



Kentucky Board of Nursing

Programs of Nursing Update

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Title VIII Nurse Faculty Loan Program FY 2013 Funding Cycle

The Title VIII Nurse Faculty Loan Program FY 2013 Funding Cycle is now accepting applications. Further details are provided below.

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: The FY2013 Nurse Faculty Loan Program Funding Opportunity Announcement HRSA-13-189 has been released and is now posted on Grants.gov. The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) was established to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty. The NFLP provides funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a distinct, interest-bearing NFLP loan fund. Participating schools of nursing make loans from the fund to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The program offers loan cancellation of up to 85 percent for borrowers who graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty for the prescribed period of time.

For more information, see:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yHvyQ4ydBGcVOCB6nqTqJk3h47BTD1hByVQY0mcG97HGlvCf0mFs!-2129049045?oppId=209053&mode=VIEW>.

Application Deadline: January 10, 2013.

A Technical Assistance webinar will be available on January 8, 2013 from 1-3 pm ET. To register, visit:

https://www.mymeetings.com/emeet/rsvp/index.jsp?customHeader=mymeetings&Conference_ID=2731931&passcode=9007404.

Transfer Credits

In June 2012, the Council on Postsecondary Education launched a transfer site: <http://knowhow2transfer.org/>. The site is a collaborative effort between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the state's public colleges and universities. The web site "Know How to Transfer.org" provides students with one site to determine if courses taken at the Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges will transfer to another state college/university. Check it out! We have placed this link on the KBN Education webpage and it would be great if KCTCS programs would include in their student handbooks. <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/education/pon/Transferring+Credits.htm>

Certified List

Just after the first of the year, the certified list will again share the NCLEX results. The programming is almost complete and you should shortly see the NCLEX results in the last column on the certified list.

NCSBN Learning Extension Medication Flashcards from ITUNES (FREE)

Since April 2012, these flashcards have been made available FREE for download and more than 18,000 students have downloaded them. Be sure to pass this information along to your faculty and students.

Description: Preparing for NCLEX®? Discover a simpler way to master drug information as part of your NCLEX review. Study thousands of drugs grouped into manageable categories, all with common actions and effects. Quickly access interesting facts about medications that will stick with you as you prepare for NCLEX. With touch and tap

functionality, you can quickly access useful information and interesting facts about pharmaceutical drugs. This app offers a way for nursing students and nurses to test their knowledge of drugs on the go.

Key Features:

- Touch and tap functionality; •Flag what you don't know; •Choose "got it" when you've mastered it
- Go back through flagged/skipped items; •Search by drug categories or specific drugs
- Identify commonly prescribed medications; •Spot high alert medications
- Identify drugs that are listed in 2 or more categories; •Share your work on Facebook

Content:

Flashcard content allows you to customize your NCLEX review. For each category, you'll find...

- Common examples of drugs; •Basic description and uses; •Fun facts - things that are nice to know, good to know, and really important to know; •Drug index with tabs to access a drug category or a specific drug

Added Extras:

- Easy access to our online nursing community - the go-to place for nurses preparing for NCLEX
- Set the NCLEX® Countdown Timer to the date of your NCLEX® exam
- Access the Learning Extension's NCLEX®-Style Question of the Week

Additional Resources from NCSBN for Students

NCSBN Interactive Services offers online courses for nurses, nursing students and nursing faculty through NCSBN Learning Extension, but you may not be aware of some of the other features offered to its community of learners.

- To help nursing students preparing to take the NCLEX® examinations, Learning Extension hosts the Question Dissection podcast. Delivered every other week, the course instructor (Content Associate Susan Richmond, MSN, RN, NCSBN) explains how to select the best response to one of the NCLEX-style questions taken directly from the Learning Extension NCLEX-RN® Review course.
- Since September 2009, Richmond has written Sue's Blog. Although she primarily writes about issues confronting (and confusing) nursing students, she also reaches out to all members of the learning community. Richmond often finds ways to interject information related to current NCSBN projects into many of her writings, including a recent series of blog posts about social media. Regardless of the topic, the pervasive themes are a mix of support, encouragement and humor, while educating about and increasing awareness of professional issues important to career development

Notification of Changes to an Individual License

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) announces the launch of Nursys e-Notify, the national nurse licensure notification system that automatically delivers licensure and publicly available discipline data directly to employers as the data is entered into the Nursys database by U.S. boards of nursing (BONs).

Nursys is the only national database for verification of nurse licensure, discipline and practice privileges for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPNs/VNs). It is comprised of data obtained directly from the licensure systems of U.S. BONs through frequent, secured updates.

The e-Notify system alerts subscribers when changes are made to a nurse's record, including changes to license status, license expirations, pending license renewals, and public disciplinary action/resolutions and alerts. If a nurse's license is about to expire, employers have the option to receive a notification about the expiration date. Employers can also immediately learn about new disciplinary actions issued by a BON for their employed nurse, including receiving access to available public discipline documents. Nursys e-Notify eliminates the need for employers to proactively search for nurse data as they are notified when changes occur.

Nurse employers are able to subscribe to this service to track licensure and discipline information for little or no charge (cost is dependent on the number of nurses enrolled in the system). *The first 100 nurses in a facility registered with Nursys e-Notify are free of charge.* After that, each nurse is \$1 per year. If an employer has 99 nurses they pay nothing; if they have 200 nurses, the cost per year is \$100.

Employers can customize how often they receive notifications and when they want to run reports. Another valuable option is the ability to enter nurse contact information so the employer may send licensure renewal reminders to the nurses directly from the e-Notify system.

Thanks for Everything

As I am sure most of you are aware, I am leaving my staff position at the Board effective December 31, 2012. During the nine years that I have held this position, I have met some wonderful friends and have learned to love this state more than I thought possible. My love for Kentucky and Nursing is not ending but just shifting gears a little.

I will be assuming the role of Associate Dean at Spalding University in Louisville. My email address is: pspurr@spalding.edu and phone 502-873-4304 or 800-896-8941, ext. 4304. I will still be around to help and collaborate on projects. I hope that we can use our collection of knowledge to move nursing education even further across the state. Please keep in touch - I look forward to hearing from you.

"ACCEPT THE THINGS TO WHICH FATE BINDS YOU, AND LOVE THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM FATE BRINGS YOU TOGETHER, BUT DO SO WITH ALL YOUR HEART." *MARCUS AURELIUS*



Wishing You The Best In 2013!