RN, MSN

Cheryl Hickman, RN,
a Nurse Executive
at Pikeville Medical Center



Cheryl Hickman



Jamie Daniel

Jamie Daniel, LPN,
works at Golden Living
Center in Sanford, KY

Elizabeth Partin, APRN,
practicing in Columbia, KY



Elizabeth Partin



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Jann Gilliam,
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KBN's Jurisprudence Exam

On June 8, 2011, KBN implemented revisions to KRS 314.041 and KRS 314.051. These revisions eliminated the 120-hour Clinical Internship for new graduates. Instead, all applicants for RN and LPN licensure by endorsement, examination, and

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History

In October of 2010, the Board appointed a Task Force with representatives of stakeholder groups from education, practice, consumers and KBN staff to begin reviewing these regulations and to view them in light of a national movement toward transition to practice. The Task Force was appointed in December of 2010 with Dr. Jimmy Isenberg, a nurse educator and former Board member as Chairperson. After a number of meetings, the group recommended to the Kentucky Board of Nursing that the 120-hour internship be eliminated and a jurisprudence examination (JP exam) be developed and implemented. In discussion, task force members reviewed complaints from employers and students who objected to completion of an internship on the basis that the requirement interfered with or prevented new graduates from obtaining jobs. In reaching its decision, the group also reviewed information from a Kentucky hospital and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) regarding transition to practice models. Following approval by the Board, the changes to the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* were initiated through the legislative process, passed by both houses of the General Assembly and were signed by the Governor to be effective June 8, 2011.

The Jurisprudence Exam

All applicants for RN and LPN licensure by endorsement, examination, and reinstatement of a Kentucky license lapsed for one year or more, are required to pass the JP exam. The exam is an “open book” computerized test based on the *Kentucky Nursing Laws*, Administrative Regulations and Advisory Opinions. A study guide with content from which the questions were derived is available online at the KBN website and can be read or printed by anyone.

The test is hosted by NCSBN. Each applicant will pay NCSBN an administrative fee of \$9.00 to access the exam for three weeks. If the exam is not completed in one sitting, responses to all questions are deleted when exiting the exam. If the exam is not completed within three (3) weeks, the applicant will have to pay another \$9.00 fee to NCSBN to again access the exam. Only those individuals who have applied for KY licensure will be given admittance to complete the exam. Others who wish to review the study guide may access it with no charge from the KBN website (www.kbn.ky.gov/license/jpexam.htm).

In adopting the jurisprudence examination, KBN members reiterated the importance of an orientation for new graduates. Board members eliminated the CE exemption for new licensees at the time of their first renewal and voted to require that first time renewing nurses be held to the same CE requirements as all other KY nurses – 14 contact hours; however, proof of a job orientation can be used to meet 7 of those required contact hours. The elimination of the CE exemption will take effect in 2012. The Kentucky Board of Nursing is grateful to NCSBN staff for their assistance in implementing this examination.

Development

The development of the jurisprudence exam was a collaborative effort among the staff of KBN and the NCSBN's Interactive

Services. Staff from KBN's Consumer Protection, Credentials, Practice, and Education branches provided content for the exam based upon the *Kentucky Nursing Laws*, Administrative Regulations and Advisory Opinions. The KBN Information Tech-

nology Branch worked extensively with NCSBN to bring content and exam to the license applicants. NCSBN provided test development experts to create the exam question pool, as well as their IT expertise in online exams.

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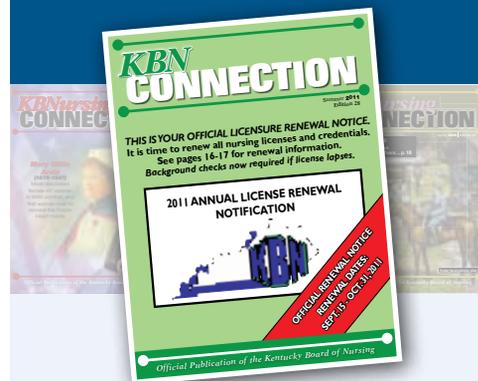
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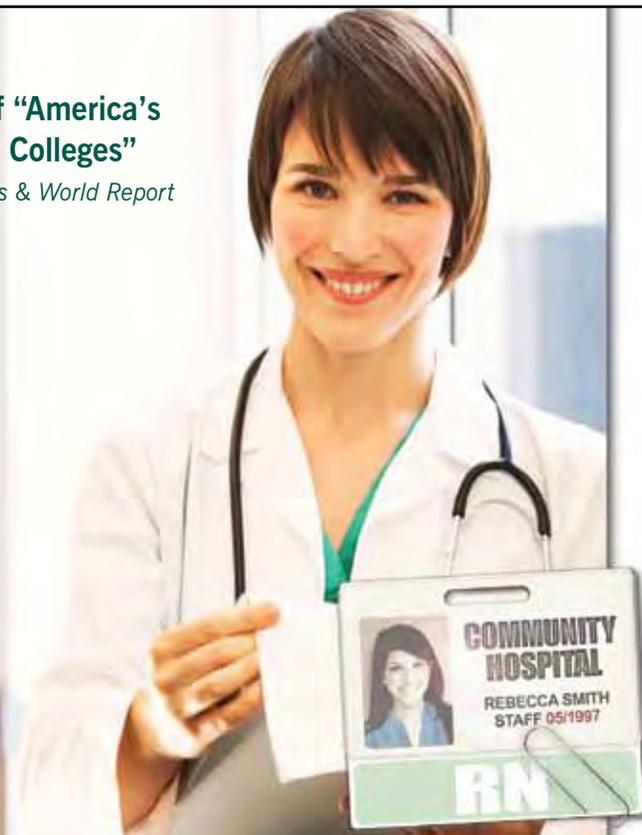
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Nursing Education Program Approval within Kentucky

by **Patricia Spurr, Ed.D., MSN, RN, CNE**, Education Consultant

By the authority of the Kentucky Legislature, the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) has the statutory authority to oversee that regulations required for nursing programs are adhered to and a minimum level of quality is maintained. Opening a program of nursing in Kentucky involves a three-tiered process: submission of a letter of intent, submission of a proposal, and a site visit by a Board of Nursing representative.

The approval status levels for programs include the following for Kentucky:

- **Developmental** is the approval level for those programs that are beginning to develop and admit students. During this

minimal eight-month period of time, the program begins to put its plans into operation, advertise, and admit students. The program remains at developmental status until the time that the first class of students is admitted and starts classes.

- **Initial** approval is granted to the program when they are ready to start classes for the first group of students. At this time a site visit is conducted by Board staff to determine that the program is ready to be operational and is knowledgeable of what is required to meet Kentucky regulation. This status is continued until the time of the first graduating class of students.

- **Full** approval is the most common approval status and is granted to programs of nursing that can provide evidence of initial and continued adherence to Kentucky regulations.

There are two (2) approval designations for programs that are not meeting Kentucky regulations: conditional and probational status.

- **Conditional** approval is assigned to a program of nursing that is not meeting one (1) or more of the Kentucky regulatory requirements designated in 201 KAR 20:260 through 20:360. Programs are asked to develop a plan for meeting each of the deficiencies and are given a time period, usually six months to a year, to put these plans into operation. At the end of this time period, a Board representative will visit the school to evaluate compliance with the identified deficiencies.

- **Probational** approval status is assigned to a program that has previously been on conditional approval, but the Board does not believe that the actions taken have been sufficient to warrant movement back to Full approval. Once placed on probational status, if the program of nursing has not corrected the deficiencies within one (1) academic year of being placed on probational status, the Board will conduct a hearing pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B to determine whether to withdraw approval of the program of nursing. A program of nursing that is on probational approval status may not admit students.

At the Board meeting held in June, it was decided by the members that the approval level of programs is of such significant importance that each subsequent edition of the *KBN Connection* will provide a listing of the approval status for all programs within the Commonwealth (See page 13). Current licensees and all potential students should routinely review this listing.

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- **D - Developmental:** The designation granted to a proposed program of nursing to continue development of plans for implementation.
- **I - Initial:** The designation granted to a new program of nursing upon admission of the first class.
- **F - Full:** Full approval status is the designation granted to program of nursing that is in compliance with Kentucky Board of Nursing education regulations.
- **C - Conditional:** The designation granted to a program if one or more of the standards in the regulations have not been met.
- **P - Probational:** The designation granted to a program of nursing if one or more standards have continued to be unmet. Programs on Probational Status cannot admit new students.

NOTE: KBN does not regulate RN to BSN programs.

Approval Status as of 6/17/11

DNP Degree

Eastern KY Univ. (I)
Murray State Univ. (I)
Northern KY Univ. (I)
Univ. of KY (F)
Western KY Univ. (I)

MSN Leading to APRN

Bellarmino Univ. (F)
Eastern KY Univ. (F)
Frontier School of Midwifery (F)
Indiana Wesleyan Univ. (F)
Murray State Univ. (F)
Northern KY Univ. (F)
Spalding Univ. (F)
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Western KY Univ. (F)

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing

Bellarmino Univ. (F)
Berea College (F)
Eastern KY Univ. (F)
KY Christian Univ. (F)
Lindsey Wilson College (I)
Morehead State Univ. (F)
Murray State Univ. (F)
Northern KY Univ. (C)
Spalding Univ. (F)
Thomas More College (F)
Univ. of KY (F)
Univ. of Louisville
– Louisville (F)
– Owensboro (I)
Western KY Univ. (F)

Associate Degree Nursing

Ashland C&TC (F)
Beckfield College (F)
Big Sandy C&TC (F)
Bluegrass C&TC – Cooper Dr. (F)
– Lawrenceburg (F)
Bowling Green TC – Glasgow (F)
Campbellsville Univ. (F)
Daymar College (I)
Eastern KY Univ. (F)
Elizabethtown C&TC (F)
Galen College of Nursing (F)
Gateway C&TC (F)
Hazard C&TC – Hazard (F)
– Lees Campus (F)
Henderson CC (F)
Hopkinsville CC (F)
ITT Technical Institute (I)
Jefferson C&TC (F)
KY State Univ. (F)
Lincoln Memorial U. – Corbin (F)
Madisonville CC (F)
Maysville C&TC (F)
– Licking Valley (I)
Midway College (F)
Morehead State Univ. (F)
– Mt. Sterling (I)
National College (I)
Owensboro C&TC (F)
Pikeville College (F)
Somerset CC (F)
– Laurel (I)
Southeast KY C&TC (F)
– Pineville (F)
Spencerian College (P)
St. Catharine College (F)
West KY C&TC (F)
Western KY Univ. (F)
– Glasgow (F)

Practical Nursing

Ashland C&TC – Roberts Dr. (F)
ATA College (F)
Beckfield College (C)
Big Sandy C&TC – Mayo (F)
– Prestonsburg (F)
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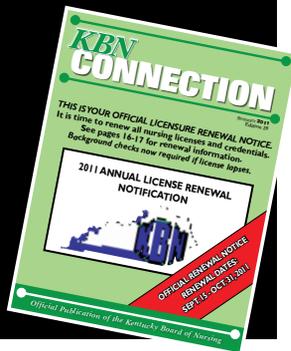
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SANE: \$35

Clicking on the “submit” button at the end of the renewal process is an attestation that you have or will have met the continuing competency requirements by midnight, October 31. Your license is NOT renewed when you click on the submit button.

LAST DAY OF RENEWAL

A license that has not been renewed before 4:30 p.m. on October 31 will lapse at midnight on that date. Working on a lapsed license is a violation of the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* and subjects the individual to disciplinary action.

If an application is received before midnight (Eastern Time), October 31 and an individual answers “No” to the disciplinary and conviction questions, a license MAY be renewed by noon on the next business day.

WHEN DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL

If you answered “Yes” to the discipline, criminal, and/or the APRN national certification revocation questions, your license will not be renewed until KBN receives and reviews the required documents. If your license has not been renewed before midnight (Eastern Time), October 31, your license will lapse. **You may not practice as a nurse in Kentucky if your license has lapsed.**

Required documentation includes:

1. Certified court records and letters of explanation, if you answer “Yes” to the criminal activity question
2. Board certified orders and letters of explanation, if you answer “Yes” to the disciplinary question
3. Documentation from your APRN national certification organization if you answer “Yes,” that your national certification was revoked or issued on a provisional or conditional status
4. Other documentation requested by KBN staff.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT AND KENTUCKY LICENSE RENEWAL

If your primary state of residence is another compact state and you do not practice ONLY in a military/federal facility, you will not be able to renew your Kentucky RN or LPN license.

APRN RENEWAL

If you do not intend to practice as an APRN and want to let your APRN license lapse but **DO** want to renew your RN license, contact Ruby King (ruby.king@ky.gov).

If your national certification has expired, you will not be able to renew your license(s). You cannot practice as an APRN in Kentucky with an expired national certification, even though your APRN license is current.

To renew your APRN license in only one designation and your Kentucky RN license, you **MUST** use the RN-APRN link on the renewal web page (<http://kbn.ky.gov/license/renewal/default/>). From this link, you will renew your RN and APRN licenses simultaneously, for the combined fee of \$90 (RN-\$50 and APRN-\$40).

To renew your APRN license in more than one designation and your Kentucky RN license, use the link listed above and select each designation that you want to renew by clicking on the appropriate radio button. The fee for renewing each APRN designation is \$40 per designation, plus the \$50 RN renewal fee. You must maintain current national certification in each designation.

If your primary residence is in a compact state and you hold a current RN multistate license in that state, you must use the “APRN Renewal Only (with RN license in another compact state)” link. You must provide the name of the state and the expiration date of the multistate RN license you hold before you will be able to renew your Kentucky APRN license. You must continue to keep your multistate RN license active in the state of your primary residence during the period of time that you practice as an APRN in Kentucky. If your compact RN license and/or your national certification lapse, you may not practice as an APRN in Kentucky, even though your Kentucky APRN license is current.

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Current national certification from a Board recognized national certification organization in addition to current APRN and RN licensure is required to practice as an APRN in Kentucky. If your national certification lapses for any period of time while your APRN license is current, you may not practice as an APRN during the period of lapsed certification. **KBN does not give a grace period for lapsed national certification.**

APRN POPULATION FOCI OF ONCOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

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SANE RENEWAL

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