



Kentucky Board of Nursing

## Programs of Nursing Update

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### New Annual NCLEX Program Reports

The Annual NCLEX Program Reports, the latest tool in examination measurement, provides information about NCLEX performance of students testing over a one-year period, from April 1 to March 31.

The first edition of the Annual NCLEX Program Reports will provide data from students testing between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. In this transitional reporting year, the Oct. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 Semi-Annual NCLEX Program Reports will be offered at no additional charge to 2010-2011 annual report subscribers. In addition to the current Semi-Annual NCLEX Program Reports, the annual report will be available to nursing programs for the first time in May 2011.

Cost of subscription is \$200 per report type (annual or semi-annual) for PN programs and \$300 per report type (annual or semi-annual) for RN programs. A joint subscription for annual and semi-annual reports is available at a discounted rate of \$300 for PN programs and \$450 for RN programs.

To subscribe, please contact Mountain Measurement, Inc. at 1.800.261.6227 or visit <http://reports.mountainmeasurement.com/nclex> for additional information.

### LPN Scope of Practice Brochure - Updated

In October, the PN Scope of Practice brochure was updated and placed on the web. Below is the link to the publication. It is encouraged that both RN and PN programs download the brochure and use it in the education of nurses entering practice in Kentucky.

Link: <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/58B97559-7C72-4CAA-BD48-9F3691E4B000/0/LPNScopeofPractice.pdf>

### KARE Program Gets Media Attention

On November 8, WHAS Television in Louisville presented a segment on Addiction in Nursing. The Board of Nursing was featured in the interview. Below is the link to the video.

Link: <http://www.whas11.com/home/Adrianna-Hopkins-106911878.html>

### Another Simulation Company

As budgets tighten, the need for clinical simulation increases, and programs of nursing need options for the purchasing of simulation manikins. While on a program visit recently, I learned of a company that has available for purchase simulation manikins at pricing that is lower than other companies on the market. From the Company website:

*Gaumard Scientific traces its history to 1946 when its founder, a World War II trauma physician, recognized how polymers used in reconstructive and battlefield surgery could be used to create simulators for health care education. The first product was a synthetic human skeleton. In 1949, Gaumard introduced a childbirth simulator, designed at the request of the international health community, to improve the clinical competence of village midwives to reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. Over the past half century, Gaumard*

has dedicated its resources to the continued development of innovative teaching simulators in nursing care, emergency care and OB/GYN. Website: <http://www.gaumard.com/>

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## FREE Online Quiz Generator

QuizStar has become a free service, just like all of the other fantastic 4Teachers tools. There is no cost to register or use QuizStar. QuizStar was originally created as a grant-funded, free online tool. When the project funding ended, they moved to a subscription-based service in order to continue to support and update the project. Recently, they made the decision to move away from a paid subscription service and instead use online advertising to allow all educators to enjoy unlimited free access to QuizStar, just like the other 4Teachers.org tools. Ads will be placed on Instructor pages and login pages, but not on the quizzes that students take. With QuizStar you can:

- Manage classes and quizzes
- Make quizzes in multiple languages
- Allow students to complete and review
- Attach multimedia files to questions
- Access from any Internet-connected computer

Website: <http://quizstar.4teachers.org/>

## Reference Point Software

Many of you are probably aware of this software that will automatically format a paper into APA, but just in case, here is a refresher. From the webpage: <http://www.referencepointsoftware.com/index.htm>. Reference Point Software's templates make it easy to format your papers in APA style. With just a few clicks of the mouse, your document will have the proper margins, with the header and page numbers in exactly the right places. Even references and citations are a snap...just type in the information and the software will format it perfectly.

I have just recently re-purchased the software and wanted to share some savings. For a Limited Time, if you order the software on-line, enter the code "DIR07" and the cost is \$24.95. This will save students tons of time and 'points'.

## The Safe Use Initiative and Health Literacy: Workshop Summary

Every year at least 1.5 million people suffer adverse effects from medication. These problems occur because people misunderstand labels, are unaware of drug interactions, or otherwise use medication improperly. The Food and Drug Administration's Safe Use Initiative seeks to identify preventable medication risks and develop solutions to them. The IOM held a workshop to discuss the FDA's Safe Use Initiative and other efforts to improve drug labeling and safety. To read online or get a free PDF, please visit [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12975](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12975)

## Healthy People 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services unveiled *Healthy People 2020*, the nation's new 10-year goals and objectives for health promotion and disease prevention, and "myHealthyPeople," a new challenge for technology application developers.

For the past 30 years, Healthy People has been committed to improving the quality of the nation's health by producing a framework for public health prevention priorities and actions.

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes, are responsible for seven out of every ten deaths among Americans each year and account for 75 percent of the nation's health spending. Many of the risk factors that contribute to the development of these diseases are preventable.

The *Healthy People* initiative is grounded in the principle that setting national objectives and monitoring progress can motivate action, and in the past decade, preliminary analyses indicate that the country has either progressed toward or met 71 percent of its Healthy People targets.

*Healthy People 2020*, the product of an extensive stakeholder feedback process, integrates input from public health and prevention experts, a wide range of federal, state and local government officials, a consortium of more than 2,000 organizations, and the public. More than 8,000 comments were considered in drafting a comprehensive set of Healthy People 2020 objectives. Based on this input, a number of new topic areas are included in the new initiative, including:

- Adolescent Health
- Blood Disorders and Blood Safety
- Dementias, including Alzheimer's Disease
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Genomics
- Global Health
- Health-Related Quality of Life and Well-Being
- Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health
- Older Adults
- Preparedness
- Sleep Health
- Social Determinants of Health

Healthy People also issued a special challenge to encourage developers to create easy-to-use applications for professionals who are working with the new national health objectives and state- and community-level health data.

HHS also launched a newly redesigned Healthy People Web site that allows users to tailor information to their needs and explore evidence-based resources for implementation. The web site is located at: [www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov). For more information about myHealthyPeople, go to [www.challenge.gov/](http://www.challenge.gov/).