



Kentucky Board of Nursing

Programs of Nursing Update

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Few Administrative Reminders

- Fax number change for Lila and me; 502-564-4041 (through the Frankfort exchange) will work for both of us.
- Appointment forms: Thanks to everyone for using the new forms. Remember, by regulation programs must send these forms **no later than 30 days** from the date of appointment. Review the form before sending to ensure that **ALL** questions are answered and all blanks filled in as appropriate. Remember that appointment forms are available in Word and are downloadable from: http://www.kbn.ky.gov/education/pon_resources/Forms.htm.

KNCC/KBN/KABHDNP

This fall the Kentucky Nursing Capacity Coalition joins with the Kentucky Board of Nursing and the Kentucky Association of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs to bring nursing faculty from across the commonwealth together for an open dialogue regarding the future of nursing education and the role of each individual. It is not too late to register for the KNCC/KBN/ KABHDNP conference to be held on October 8, 2010 in Bowling Green at the Carroll Knicely Center. Here is the link on our website with the brochure: <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/board/conf.htm> Register early and bring your colleagues!!

Kentucky Educational Regulations: Faculty Essentials Sessions for 2010-2011

Program: The general purpose of this program is to introduce program administrators and nursing faculty to the educational regulations for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Outcomes: At the completion of this program, participants will:

1. Articulate the Mission of the Board of Nursing
2. Specify the role of the Board in relation to the Registered and Practical nursing programs
3. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the nursing program administrator and faculty in Kentucky Board-approved nursing education programs
4. Outline the provisions in the Registered and Practical Nurse Law and Administrative Regulations that relate to nursing education programs
5. Explain the process for ongoing program compliance and reporting to the Board
6. Describe the licensure and permit application process to include NCLEX[®]

The sessions are open to anyone from a college that is involved with the nursing program and would like to become acquainted with the regulations governing operation of a program.

All sessions are held at the Board Office.

The dates for the new academic year include:

- September 24
- November 5
- January 28
- April 8

The program begins at 9 a.m. and ends at approximately 2 p.m. (give or take a little depending on the group). To cover some of the costs, we must charge a nonrefundable \$25 fee for the session. This \$25 will include: light breakfast, snacks, lunch, and materials. The fee should be received prior to attendance to secure your place at the session. Registration is limited to 20 individuals each date. Continuing education hours are awarded (6.0 CH). Reserve your spot early. This can be done by e-mailing Lila Hicks @ LilaA.Hicks@ky.gov.

Paper Application Fee

Effective September 1, the Board of Nursing no longer accepts paper licensure applications from RN/LPN applicants, whether they are exam candidates, reinstating nurses, or nurses endorsing into Kentucky, **unless they are accompanied by a \$40 paper application fee**. This \$40 ***is in addition*** to the regular application fee (such as \$110 application processing fee for examination candidates).

A link on the KBN web site allows an individual to download a "Paper Application Request Form." Once this form has been completed and submitted to the Board, along with the \$40 fee, a paper application will be mailed to the requester. The applicant will then complete the application and submit along with the appropriate licensure fee for processing.

Please disseminate this information to upcoming graduates in as many ways as you can. We will also include this information in an updated licensure information packet.

Resources Available on the Pearson VUE Website

Visit Pearson VUE's website to access helpful NCLEX[®] examination information. Candidates can take an NCLEX[®] examination tutorial, which identifies the types of items seen on the NCLEX[®], or do a virtual tour of a Pearson Professional Center (PPC) in order to have a better understanding of where the NCLEX[®] will be taken. For more information, visit <http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex>.

Information for Students on Licensure Compact

The NCSBN has developed a fact sheet for licensees and nursing students, www.ncsbn.org/nlc.

Personal Identification Requirements for NCLEX[®] Candidates

The staff at Pearson Professional Center (PPC) follows specific NCLEX[®] procedures to ensure that the operation of the PPC meets NCSBN's criteria for standardized testing. On examination day, candidates are required to present their Authorization to Test (ATT) letter and a valid photo ID signed in English. The only forms of identification accepted in PPCs in the U.S.* are:

- U.S. driver's license (if expired, a renewal slip must be presented in order to be admitted) (Department of Motor Vehicle-issued);
- U.S. state identification (issued by a Department of Motor Vehicles);
- Passport; U.S. military identification

The only identification acceptable in PPCs outside the U.S.* is a passport. For more information, see the Acceptable Identification page on NCSBN's website at www.ncsbn.org/1221.htm. *U.S. includes American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

NCLEX® Item Writers Needed

NCSBN depends on nurses across the country to assist in the NCLEX® item development process. The Item Development Program is a key component in developing and maintaining high quality NCLEX® items. You can participate in this highly rewarding program by volunteering to become an item writer or item reviewer. The program has several professional benefits, such as networking with peers from across the country, contributing to the nursing profession, and developing new skills.

To apply, simply complete a brief online application by accessing NCSBN's website at www.ncsbn.org/1227.htm. Your application will remain active for two years from the date of submission. If qualified, you will be notified when you are considered for a specific panel. Sessions are held throughout the year in Chicago and your travel expenses, including lodging and meals, will be covered. Please be sure to direct any of your interested nursing colleagues to the online application as well.

For more information, contact the NCLEX® Examinations department at 866-293-9600 or nclexitemdev@ncsbn.org.

Scholarship Loan Repayments

Participants Receive Up to \$35,000 Annually to Repay Student Loans—New Application Deadline is November 15, 2010: The 2011 application cycle for the National Institutes of Health's Loan Repayment Programs is now open, and applications can be found online at www.lrp.nih.gov. The LRP repays the outstanding student loans of researchers who are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research, and opportunities are available in five research areas - clinical, pediatric, health disparities, contraception and infertility, and clinical research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. **Applications will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 15, 2010. Please share this e-mail with researchers in your organization who may benefit from this career-enhancing opportunity.**

BENEFITS: New LRP contracts are awarded for a two-year period and repay up to \$35,000 of qualified educational debt annually. Tax offsets are also provided as an additional benefit. Participants may apply for competitive renewals, which are issued for one year or two years. Undergraduate, graduate, medical school, and other health professional school loans qualify for repayment. An NIH grant or other NIH funding is not required to apply for or participate in the LRPs.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree (with the exception of the contraception and infertility research LRP); be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; devote 20 hours or more per week to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit, university or government entity; and have qualified educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary.

AWARDS: Nearly 1,600 research scientists each year benefit from the more than \$70 million NIH invests in their careers through the extramural LRPs. Twenty-six percent of awards are made to individuals within one to five years of receiving their doctoral degree. More than 75 percent of awards go to individuals within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree. Approximately 40 percent of new applications and 70 percent of renewal applications are funded.

For guidance on the application process and NIH Institute and Center (IC) research priorities, potential applicants should review Tips for Completing a Competitive Application at

http://www.lrp.nih.gov/pdf/0310_1_application_tips.pdf and contact an IC LRP liaison. The list of ICs and their liaisons can be found at http://www.lrp.nih.gov/contact_us/contact_list.aspx

QUESTIONS? Visit the LRP website at www.lrp.nih.gov for more information and to access the online application. For additional assistance, call or e-mail the LRP Information Center at (866) 849-4047 or lrp@nih.gov. Also, receive application cycle updates through Twitter @NIH_LRP or www.twitter.com/NIH_LRP.

What Happens to KBN Annual Report Data

Each year program administrators eagerly seek the delivery of the Annual report request from the KBN. Why do we ask you to do this? By regulation, each program is required to submit an annual report to the Board, the contents of which ensure compliance with all regulations. Annually Lila puts together a summary of results and this has been sent to the programs. Additional questions may be added to determine trends or examine issues that may or may not be impacting the programs across the state. Often I get phone calls from programs seeking summary information related to a question to support a position at their program.

The Gap Continues to Grow

It is always fun each year with the Beloit College publishes the list that tells us what most students entering college for the first time this fall—the Class of 2014—have known or never known (They were born in 1992).

For these students.....

Email is just too slow, and they seldom if ever use snail mail.

A quarter of the class has at least one immigrant parent, and the immigration debate is not a big priority...unless it involves “real” aliens from another planet.

John McEnroe has never played professional tennis.

Clint Eastwood is better known as a sensitive director than as Dirty Harry.

Colorful lapel ribbons have always been worn to indicate support for a cause.

Trading Chocolate the Moose for Patti the Platypus helped build their Beanie Baby collection.

Fergie is a pop singer, not a princess.

They never twisted the coiled handset wire aimlessly around their wrists while chatting on the phone.

DNA fingerprinting and maps of the human genome have always existed.

Leno and Letterman have always been trading insults on opposing networks.

Unless they found one in their grandparents’ closet, they have never seen a carousel of Kodachrome slides.

Computers have never lacked a CD-ROM disk drive. They’ve never recognized that pointing to their wrists was a request for the time of day.

Czechoslovakia has never existed.

Second-hand smoke has always been an official carcinogen.

“Assisted Living” has always been replacing nursing homes, while Hospice has always been an alternative to hospitals.

Once they got through security, going to the airport has always resembled going to the mall.

Adhesive strips have always been available in varying skin tones.

The dominance of television news by the three networks passed while they were still in their cribs.

A purple dinosaur has always supplanted Barney Google and Barney Fife.

Beethoven has always been a dog.

Having hundreds of cable channels but nothing to watch has always been routine.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg has always sat on the Supreme Court.

They have never worried about a Russian missile strike on the U.S.

The Post Office has always been going broke

Happy New Academic Year

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

— William Arthur Ward