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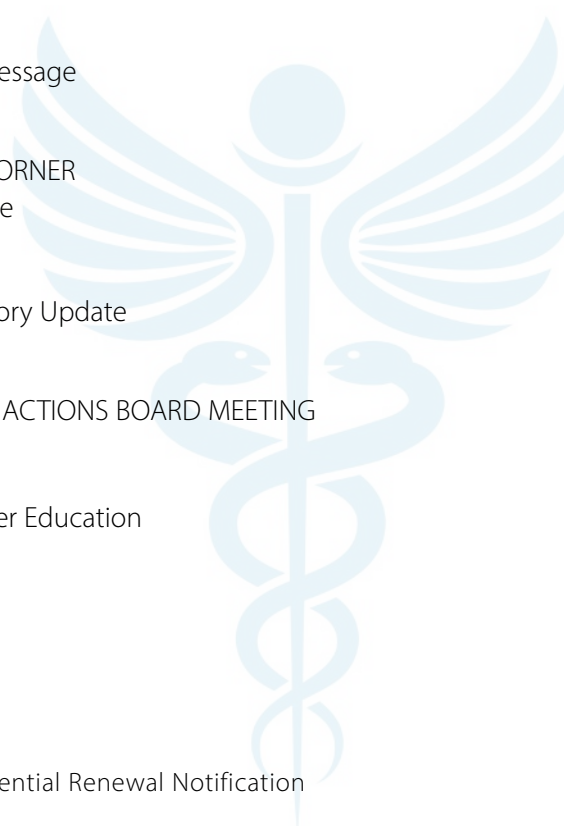
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STATISTICS CORNER

APRN-CNM:	213
APRN-CNP:	14,540
APRN-CNS:	114
APRN-CRNA:	1,967
CMA I:	2,230
CMA II:	188
DT Credential:	695
LCPM:	53
LPN:	12,814
Medicinal Cannabis:	375
RN:	81,004
SANE Credential AA:	531
SANE Credential PA:	91
SRNA Certification:	47,351
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President's Message

Time for Renewal

*A*s Kentucky nurses prepare to renew their licenses this fall, many will complete the process between shifts, family responsibilities, patient calls, and countless other demands. It may feel like one more item on a long list—something necessary to complete before moving on to the next responsibility.

Yet a nursing license represents something far greater than a credential.

It represents the confidence placed in us by patients who may meet us during the most uncertain moments of their lives. It reflects the expectation that we will remain knowledgeable, act ethically, speak up when something is not right, and place the safety of those we serve at the center of our decisions.

Renewal occurs at a specific time, but professional accountability is lived every day.

It is demonstrated when a nurse pauses to question an unfamiliar order. It is present when we acknowledge the limits of our knowledge and seek guidance. It is reflected in the care we take when communicating, documenting, delegating, and protecting confidential information. It is visible when we treat patients, families, students, and colleagues with dignity—even during difficult circumstances.

These actions may never appear on an annual evaluation or receive public recognition. Nevertheless, they form the

foundation of safe nursing practice and strengthen the trust Kentuckians place in our profession.

The renewal season also offers an opportunity to consider how our practice has changed. Healthcare is evolving rapidly, bringing new technologies, expanded roles, complex patient needs, and new ways of delivering care. Experience remains invaluable, but experience alone is not enough. We must remain curious, continue learning, and be willing to reconsider familiar practices when new evidence points us toward a safer or better approach.

As you renew your license, I invite you to pause—not simply to reflect on what you have accomplished, but to consider what you will carry forward.

What have your patients taught you this year? Where have you grown? What knowledge or skill requires greater attention? How will you contribute to a culture in which safety concerns can be raised, questions are welcomed, and nurses support one another in meeting the profession's highest standards?

On behalf of the Kentucky Board of Nursing, thank you for the many ways you honor your license through the work you perform every day. The renewal process confirms your authority to practice. What you do between renewals gives that authority its meaning.

With gratitude and respect,

Audria Denker, DNP, RN, FAAN, ANEF
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Executive Director's Message



Dear Kentucky Nurses,

The Kentucky Board of Nursing's annual licensure renewal period opens September 15th. Renewal is required for all Kentucky-licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who wish to continue practicing after October 31. We encourage every licensee to complete the renewal process well before the deadline to avoid unnecessary delays or interruptions in licensure.

Renewal is more than an administrative requirement—it is an important part of maintaining a safe, competent, and accountable nursing workforce. During renewal, licensees will verify licensure information, complete required workforce questions, attest to continuing education requirements, and ensure that contact information remains current. The workforce data collected during renewal helps KBN better understand nursing trends across the Commonwealth and supports data-informed decisions that strengthen Kentucky's healthcare workforce.

Over the past several months, KBN has continued to modernize agency operations while remaining focused on our core mission of public protection. We have expanded educational resources for nurses and employers, strengthened partnerships with nursing education programs and healthcare organizations, enhanced technology to improve customer service, and continued to streamline regulatory processes that improve efficiency without compromising public safety.

The Board has also remained actively engaged at both the state and national levels on issues affecting nursing regulation, including workforce development, interstate licensure, advanced practice nursing, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. As healthcare continues to evolve, KBN remains committed to evidence-based regulation that protects the public while supporting a strong and prepared nursing workforce.

As you complete your renewal, please take a few moments to review your contact information, update your employer information, and ensure you have met all continuing education requirements. Completing your renewal early helps avoid increased website traffic as the deadline approaches and provides ample time to resolve any questions that may arise.

On behalf of the Kentucky Board of Nursing and its members, thank you for your continued dedication to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Every day, Kentucky nurses demonstrate exceptional professionalism, compassion, and commitment to safe patient care. We appreciate the important role you play in protecting the health of our communities.

Thank you for your service to the people of Kentucky and for your continued commitment to the nursing profession.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Jenkins MSN, RN
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APRN COMPLIANCE CORNER

APRN Scope of Practice

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The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) was recently notified by the National Association of the Boards of Pharmacy regarding information on compounded GLP-1 medications such as Semaglutide and Tirzepatide.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has reported that they have received several complaints of **unapproved** GLP-1 medications being obtained and administered to patients. These illegally obtained medications often come from 3rd party sites and may have labels that have the following information:

1. A state-licensed pharmacy that had no role in the drug's production, sale, or distribution; or
2. What appears to be a fictitious state-licensed pharmacy

Additionally, medications have also been dispensed without a valid prescription.

As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), you are responsible for ensuring that the medications you obtain to prescribe and administer to your clients are FDA-approved and are obtained from a state-licensed pharmacy.

The KBN has the following information on the FAQ page as well as many other topics of frequent concern.

Is it acceptable for an APRN to compound or obtain a compounded GLP-1 medication from a pharmacy for administration rather than obtain a commercially available drug such as Semaglutide?

No, the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy has provided guidance related to this matter. Specifically, the Federal Drug & Cosmetic Act does not allow compounding of “drug products that are essentially copies of a commercially available drug product.” Additionally, the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy provided guidance from 201 KAR 2:076, which prohibits the compounding of essential copies of a commercially available drug product unless authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(a). This is enforceable by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy for individuals or entities licensed or permitted by the Commonwealth.

For additional information, see:

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-intends-take-action-against-non-fda-approved-glp-1-drugs>
2. Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Guidance
<https://pharmacy.ky.gov/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Pages/Compounding%20FAQ.aspx>
3. AOS #16 Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes
<https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/aos16-meds-via-routes.pdf>
4. AOS #41 RN/LPN/APRN Scope of Practice Determination Guidelines
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General Counsel Statutory and Regulatory Update

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Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Update

House Bill 778

An act relating to child welfare.

This 95-page bill includes amendments to KRS 218A.205 and 314.073 to require a one hour continuing education requirement for nurses related to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances. Practitioners with prescriptive authority will be able to use the new CE training to satisfy an hour of the 5-hour pharmacology requirement, and nurses must satisfy the requirement once every three years.

The bill was introduced on February 27, 2026. It was signed into law by the governor on April 10, 2026.

Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) Update

201 KAR 20:472

This administrative regulation concerns the initial approval for Dialysis Technician (DT) training programs

The amendment provides that an initial DT training program seeking board approval must only provide a copy of the approval of certification from the program's governing organization to operate a renal dialysis center, and it removes the requirement for the most recent site visit or survey report.

Promulgation:

- On November 25, 2025, the proposed amendments were reviewed with the DT Council.
- On January 16, 2025, the Practice Committee considered and approved the changes.
- On February 26, 2026, the Board considered and approved the changes.
- On March 10, 2026, staff filed the regulation with the Legislative Research Commission ("LRC").
- A public hearing was tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2026, but no

requests for hearing were received from the public, and the hearing was cancelled. Public comments were due by May 31, 2026; however, none were received.

- On June 9, 2026, the regulation was considered by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee ("ARRS") and passed to the interim joint committee of jurisdiction.

201 KAR 20:474

This administrative regulation concerns the continuing approval and periodic evaluation of DT training programs.

The amendment provides a DT training program must notify the board of a Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) site visit within 90 days of the close of the visit, and the DT program will be required to file a report. If CMS finds deficiencies during the visit the DT program will be required to provide correspondence and reports from CMS related to the deficiencies; the program's plan of correction; and the DT training program's continued approval certification.

Promulgation:

- On November 25, 2025, the proposed amendments were reviewed with the DT Council.
- On January 16, 2025, the Practice Committee considered and approved the changes.
- On February 26, 2026, the Board considered and approved the changes.
- On March 10, 2026, staff filed the regulation with the LRC.
- A public hearing was tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2026, but no requests for hearing were received from the public, and the hearing was cancelled. Public comments were due by May 31, 2026; however, none were received.
- On June 9, 2026, the regulation was considered by the ARRS and passed to the interim joint committee of jurisdiction.



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SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

BOARD MEETING –JUNE 18, 2026

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, recognized Joy Pennington, Executive Nurse Academic Officer, for five (5) years of service in Kentucky state government.

Audria Denker, KBN Board President, recognized Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, for five (5) years of service in Kentucky state government.

KBN PRESIDENT ELECTION – FY26-27

Erica Klimchak, Administrative Assistant, conducted the presidential election via electronic ballot. Audria Denker was re-elected president for FY26-27.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audria Denker, Board President, announced she and Kelly Jenkins will be attending the NCSBN national meeting in August. She also mentioned the Operation Nightengale court cases, and recognized KBN staff for their outstanding job in protecting the Commonwealth, and upholding the KBN mission statement.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- It was moved and seconded to accept the financial officer's report, which was approved by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report and included information on the following: Operations; KBN Outreach; Personnel Professional Development Day; Personnel;

Training for Board Members. Ms. Jenkins also provided an overview of recent personnel changes. Additionally, she noted that the Kansas Board of Nursing will be on-site at KBN July 7-8 for process improvement assistance.

- It was moved and seconded to accept the Executive Director's report, which was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Dialysis Technician Advisory Council nominee for vacant seat

Dr. Denker presented the nominee for the open DT member seat on the DT Advisory Council: Michelle Goodwin, DT.

- It was moved and seconded to accept Michelle Goodwin, DT, as the new DT member on the DT Advisory Council, which was approved by acclamation.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, presented the General Counsel's Report.

- It was moved and seconded to accept the General Counsel's report, which was approved by acclamation.

Mr. Prather also provided an overview of a Powerpoint from his presentation at KNA Legislative Day.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the reports of the April 16, 2026 and May 21, 2026 Credentials Review Panel meetings, which were approved by acclamation.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Committee Report –

May 21, 2026

- It was moved and seconded to accept the May 21, 2026 Education Committee report, which was approved by acclamation. The following committee recommendations were moved and seconded and were approved by acclamation after discussion and presentation of background materials:

Program accreditation status review

All Programs of Nursing included in the report, and listed below – with the exception of: American National University, Jefferson Community and Technical College PN Program, and Hazard Community and Technical College – be tabled until the November 2026 Education Meeting:

- Ashland Community and Technical College, PN – Ashland
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College, PN – Danville
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College, PN – Lexington
- Big Sandy Community and Technical College, PN – Pikeville
- Big Sandy Community and Technical College, ASN – Prestonsburg, Pikeville
- Galen College, PN – Louisville, Pikeville
- Gateway Community and Technical College, ASN – Edgewood
- Maysville Community and Technical College, ASN – Cynthia, Maysville, Mt. Sterling
- Maysville Community and Technical College, PN – Maysville, Morehead
- Medical Career and Technical College, PN – Richmond
- MedQuest College, PN – Lexington, Louisville
- Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, PN – Cumberland
- Sullivan University, ASN – Lexington, Louisville
- Sullivan University, PN – Louisville

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Committee that:

The Jefferson Community and Technical College, PN – Carrollton, Louisville accreditation extension request be temporarily granted until further discussion at the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.



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AND that:

The Hazard Community and Technical College, PN – Hazard accreditation extension request be temporarily granted until further discussion at the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.

MedQuest College, Louisville - PN Program Site Visit

- Approve the requirements to be met for the MedQuest PN Program - Louisville, KY, be approved and that bi-annual progress reports be submitted by the program beginning August 31, 2026.

University of Pikeville, ASN – Pikeville: Site Visit Report

- The requirements to be met for the University of Pikeville ASN Program, Pikeville, KY be accepted as written, the program be required to submit quarterly progress reports beginning May 31, 2026 and that the program remain on approved status.

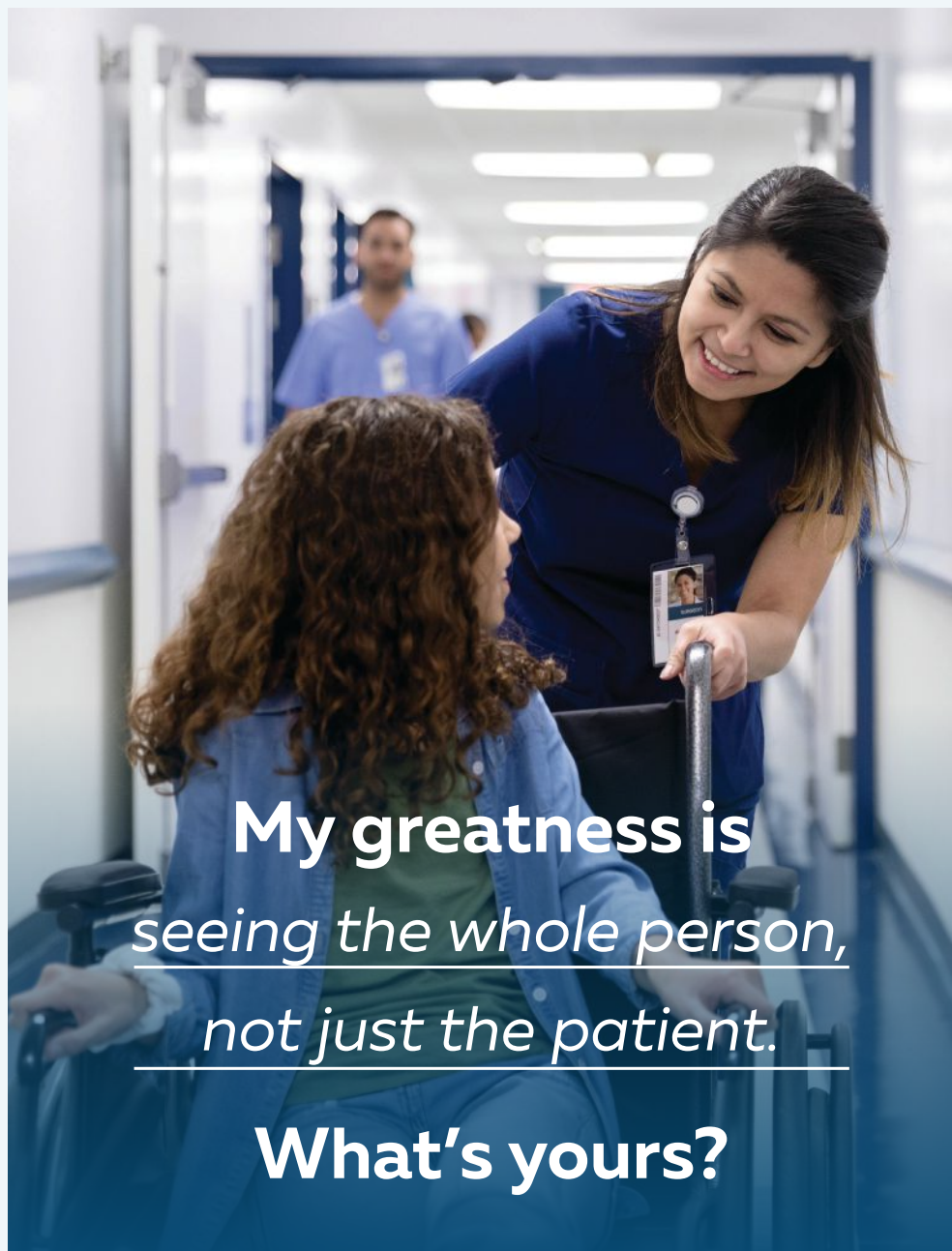
Hazard Community and Technical College, Jackson and Hazard - PN and ASN Site Visit

- The requirements to be met for the Hazard Community and Technical College ASN and PN programs, Hazard, Ky., and Jackson, Ky., be accepted as written, the program be required to submit quarterly progress reports beginning September 30, 2026, and that the program remain on approved status

American National University, Pikeville, KY - ASN Program Site Visit

- The American National University, ASN program, Pikeville, KY, be granted continual approval status with enrollment suspension through November 2026 until an NCLEX pass rate of 80% has been achieved. to include bi-monthly progress reports providing supportive evidence concerning the program's progress in fulfilling the requirements to be met, to be submitted beginning August 2026, and the Education Committee will review progress at the November meeting, and reconsider the enrollment suspension.
- Additionally, ANU's Accreditation Extension request be tabled until the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.

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- Note: ANU agreed to suspend enrollment until the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.

Western Kentucky University - CRNA Program Proposal

- The Western Kentucky University – CRNA Program Proposal be approved as written
- University of Kentucky – CRNA Program Letter of Intent
- The University of Kentucky – CRNA Program Letter of Intent be approved as written.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Practice Committee Report – May 22, 2026

- It was moved and seconded to accept the May 22, 2026 Practice Committee report, which was approved by acclamation. The following committee recommendations were moved and seconded and were approved by acclamation after discussion and presentation of background materials:

Advisory Opinion Statements

AOS #33 Roles of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #33 Roles of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

AOS #34 Roles of Nurses in Maintaining Confidentiality of Patient Information

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #34 Roles of Nurses in Maintaining Confidentiality of Patient Information, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

AOS #35 Roles and Responsibilities of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological Procedures

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #35 Roles and Responsibilities of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological Procedures, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Governance Committee Report – May 21, 2026

- It was moved and seconded to accept the May 21, 2026 Governance Committee report, which was approved by acclamation. The following committee recommendations were moved and seconded and were approved by acclamation after discussion and presentation of background materials:

Executive Director Evaluation

- The Executive Director Evaluation, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

Employee Engagement Survey

- The Employee Engagement Survey, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

Delegation of Authority

- The Delegation of Authority document be approved as written, and shall be signed by the president-elect at the August 2026 Board meeting.

ACTION ON LICENSES

- It was moved and seconded that three (3) orders, with no exceptions filed, discussed in closed session be accepted as presented, which were approved by acclamation

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The personnel actions were provided for information only. There was no discussion in closed session regarding personnel matters.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Retirement Recognitions:

- Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, recognized Deputy Executive Director, Joe Lally's retirement
- Tina Hostuttler, Practice Branch Manager, recognized Practice/CE Program Coordinator, Michelle Gary's retirement

OTHER

The following items were provided for information only:

- KBN organizational chart, updated June 2026



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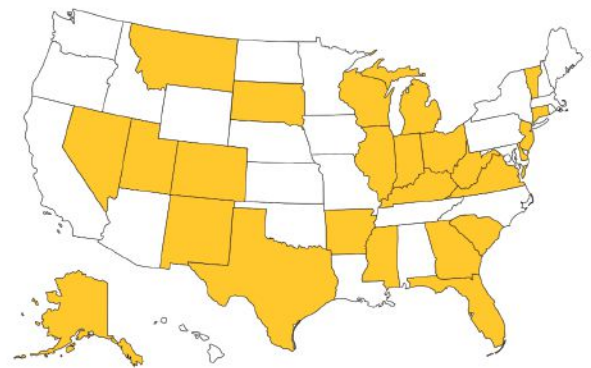
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Substance Use Disorder Education is Key to Acceptance

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In a world filled with judgment and condemnation, some people look beyond the brokenness of the addicted mind and embrace these warriors with kindness and compassion. The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) and staff are “some people”. We recognize some nurses suffer from addiction and are battling this disease every single day. For those nurses who admit they have a substance use disorder (SUD) and are willing to enter a program of accountability, there is hope. Hope for them to get solid in their recovery journey and for them to continue working in one of the most trusted professions on earth – nursing.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) explains, “Many nurses with substance use disorder are unidentified, unreported, untreated, and may continue to practice where their impairment may endanger the lives of their patients”. (2018) NCSBN: A Nurse’s Guide to Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. There are many reasons why nurses develop an addiction. Some of these reasons include a bodily injury or internal health issue being treated with controlled substances, a family history of substance use disorder, a history of childhood trauma, depression, anxiety, poor coping mechanisms, ineffective stress management, and ongoing and untreated mental health disorders. Nurses who are dealing with any of these challenges may find themselves faced with the temptation to use substances to the point of reporting to work impaired. Nurses may also divert controlled substances from patients or facility waste, believing it will help them cope.

According to the American Nurses Association, nurses have a duty to practice “with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person” (ANA, 2025, provision 1). No person, whether a patient or a nurse, is excluded from being treated with respect. How does a nurse manager help establish a respectful and positive workplace for a nurse with SUD Education is key.

NCSBN provides resources such as the educational handout titled, “A Nurse Manager’s Guide to Substance Use Disorder in Nursing” which states the nurse manager should “Educate staff. Hold in-service education on SUD, disseminate resources, and inform staff of the manager’s responsibility to identify nurses with signs of SUD and the importance of getting help;” staff’s lack of knowledge about SUD promotes a negative mindset towards the nurse with SUD. The more the managers and staff understand about the disease of addiction, the more likely they are to show acceptance.

Nurses suffering from SUD need acceptance. According to Kaya, A., Kirbas, Z.O, and Medlin, S. (2024), “Acceptance and engagement in treatment represent a significant step in combating addiction. The attitudes of those around addicted individuals influence both the acceptance phase and the rehabilitation process. Negative societal attitudes towards addicted individuals can lead to their isolation.” We want nurses to help other nurses find hope and recovery.

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The KBN believes nurses with SUD can become solid in their recovery and return to safe, competent nursing practice. The Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Program is an alternative-to-discipline program designed to help nurses find acceptance as they work through their recovery journey.

The KBN Compliance Staff is dedicated to helping educate nurse managers and nursing staff about SUD. We provide both in-person

and online education on SUD and the KARE Program. Nurses who register, attend the entire course, and complete an evaluation will receive 1.2 CE contact hours for free.

If you are interested in an in-person or virtual (Zoom) presentation of the KARE Program plus a FREE CE course, please contact the KARE for Nurses Program at KBNComplianceMonitoring@ky.gov.

Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is now offering a FREE CE course! Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Course

- Target Audience: All Nurses, Healthcare Professionals, Employers, Treatment Providers, and Human Resources
- Only nurses who register, attend the entire course, and complete an evaluation will receive 1.2 CE contact hours for free.
- Presented by: KBN Compliance Branch Staff

Course Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Identify behaviors of nurses with a SUD
- Understand the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Program
- Identify monitoring requirements included in a KARE for Nurses Program Agreement



Agenda includes:

- Overview of Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- How to intervene and assist
- Discuss the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Program
- Review return to use/relapse while in the KARE Program
- Overview of the ways to exit the KARE Program
- Discuss steps to take if you are concerned about a nurse and would like to intervene and refer them to the KARE Program

If you would like more information or would like to schedule this FREE course for your organization please contact us at KBNComplianceMonitoring@ky.gov.

*Training offered in-person or virtual (Zoom)

PRACTICE CORNER: Scope of Practice

A nurse's scope of practice is defined in Kentucky Nursing Laws by license type. See, Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 314.011. These definitions provide a structured outline of the scope of practice based on the education and training required for a nurse, depending on the license type they hold. It is important to note that a nurse's scope of practice depends on their individual educational preparation and clinical competence.

Each nurse is responsible and accountable for making decisions based on their education and experience, and for practicing with reasonable skill and safety. See, KRS 314.021. One way to demonstrate educational preparation and clinical competence is to attend training and relevant certifications in a particular area. Create a portfolio of training, workshops, and continuing education that demonstrates the acquisition of additional knowledge and clinical competency.

When a question is not addressed in Kentucky Nursing Laws the KBN may issue an Advisory Opinion. If the KBN

receives multiple inquiries on the same practice issue, the Board may issue an Advisory Opinion Statement on the matter. Advisory Opinion Statements (AOS) are the Board's opinions on what constitutes safe nursing practice, providing guidance to nurses. They do not have the force and effect of a statute or regulation. Each opinion is based on comprehensive research and review of Kentucky Nursing Laws, established standards of practice, and current evidence-based practices.

To ensure each AOS is current and evidence-based, the KBN reviews AOS on a 2 to 3-year schedule and when issues arise. Check out the Advisory Opinion Statement Index <https://kbn.ky.gov/practice/Pages/Advisory-Opinion-Statement-Index.aspx> to see each AOS by number, title, and the most current issue or revision date.

Recent AOS Revisions

In this article, we will look at a few AOS revisions issued since the last Practice Corner:

AOS #33 Roles and Responsibilities of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to

Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department, <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/aos33-paramedics-delegation.pdf> originally issued in 2003 and revised in June of 2026, provides guidance to nurses. The most recent revision includes an updated title and references to current evidence-based practice, standards of care, and laws.

AOS #34 Roles and Responsibilities for Maintaining the Confidentiality of Patient Information, <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/aos34-confidentiality.pdf> was initially issued in 2005. A 2023 revision of AOS #34 incorporated information on social media use among nurses, which had previously been in AOS #40. The most recent revision, approved in June of 2026, included a title change and updated references to ensure currency.

AOS #35 Roles and Responsibilities of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological Procedures, <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/aos35-cosmetic-and-dermatological-procedures-by-nurses.pdf> initially issued in 2008, was recently revised in June 2026. This revision updated the AOS to clarify the opinion on compounding IV Hydration fluids.

No more than two (2) sterile products may be added to a bag of IV fluids. Combining more than three (3) sterile products (*IV fluids are considered a sterile product) is outside the scope of practice of the nurse. For additional information regarding the preparation of sterile medications, see USP 797. <https://www.usp.org/compounding/general-chapter-797>

Immediate Use Compounded Sterile Products (CSPs) must be administered within 4 hours of the start of preparation and may not be batched, stored, or prepared in advance.

For more guidance regarding IV Hydration and the use of CSPs, please see KBN's FAQ webpage <https://kbn.ky.gov/practice/Pages/faq.aspx> and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy's FAQ webpage. <https://pharmacy.ky.gov/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Pages/Compounding%20FAQ.aspx>

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Users can find information on what is addressed in each AOS by reviewing the AOS Content Index. <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/kentucky-board-of-nursing-aos-content-index.pdf>

The KBN website provides additional information on practice under the "Practice Tab." You can review the scope of practice tabs for general information by license type, and access answers to frequently asked questions. <https://kbn.ky.gov/practice/Pages/faq.aspx>

Additional questions related to practice may be submitted to the Professional Practice Branch using the Professional Support Contact Form. <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Nursing/ProSup>

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Licensure Corner – 2026 License and Credential Renewal Notification

BEGINS:	September 15, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. EDT
ENDS:	October 31, 2026 at 11:59:59 p.m. EDT
RENEWAL WEB ADDRESS:	https://kybn.boardsofnursing.org/kybn
RENEWAL FAQ:	https://kbn.ky.gov/Licensure/Pages/Renewal.aspx

RENEWAL FEES

RN:	\$65 (includes \$10 for the Nursing Incentive Scholarship and the KARE Program)
LPN:	\$65 (includes \$10 for the Nursing Incentive Scholarship and the KARE Program)
APRN:	\$55 for each role designation (CNP, CNM, CRNA, CNS) *APRN RN Combined Renewal = \$120
SANE:	\$50 per role designation (A/A, P/A)

To access the 2026 license/credential renewal, you must log in to your KBN Nurse Portal account.

To prepare for renewal, please log in to your Nurse Portal account and verify that your account information is current. If your email address has changed since your last renewal and you are unable to log in, contact the Licensure and Credentialing staff for assistance updating your account.

Once logged in, you may update your address on file by selecting “Manage Profile” and selecting “Demographics Update”.

If your name has changed since your last renewal, you may submit a name change application by scrolling down on the Nurse Portal Dashboard to the “Other Applications” section and selecting the application “ALL LICENSE TYPES (EXCEPT CMA/SRNA) – Request Name Change”.

Please check your Message Center regularly to stay up to date on communications from KBN.

Beginning September 15, 2026, you may log in to your Nurse Portal account to access your renewal application. On the Nurse Portal Dashboard, under “Your Licenses with Kentucky”, select the “Apply for Renewal” link located to the right of your license/credential number.

At the end of the renewal process, selecting the “Finish” button serves as your attestation that you have met, or will meet, the Continuing Education (CE) requirements by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on October 31, 2026.

After submitting your renewal, print or save the confirmation page for your records as proof for your record of payment for your license/credential renewal.

NOTIFICATION OF RENEWAL

Selecting “Finish” at the end of the renewal application completes your submission; however, it does not mean that your license/credential has been renewed.

Once your license/credential has been renewed, you will receive a notification in your Nurse Portal Message Center and an email to the email address on file with KBN confirming that your application has been processed.

You can also verify that your license/credential has been renewed by checking the license/credential expiration date in your Nurse Portal account and by using the KBN License Verification Portal: <https://kybn.boardsofnursing.org/licenselookup>

CE AUDIT

As a reminder, please check your Nurse Portal Message Center to see if you have been selected for the CE Audit. All notifications will be sent by November 15, 2026. If you are selected, your notification will include instructions on how to complete the audit.

REPORTING CE

You can upload your CE certificates through your Nurse Portal account. To do so, log in to your account, select “Manage Profile”, and then select “Continuing Education”.

LAPSE OF LICENSE/CREDENTIAL

Since October 31 falls on a Saturday this year, please make every effort to renew your license/credential by 4:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, October 30. Renewing by the deadline will help ensure your renewal is processed promptly and allow staff to address any questions you may have before the weekend. **NOTE:** Working on a lapsed license/credential is a violation of Kentucky nursing law and may subject the individual to disciplinary action.

If a renewal application is received before 11:59:59 p.m. EDT on October 31 and the individual answers “No” to the disciplinary and conviction questions, the license/credential MAY be renewed by the next business day.

REQUIRED RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION

If you answer “Yes” to the disciplinary, criminal conviction, or APRN national certification revocation questions, your license/credential will not be renewed until KBN receives and reviews the required documentation. All required documents should be uploaded at the time you submit your renewal application. If any of these conditions apply to your license/credential, you should not wait until the last minute to renew.

Required documentation may include:

- Certified court records and a letter of explanation if you answer “Yes” to the criminal convictions question.
- Board certified orders and a letter of explanation if you answer “Yes” to the disciplinary action question.
- Documentation from your APRN national certification organization if you answer “Yes” that your national

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- Any other documentation requested by KBN staff.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (NLC) AND KENTUCKY NURSE LICENSE RENEWAL

If Kentucky is your primary state of residence (PSOR), and your license was updated to single state status in 2024 for not submitting proof of Kentucky residence, you may upload a copy of your current Kentucky driver's license, Kentucky voter's registration, Kentucky W2 from 2025 or current Kentucky vehicle registration during the renewal submission. KBN will review your documentation to determine your eligibility for multistate licensure under the Nurse Licensure Compact.

If you have previously uploaded proof of Kentucky residency and your primary state of residence has not changed, you will not be required to upload the documentation again.

If your PSOR is a state or jurisdiction other than Kentucky, and a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), you may renew a single state Kentucky RN or LPN license.

If you hold a **multistate license** in your PSOR, you do not need to renew your Kentucky RN or LPN license. You may practice in Kentucky under the multistate licensure privilege granted by your home state license.

Your PSOR is "the state of a person's declared fixed permanent and principal home for legal purposes; domicile."

To determine whether you qualify for a multistate license, visit NCSBN: <https://www.nursecompact.com/>, or for a list of the uniform licensure requirements for a multistate license, see https://www.nursecompact.com/files/2023_NLC_ULRs.pdf.

APRN RENEWAL

If you do not intend to practice as an APRN and want to voluntarily relinquish your APRN license (allow it to expire), go to your Nurse Portal Dashboard and select "Inactivate License" and then choose the APRN license.

If your national certification has expired, your APRN license will display as lapsed. You will need to submit a reinstatement application. The "Apply for Reinstatement" link will be located to the right of your lapsed APRN license number.

You cannot practice as an APRN in Kentucky with an expired national certification and an expired APRN license.

To renew your Kentucky RN license and one APRN role designation (CNP, CRNA, CNM, CNS), you may renew both licenses simultaneously for a combined fee of \$120 (RN-\$65 and APRN-\$55).

To renew your APRN license in more than one designation in addition to your Kentucky RN license, select each designation that you wish to renew. The fee for renewing each APRN designation is \$55 per designation.

You must maintain current national certification for each APRN role designation.

Before you can renew your Kentucky APRN license, you must provide the name of the state that issued your multistate RN license and the expiration date of that license. **NOTE:** Please ensure your RN license is a multistate license and not a single state license,

even if your license is from a compact state. You must maintain an active **multistate RN license** in the state of your primary residence while you are practicing as an APRN in Kentucky. If your multistate RN license and/ or your national certification lapses, you may not practice as an APRN in Kentucky.

APRN POPULATION FOCI OF ONCOLOGY, CRITICAL CARE, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

An APRN who holds a current license with a population focus for oncology, critical care, or community health and fails to renew their APRN license in that population focus will be unable to reinstate with that population focus.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE) RENEWAL

Before you will be able to renew your SANE credential, you must first renew your RN license. Once you have completed the RN license renewal process, select the "Apply for Renewal" link located to the right of your SANE credential number.

If you hold a SANE Credential A/A and SANE Credential P/A, you will need to submit a renewal application and fee of \$50 for each designation.

You must provide the name of the state and the expiration date of your multistate RN license before you will be able to renew your Kentucky SANE credential. **NOTE:** Please ensure your RN license is a multistate license and not a single state license, even if the license was issued from a compact state.

You must maintain an active **multistate RN license** in the state of your primary residence while you are practicing as a SANE in Kentucky. If your multistate RN license lapses, you may not practice as a SANE in Kentucky until it has been reinstated.

FAILURE TO RENEW

If you fail to submit your renewal application by 11:59:59 p.m. EDT October 31, or if you fail to submit all required documentation for renewal, you will be required to reinstate your license/credential.

Before a license/credential will be reinstated, the applicant for reinstatement must:

- Complete the reinstatement application and submit the fee through the KBN Nurse Portal.
- Complete the state and federal criminal background check through IdentoGO®.
- Meet the continuing competency requirements, that are determined by how long your license has been lapsed (*if applying for LPN, RN, or APRN reinstatement*).
- Provide proof of current national certification (*if applying for APRN reinstatement*).

ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY NURSES

Upon request of an active-duty military licensee and submission of appropriate military documentation, KRS 36.450 and KRS 12.355 require KBN to renew the license without the required renewal fee and continuing competency requirement.

From the KBN standpoint, waiving the renewal fee and continuing education requirement does not restrict the license. The license remains a full license in Kentucky; however, you should be aware of any policies established by your branch of military service regarding waived fees.

During the online renewal process, active-duty military licensees have the option to voluntarily pay the renewal fee, even though payment is not required.

Active-duty military includes nurses who are stationed stateside or deployed overseas. This designation does not include individuals employed by the federal government, such as civilian VA nurses, public health nurses, or National Guard nurses who are not on full active duty.

In addition to the online renewal application, one of the following documents must be uploaded and submitted before an active-duty military nurse's license can be renewed.

- PCS Orders
- AF Form 899
- Mobilization Orders

If you are an active-duty military nurse stationed stateside, you must renew your license during the renewal period and provide the required documentation listed above. The documentation must be uploaded during the renewal application submission process.

If additional information is needed, KBN will contact the licensee in the Nurse Portal Message Center.

If you fail to provide the documentation and/or fail to submit the renewal application prior to 11:59:59 p.m. EDT on October 31, you will be required to meet all requirements for reinstatement of your license.

If you are an active-duty military nurse who will be deployed overseas during the renewal period, you have two options:

- Option 1: Submit a copy of your official overseas deployment orders through the Nurse Portal. The orders must include your expected return date and may be submitted through the Nurse Portal Message Center to the topic "Credentials". Your license will be renewed with an expiration date through the renewal period. You will not be required to pay the renewal fee, and you are exempt from meeting the continuing competency requirement.
- Option 2: Take no action until you are reassigned stateside. You will have 90 days after your return to the United States to request renewal

of your licensure. You will not be required to pay the renewal fee and are exempt from the continuing competency requirement.

INVALIDATING AN APRN LICENSE

If KBN records reflect that an APRN's national certification has expired and the APRN fails to provide evidence of current certification/ recertification before the expiration date on file with the KBN, the Board will invalidate the APRN license.

When an APRN license is invalidated, the APRN may not practice in the advanced practice role. This does not affect the RN license. An APRN whose license is invalidated for failure to provide evidence of current certification, may reinstate the APRN license and must meet all requirements for reinstatement.

If a nurse continues to work in an APRN role in Kentucky after the invalidation of a Kentucky APRN license, this will result in a disciplinary complaint, which may delay reinstatement. Billing insurance

companies for services performed after the APRN license has been invalidated may require that any billings collected during this time period be refunded. Practice as an APRN and billing insurance companies with an invalidated license may be considered insurance fraud, so the APRN is encouraged to contact each insurance company billed during this time to determine what payments, if any, need to be refunded.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION WITH DUAL POPULATION FOCI

KBN accepts national certification information for those APRNs holding certification in two population foci. The national certification of each population foci must be current if the APRN wishes to practice in both focus areas. If the national certification of one population focus expires, the APRN may only practice in the focus area of the unexpired certification. If the certification of both foci expires, the APRN license will be invalidated and the APRN must reinstate one or both foci.

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REQUIRED APRN DOCUMENTATION

Pursuant to KRS 314.042 and 201 KAR 20:057, each APRN is required to have the following documentation on file with the KBN, if applicable:

- Current national certification/recertification (required for all APRNs).
- Notification of a Collaborative Agreement for Prescriptive Authority (CAPA) for Non-Scheduled Legend Drugs (CAPA-NS).
- Notification of a CAPA for Controlled Substances (CAPA-CS).
- DEA registration.
- Evidence of a KASPER Master account.

To update your national certification, you will go to “Manage Profile” in your nurse portal account and select “National Certification”.

To make an update to the DEA registration, evidence of a KASPER Master account, and/or a change to your CAPA-NS or CAPA-CS information on file, you will go to “Manage Profile” and select “Prescriptive Authority – CAPA NS/CS”.

ATTESTATION OF KBN DOCUMENTS

Attestation statements appear at the end of all KBN applications for licensure and credentialing. The attestation statement is confirmation by the licensee/credential holder that the information provided is

truthful and accurate. Be sure to read all attestations carefully. **The individual whose name is on the application is accountable for all information that document contains and for understanding the additional information within the attestation statement itself.**

Accountability extends not only for the purpose of filing the application, but the nurse or applicant for licensure or credential is accountable for all information provided. Allowing another party to complete and submit a KBN application does not relieve the nurse or applicant of accountability for incorrect or inadequate information provided and may be the basis for disciplinary action for falsification of a Board of Nursing application.

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

KRS 314.107 requires any person licensed by the KBN to maintain a current mailing address and to notify the Board immediately. Address changes may be completed through the Nurse Portal account. Select “Manage Profile” located on the upper left corner of the Nurse Portal and click on “Demographics Update.”

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

KRS 314.107 also requires any person licensed by the KBN to maintain a current electronic mailing address (email address) and to notify the Board immediately if there is any change.



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Are You Ready for a CE Audit?

A CE audit can happen at any time. Will you be ready?

During the renewal process, all nurses attest that they have completed, or will complete, their Continuing Education (CE) requirements by October 31.

Each year, KBN randomly selects nurses for a CE Audit covering the most recent earning period (November 1–October 31). Selected nurses will receive a notification in their KBN Nurse Portal with instructions on how to submit CE documentation for review.

Nurses selected for audit must submit their CE records through the Manage Profile section of the KBN Nurse Portal. <https://kybn.boardsfornursing.org/kybn> Instructions for entering CE in the Nurse Portal Account. <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/Entering%20Continuing%20Education%20in%20KBN%20Nurse%20Portal.pdf>

Be Prepared Before You Are Selected

All nurses are responsible for completing CE requirements during the earning period (November 1–October 31) and maintaining documentation for at least five years.

Did you know you can store your CE records electronically in the KBN Nurse Portal? While you are only required to submit documentation if selected for an audit, uploading your records in advance is the best way to stay prepared.

KBN reviews CE documentation when:

- A nurse is selected for a CE Audit; or
- A nurse requests a CE review.

What Happens During an Audit?

If you are selected for a CE audit, you will receive a notification in the nurse portal by November 15 following renewal. Be sure to check your portal account after the renewal period ends.

Compliance

Submitted documentation is reviewed to verify that CE requirements have been met. If the documentation meets requirements, the nurse will receive a message confirming compliance.

Non-Compliance

If the submitted documentation does not meet requirements, the nurse will receive a message requesting additional information.

Nurses unable to provide proof of completed CE must complete the required education immediately and submit documentation to the Board along with a written explanation. A consent decree may be sent to the nurse to return with a civil penalty.

Failure to comply with the CE Audit constitutes non-compliance and may result in a referral for investigation.

Helpful CE Tips

Complete CE Before October 31

Remember: CE must be completed during the annual earning period, **November 1–October 31**.

Don't wait until the last minute — complete your CE before trick-or-treating!

Even if you are not currently practicing as a nurse at renewal, you are still attesting that you have or will complete your CE requirements by October 31. Know the difference between retired and retired



license. <https://kbn.ky.gov/KBN%20Documents/Retirement%20%20v%20Retired%20License.pdf>

Know your CE Requirements

Information on CE requirements by license type, as well as the documents required for proof of completion, is outlined on the KBN website at Annual CE requirements.

Know your CE Provider

Not all providers are the same. The KBN accepts CE from providers who are approved to offer nursing CE by the KBN, another board of nursing, or one of the national nursing organizations listed in 201 KAR 20:220. <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/020/220/> KBN Approved CE Provider Listing. <https://kbn.ky.gov/continuing-education/Pages/KBN-Approved-CE-Providers.aspx>

Some providers offer courses for more than one profession. Be sure to complete CE designed for nurses.

Review your Completion Certificates

Each certificate must include the following:

- Your name;
- Course title
- Date of completion;
- Number of contact hours completed, and if applicable, number of contact hours in pharmacology;
- Provider information; and
- Who the provider is approved by to offer nursing CE.

Complete Evaluations Immediately Following the Course

The date of course completion is often the date the evaluation is completed. Be sure to complete your evaluation within the same earning period.

Save Documents

Nurses must keep all CE documents for 5 years. You can save your CE documents electronically in the KBN Nurse Portal and be prepared in case you are audited.

Keep Information Current

Check your nurse's portal account to ensure the KBN has your correct email address, address, and phone number. Use a personal email account in the event you change schools or employers.

Stay Informed

Check the KBN website, social media, and the KBN Connection for important information.

KBN Free CE

The KBN offers some free CE courses online. Check out KBN Free CE Modules. <https://kbn.ky.gov/continuing-education/Pages/KBN-Free-CE.aspx>



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Disciplinary Actions

Since the publication of the last edition of the KBN Connection, the Board has taken the following actions related to disciplinary matters as authorized by the Kentucky Nursing Laws (KRS) Chapter 314. Licensure status of licensees against whom temporary action has been taken may have changed since data collection and publication. Please visit the Kentucky Board of Nursing License Validation Portal at <https://kybn.boardsofnursing.org/licenselookup> to confirm current licensure status of individual nurses.

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Bemiss, Joan Adelle	RN License 1128626	Louisville, KY	Eff. 6/2/26
Christophel, Samantha	RN License 4051630	Covington, KY	Eff. 6/23/26
Douglass, Meredith Rachael	RN License 1167150	Louisville, KY	Eff. 6/26/26
Johnson, Jade	RN License 1114585	Burnside, KY	Eff. 5/11/26
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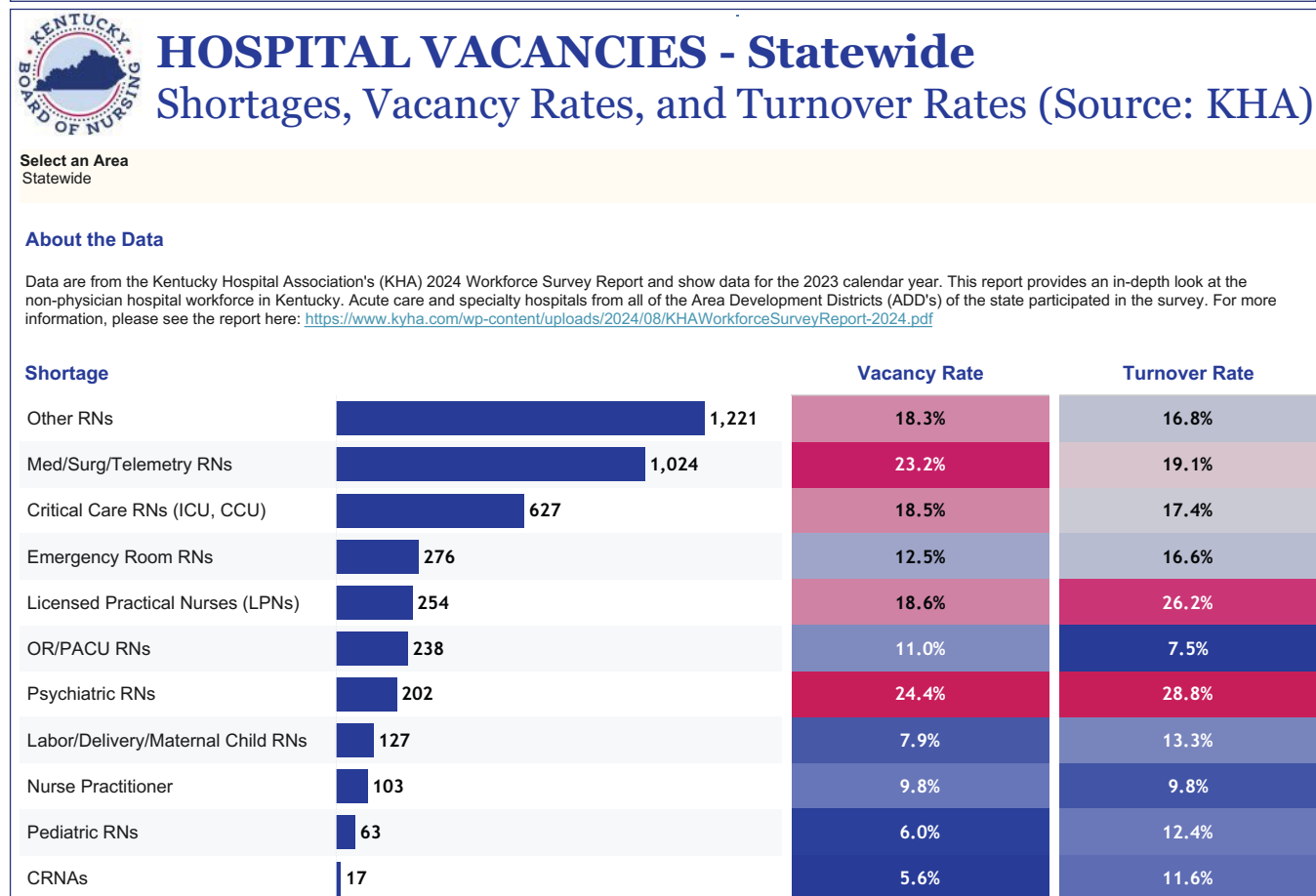
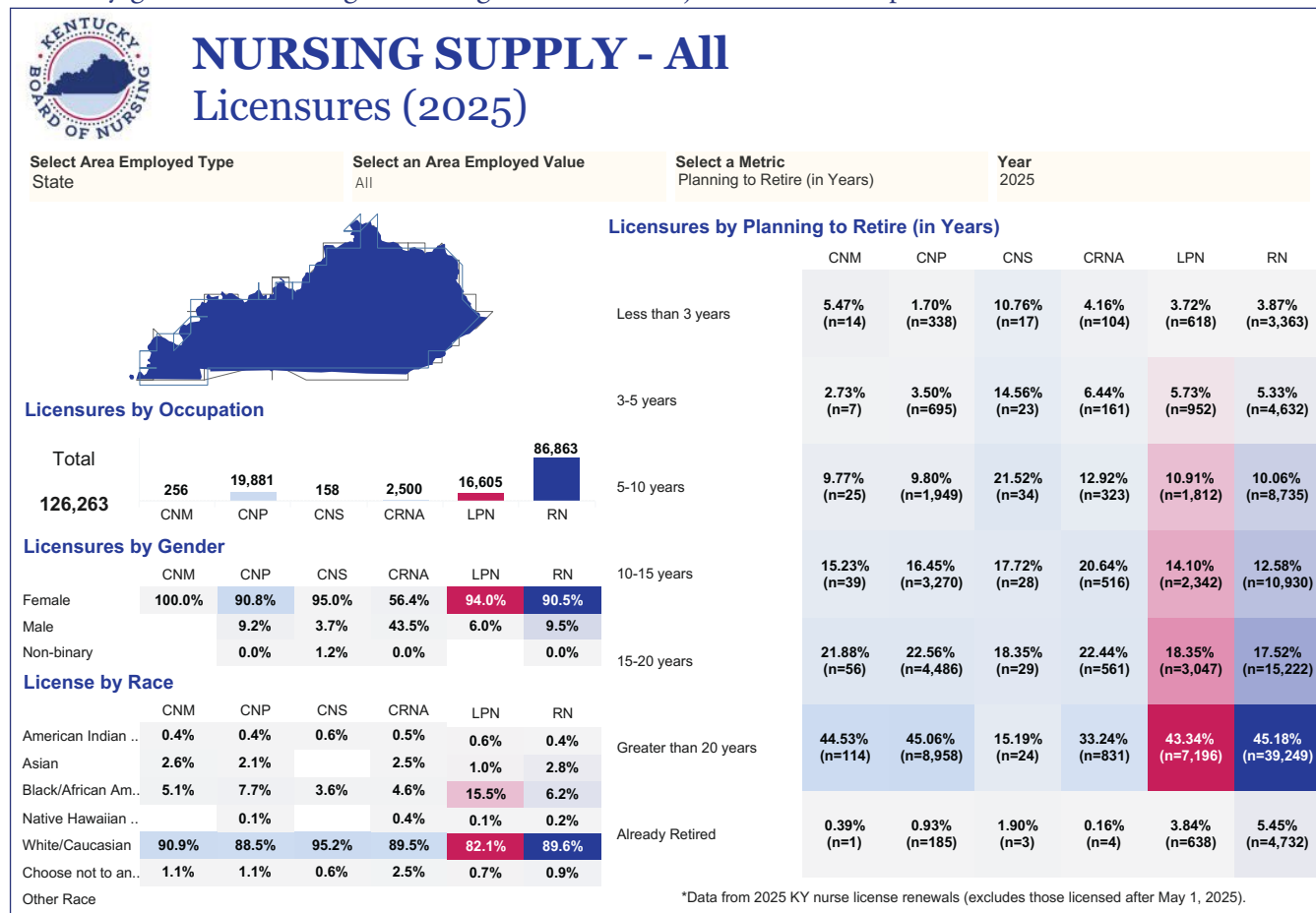
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