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As of December 15, 2013 KBN records show:

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I can't believe that when you read this, the holidays will have passed and a new year will have begun. Let me begin by introducing our newly appointed board members: Dr. Mary Bennett, APRN, and John Nordgauer, LPN, have been appointed as RN educator and LPN member, respectively. Three board members, Anne Venio, Anita Simmons and myself, have been reappointed for another term. I would like to express my appreciation to Anne Fultz and Carol Komara, two retiring Board members, for their many years of service to the citizens of Kentucky and the KBN.

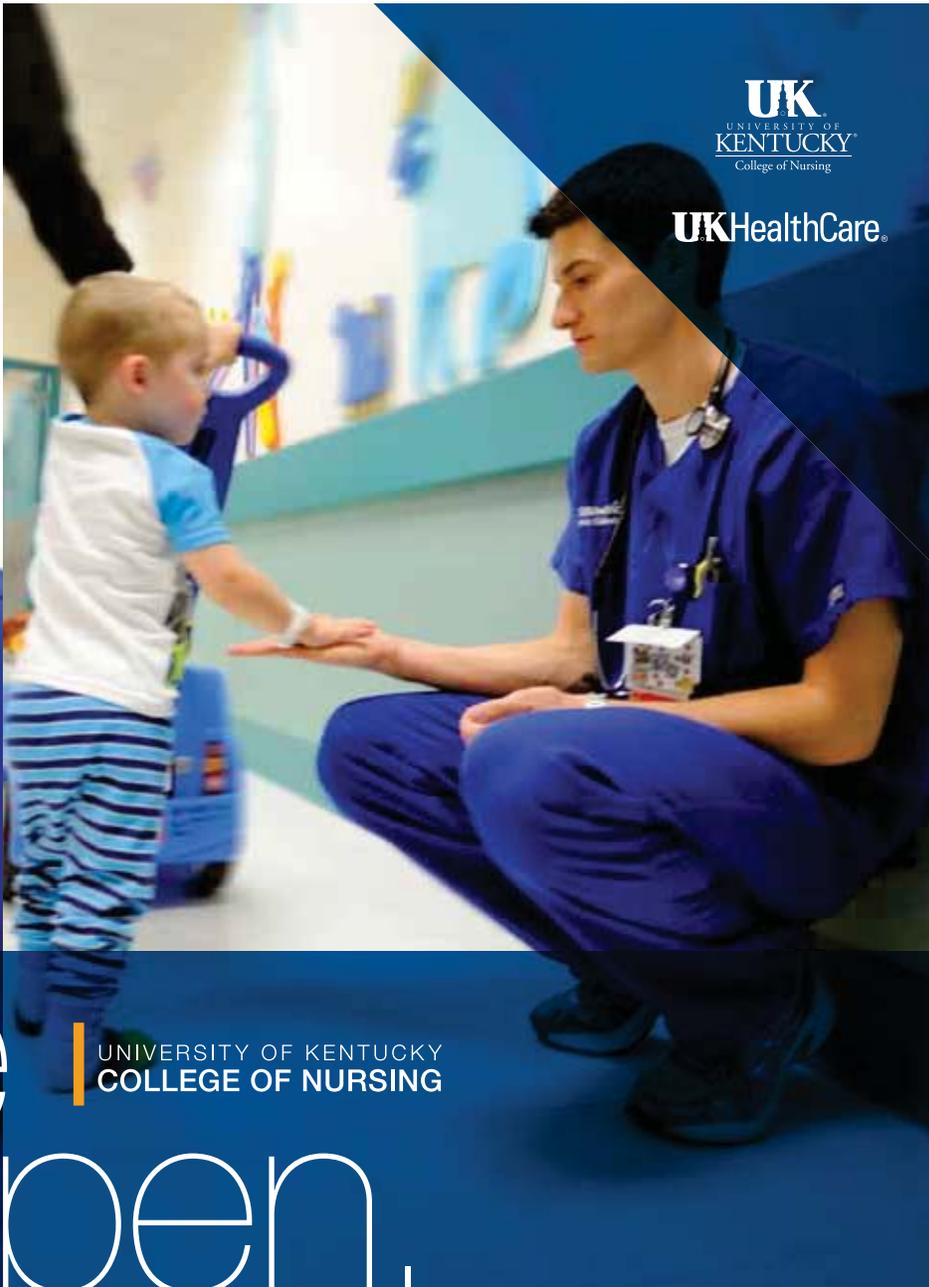
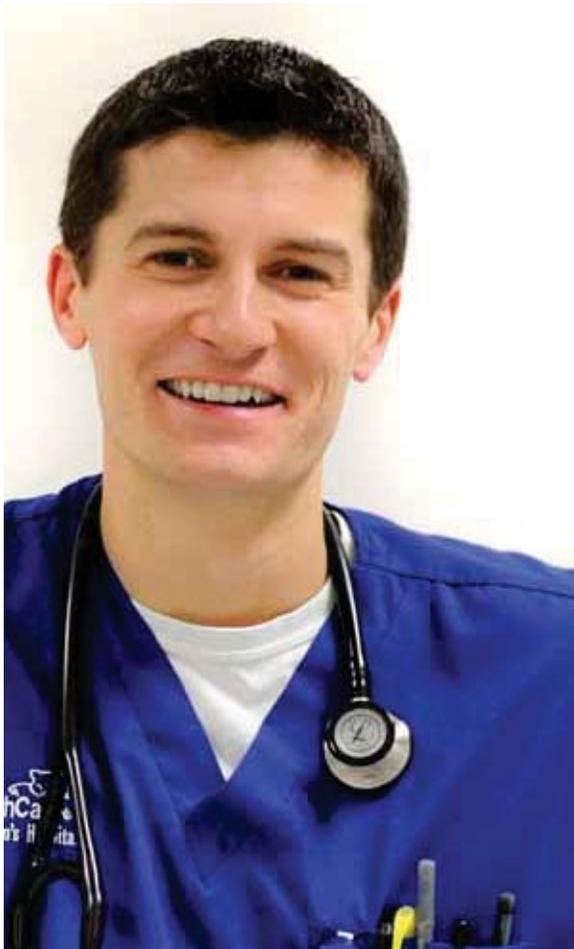
As I mentioned in my previous Connection article, the Board is still working on the delegation of insulin administration to unlicensed school personnel. As you may recall, the Board appointed a task force to study and work on this issue, and they have made progress on the difficult process of change.

This spring (2014), the Kentucky Board of Nursing will celebrate its centennial, highlighting 100 years of independent stewardship that has met or exceeded our mission of careful state protection through adequate licensure of nurses and strict regulation of nursing education and practice. The KBN has also brought to Kentucky such achievements as having the first nurse-midwife service using trained nurses in the United States. A day of celebration is being planned for April 9th, the official day of the centennial. An educational conference followed by a reception and recognition banquet will also be held. All nurses and organizations are welcome to attend and celebrate this milestone (more details on times and locations will be published in the near future and made available on the KBN website).

In closing, I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin this New Year, there are numerous challenges confronting nursing regulation. For example, researchers have predicted an impending shortfall of qualified registered nurses. Factors such as an aging nursing workforce coupled with an aging population requiring highly skilled nursing care, and implementation of the Affordable Care Act insuring millions more US residents, call into question whether there will be enough nurses to meet the escalating demand. An adequate supply of nurses of all licensure types in the workforce is one of the essential components of a safe and effective health care system.

A consequence of this increase in demand for health care across all spectrums is the utilization of unlicensed personnel to provide health services in the community. Consequently, nursing regulation will be challenged to consider such issues as the provision of safe nursing care and the appropriate utilization of unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) in community based settings. Historically, delegation of nursing acts to unlicensed personnel has been a necessary and critical part of the nursing profession for many years. In Kentucky (KY), the Board's administrative regulation 201 KAR 20:400 was first implemented in 1993, over twenty (20) years ago and has been revised several times (1999, 2003 and 2010, respectively). One question facing the Board, particularly in light of greater utilization of UAPs in community based settings, is the training and competency validation of these UAPs to assure that acts which may be delegated by the nurse and performed by the UAP can be carried out safely and competently. To that end, the Board will be convening a task force of stakeholders and interested parties to study this matter. Given the inherent magnitude and complexity of this issue, it is anticipated that this work will continue throughout the majority of 2014.

As you receive this message, the KY General Assembly will have returned to Frankfort to carry out their legislative duties. In light of the heightened awareness of healthcare issues and the myriad of complex regulatory issues faced by this Board, I encourage all of you to identify your respective legislators in the KY legislature and introduce

yourselves by phone, email, letter or, better yet, in person, as a member of the nursing profession. All nurses provide a vital service to the citizens of the Commonwealth in a variety of practice areas and settings. Sharing with your respective legislators the numerous ways in which you impact the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's citizenry will help the legislature appreciate the significance of your nursing knowledge, expertise and specialized practice. For information and assistance with determining your respective legislators, you may go to www.lrc.ky.gov.

As of November 1, 2013, the Board completed what is perhaps the smoothest renewal period since the online renewal process was implemented in 2003, ten (10) years ago. Further, this renewal period saw almost 74,000 licensees renew their licenses by midnight on October 31, 2013. The licensure lapse rate for 2013 was less than 5% of licensees, the lowest it has ever been. Kudos to all nurses licensed in KY for submitting their license renewal applications promptly!

Congratulations are extended to Pamela C. Hagan MSN, RN, APRN Practice and Education Consultant, for admission to the NCSBN's Institute of Regulatory Excellence (IRE) Fellowship Program. Since the last edition of the KBN Connection, there are several updates to KBN staff positions. On October 1, 2013, Ruby King was promoted to Credentials Branch Manager. Jodi Velazquez was promoted to Licensure Specialist in the Credentials Branch. Melissa Haddaway RN, Case Manager, Compliance Section, and Harold Parks, Practice Assistant, Professional Support Branch, joined staff on November 18, 2013. Aneeka Ferrell, APRN Program Coordinator, joined KBN on December 16, 2013. On January 16, 2014, Beth Tanner will join KBN as the Board's Education Assistant.

As this New Year begins, best wishes to all for good health and prosperity in 2014!

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APPLICATIONS

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Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Credential Applications	502-429-3330
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APRN/RN/LPN Name and Address Change	502-429-7170
NLCA Compact License Questions	502-429-3329
Transcript Requests	502-429-3332
Reporting a Deceased Nurse	502-429-3332
Retiring a RN/LPN License	502-429-3330

Verifications of Licensure to another State Board:	
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OTHER

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Update on Delegation of Insulin and Glucagon Administration in School Settings

by **Pamela Hagan, MSN, RN, APRN/Education & Practice Consultant**

The KBN at its December meeting approved a proposed new regulation, 201 KAR 20:405, on the delegation by a registered nurse of the administration of insulin and glucagon to students in schools by unlicensed school employees. The regulation incorporates a standardized training program developed by the Board. The regulation will be filed with the LRC in January and is anticipated to be in effect for the upcoming 2014 school year, following training. For further information contact Nathan Goldman, General Counsel or Pam Hagan, Practice Consultant at the KBN office.



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This additional regulatory requirement came about when 25 people were killed in a trucking accident where the truck driver was medically unfit,

but had been medically certified by a health care practitioner. The FMCSA developed regulations to institute a national registry of qualified health care providers. Only physicals conducted by certified providers will be accepted by the FMCSA. Historically nurse practitioners, physicians and chiropractors have provided these physicals.

The National Registry requires all medical examiners (i.e., nurse practitioners, physicians, chiropractors) who wish to perform physical examinations for interstate CMV drivers to be trained and certified in FMCSA physical qualification standards. Medical examiners who have completed the training and successfully passed the test will be included in an online directory on the

National Registry website. (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam>)

Currently there are 4 million CMV drivers across the nation. By May 21, 2014, the National Registry will need 40,000 providers to medically certify drivers. FMCSA launched a national campaign to notify all interested health care providers.

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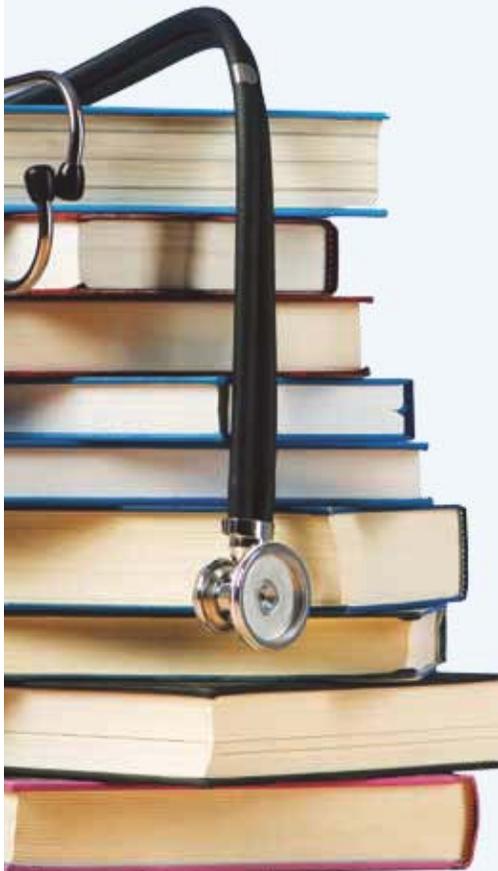
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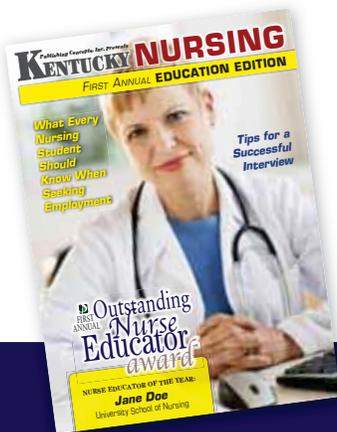


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There is a general custom in our society that when a woman marries, she adopts the last name of her husband. If this happens to a nurse and she wishes to change her name, she is required by KBN administrative regulation (201 KAR 20:370) to submit the proper documentation

(i.e. a copy of the marriage license) and to request a change in her name as it appears in the KBN database for licensure. The fee for this is \$25.

However, neither KBN nor social custom nor the law requires a woman to adopt her husband's last name after marriage. She may continue to use her birth-given name, in which case, she would not have to do anything with the Board.

She may also continue to use her birth-given name for professional purposes, i.e. her name as a nurse, and her married name (that is, her husband's last name) for all other purposes.

A nurse should always sign as a nurse on charts, etc. in the name that appears in the KBN database for

licensure. If a change is requested, the new name can be used when the database is changed. A nurse who is newly married should never use her married name as a nurse until she officially changes it with the Board. Until that is accomplished, she should continue to use her birth-given name, which is the name in which she is currently licensed.

Questions concerning the law may be directed to Nathan Goldman, General Counsel (502-429- 3309 or Nathan.Goldman@ky.gov). Questions about the procedure may be directed to Jodi Velazquez, Licensure Specialist (502-429-7170 or Jodi.Velazquez@ky.gov).

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Gateway C&TC (F)
Hazard C&TC - Hazard (C)
Hazard C&TC - Lees Campus (F)
Henderson CC (F)
Hopkinsville CC (F)
ITT Technical Institute - Louisville (F)
ITT Technical Institute -
Lexington (D)
Jefferson C&TC (F)
Kentucky State University (F)
Lincoln Memorial University -
Corbin (F)
Madisonville CC (F)
Maysville C&TC (F)
Maysville C&TC - Licking Valley (C)
Midway College (F)
Morehead State University (F)
Morehead State University - Mt. Sterling (F)
National College (F)
Owensboro C&TC (F)
Somerset CC (F)
Somerset CC - Laurel (F)
Southcentral KY C&TC - Bowling Green (I)
Southcentral KY C&TC - Glasgow (F)
Southeast KY C&TC (F)
Southeast KY C&TC - Pineville (C)
Spencerian College (F)
St. Catharine College (F)
University of Pikeville (F)
West KY C&TC (F)
Western KY University (F)
Western KY University - Glasgow (F)

Practical Nursing

Ashland C&TC (F)
ATA College (C)
Beckfield College (F)
Big Sandy C&TC - Mayo/Paintsville (F)
Bluegrass C&TC - Leestown (F)
Bluegrass C&TC - Danville (F)
Brown Mackie College - Louisville (F)
Brown Mackie College - NKY (F)
Elizabethtown C&TC (F)
Galen College of Nursing (F)
Gateway C&TC (F)
Hazard C&TC (F)
Henderson CC (F)
Hopkinsville CC (F)
Jefferson C&TC (F)
Jefferson C&TC - Carrollton (F)
Jefferson C&TC - Shelbyville (F)
Maysville C&TC (F)
Maysville C&TC - Licking Valley (F)
Maysville C&TC - Montgomery (F)
Maysville C&TC - Rowan (F)
Owensboro C&TC (F)
Somerset CC (F)
Somerset CC - Clinton Center (F)
Somerset CC - Laurel Campus (F)
Southcentral KY C&TC - Glasgow (F)
Southcentral KY C&TC - Bowling Green (F)
Spencerian College (F)
West Kentucky C&TC (F)
West Kentucky C&TC - Murray (F)

RENEWAL PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2013 STATISTICS

Renewed:

RN: 55,123
 LPN: 13,963
 APRN: 4,687
 SANE: 222

RENEWAL INFORMATION

The 2013 license renewal period has ended, statistical data has been collected, and another renewal period is now a memory. As expected, 41.6% of nurses submitted a renewal application in the last two weeks of the renewal period.

Mark your 2014 calendar. The renewal period of all nursing licenses and credentials will begin September 15, 2014 and end at midnight, Eastern Time, on October 31, 2014. It is the responsibility of nurses who are licensed and who practice in Kentucky, or in a compact state on a Kentucky nursing license, to know when their license expires. Validation of a license may be obtained from our website (<https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/basic.aspx>).

STATE AND FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

As a reminder all applicants for licensure are required to submit state and federal (fingerprinting) background checks before a license may be issued or reinstated. This applies to applicants for licensure by examination, reinstatement and/or endorsement.

If the license has lapsed, the individual may not practice as a nurse in Kentucky, nor use the protected title of Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, SANE or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse until the Kentucky nursing license has been reinstated. A temporary license is not issued to applicants for licensure by reinstatement.

The federal background check may take between two to four weeks to receive back from the FBI.

If you receive a second fingerprint card request in the mail from KBN you are required to submit the second fingerprint card back to KBN without a fee. KBN will submit the second fingerprint card to the FBI for processing.

If the second fingerprint card is rejected, KBN will submit a name search request to the FBI for processing. This could take an additional two weeks for the results to be returned to KBN.

It is the responsibility of nurses who are licensed and who practice in Kentucky to validate current licensure. Validation may be obtained from our website (<https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/basic.aspx>).

Practicing without a current license is a violation of nursing law and subjects

the individual to disciplinary action.

NAME CHANGE

A Licensed Nurse Name Change Form is on the KBN website, under "Forms and Publications, Other Licensure Forms." Print and return the form with the \$25 fee and legal documentation, which includes a copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree (showing the return to another name), other legal name change documents, or a social security card.

A name change can be validated from the KBN website (<https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/basic.aspx>) within 2 weeks of submitting the required fee and documentation.

For additional information please see page 14.

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