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CHANGE IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE DATE - Re-mark your calendar!

Inadvertently the Education Committee meeting date was scheduled to occur on the same date as the KLN Annual Conference. To avoid making programs chose between the two meetings, the Education Committee meeting has been changed to May 10, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Board office.

Fingerprint Cards - Change in Price for FBI Background Check

Effective March 19 there will a decrease in the price for the fingerprint check performed by the FBI. The price will now be \$16.50 (down from \$19.25). Fingerprint cards mailed prior to March 19 are still required to submit the \$19.25. Should the Kentucky State Police receive a fingerprint card with \$19.25 after March 18, they will return it requesting a check for \$16.50—thus delaying the processing. Likewise, if they receive a fingerprint card with \$16.50 before March 18, they will return it requesting a check for \$19.25.

Faculty Scholarship Opportunity

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association's application for faculty fellowships is now available. Faculty fellowships range from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Fellowships are awarded in the spring of 2012 for use in the fall 2012, spring 2013 and summer 2013 semesters. Learn about eligibility requirements and download the application: <http://www.nсна.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships/PONFellowship.aspx>. **Application deadline is March 9, 2012.**

NCSBN Launches New Resources on Social Media and Networking for Nurses

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has created a variety of new resources to educate nurses about professional boundaries in a social networking environment. A video and a brochure based upon NCSBN's white paper *A Nurse's Guide to the Use of Social Media* are now available on NCSBN's website.

The use of social media is expanding exponentially as the number of social media outlets, platforms and applications available continue to increase. Nurses use blogs, social networking sites, video sites and online chat rooms to communicate both personally and professionally with others. NCSBN recognizes that these social and electronic media tools have tremendous potential for strengthening personal relationships and affording nurses a valuable opportunity to interface with colleagues from around the world, but that they also carry the risk of inadvertently revealing private and confidential patient information.

In light of the proliferation of social networking, as well as the instantaneous nature of this medium, NCSBN's newly created resources are designed to make nurses more cognizant of the potential consequences of disclosing patient-related information via social media. It is vital that nurses remain mindful of employer policies, relevant state and federal laws, and professional standards regarding patient privacy and confidentiality and their application to social and electronic media.

NCSBN's new video, "[Social Media Guidelines for Nurses](#)," offers dramatization of potential scenarios of inappropriate social media use and highlights important concepts about the proper use of social networking in professional situations. The video is also available on [YouTube](#). Additionally, a new brochure, [A Nurse's Guide to the Use of Social Media](#), is available for download. [Printed copies](#) of the brochure are offered free of charge.

Web Resources for Faculty: Immunizations

The Nursing Initiative Promoting Immunization Training (NIP-IT) was made possible by a cooperative agreement between the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing, a National League Center of Excellence in Nursing Education since 2006, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This innovative and creative web-based curriculum about immunizations and vaccine preventable diseases is intended to inform and educate nursing students and nurses nationwide. <http://www.nip-it.org/index.cfm>.

Dispelling NCLEX Myths

From time-to-time NCSBN sends out information that speaks to myths that exist with respect to taking the NCLEX® test. For example, it is a MYTH that a certain number of people must take all 265 questions for the NCLEX-RN® test. Here is another:

Myth: If a candidate receives a "Select all that apply" (multiple response) item and answers incorrectly, the computer will continue to give the candidate those types of questions until it determines the candidate can proficiently answer them.

Fact: With computerized adaptive testing (CAT), each candidate's test is assembled interactively as the individual takes the exam. When the candidate answers an item, the computer recalculates the candidate's ability estimate based on all the responses, including the most recent response. Next, the item bank is searched to find an item in the appropriate test plan category that best matches the candidate's ability (i.e., difficulty level). This could be any type of item, standard or alternate. The item selected is based only on the test plan content area and difficulty level, not item type. This process is repeated each time an item is administered, creating an examination tailored to the individual's ability while fulfilling the NCLEX test plan requirements. The examination continues in this way until a pass or fail decision can be made.

There is no established percentage of items with alternate formats that will be administered to candidates. The NCLEX® is computer adaptive and items are based on the candidate's ability. There are alternate item types in all areas of the test plan, across all difficulty levels. As with standard multiple-choice items, alternate items are scored either right or wrong.

For additional information, visit the [NCLEX FAQ webpage](#).

ISMP Nurse Advise-ERR - Free to Programs



Baxter Healthcare and BD have made it possible for *ISMP Nurse Advise-ERR*® subscribers in US acute care hospitals, behavioral health facilities, community health clinics, surgical centers, and birthing centers to continue to receive the newsletter **free** of charge in 2012. **The newsletter will also be offered free to faculty in academic settings to allow for free redistribution to students.** If you are not familiar with this newsletter, I would encourage someone at your program to subscribe and then distribute each month - it is packed with great information. The new online newsletter subscription management portal is now open at:
<https://www.ismp.org/nlsubscriptionforms/preNursingNLSubscribe.aspx>.

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- Detailed de-identified descriptions of medication errors and why they happen
- Checklists of evidence-based error prevention strategies
- Quick medication safety tips to implement in your nursing practice
- Free continuing education credits twice a year.