KBN Bi-Annual Conference

It’s not too late to register for the 2009 KBN Conference to be held on September 25, 2009 in Louisville. The theme is "Bringing the Nation to Kentucky" – here is the link for the brochure: [http://www.kbn.ky.gov/board/conf.htm](http://www.kbn.ky.gov/board/conf.htm)

Educator Orientation Sessions for 2009-2010 Academic Year

There are still openings for all sessions. They are open to anyone from a program who wishes to attend to learn more about Nursing Education and Regulation in Kentucky. All sessions are held at the Board Office. The dates for the new academic year include:

- October 9, 2009
- November 13, 2009
- February 12, 2010
- April 2, 2010

The program lasts from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. To cover some of the costs, we must charge a $25 non-refundable 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 or calling her at 502-429-3300, ext. 299

Pearson Professional Center (PPC) Guidelines: Acceptable Forms of Identification

The staff members at each PPC follow designated procedures to ensure that the operation of the PPC meets NCSBN’s criteria for standardized testing. Candidates are required to present their Authorization to Test (ATT) letter and a valid, acceptable ID with their photo and signature. Candidates will not be admitted to the examination without the acceptable identification and their ATT letter; if either of these requirements are not met, they will be turned away and be required to reregister and repay the $200 examination fee. If the candidate paid the additional international scheduling fee of $150, that will be forfeited as well.

The only forms of identification accepted at PPCs located in the U.S.* are:

- U.S. driver’s license (Department of Motor Vehicle-issued)
- U.S. state identification (Department of Motor Vehicle-issued)
- Passport
- U.S. Military Identification

The only identification accepted at PPCs located outside of the U.S.* is a passport. For more information about acceptable identification, refer to the NCLEX Candidate Bulletin on NCSBN’s Web site at [https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm).
Committee and Board Meeting Dates for 2009-2010

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Students are always welcome. Just e-mail Lila at LilaA.Hicks@ky.gov to let us know how many to expect so that we can have accommodations ready.

NCSBN Adds to Its Body of Research with the Publication of Three New Research Briefs

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) sets an ambitious research agenda designed to advance the science of nursing regulation. NCSBN recently added to its body of research with the publication of three new briefs: Report of Findings from the Post-Entry Competence Study, Report of Findings from an Analysis of Nursys Disciplinary Data from 1996-2006 and Report of Findings from the Effect of High-Fidelity Simulation on Nursing Students’ Knowledge and Performance: A Pilot Study.

Report of Findings from the Post-Entry Competence Study explores the characteristics of registered and licensed practical/vocational nursing from entry through five years of practice to discover how nursing practice changed post entry, when the changes occur and the competencies needed by nurses with up to five years of experience.

Additionally, Report of Findings from the Effect of High-Fidelity Simulation on Nursing Students’ Knowledge and Performance: A Pilot Study examines the effect of high-fidelity simulation alone and in combination with actual clinical experience on knowledge acquisition, confidence and clinical performance of nursing students with a randomized controlled trial.

"We are proud to add these publications to our growing body of work," said Kathy Apple, MS, RN, CAE, NCSBN CEO. "It is our hope that this research has measurable impact on nursing regulation and can create meaningful change in order to address the challenges that face nursing regulators today."

NCSBN now offers 40 volumes of research that include practice analyses and national surveys of the profession, covering topics such as nursing education and professional issues. Previously only available for purchase through NCSBN, these research briefs are now downloadable free of charge by visiting www.ncsbn.org.

The Beloit College Mindset List for the Class of 2013

Each year Beloit College develops a list for the Most students entering college for the first time this fall were born in 1991:

- The Green Giant has always been Shrek, not the big guy picking vegetables.
- They have never used a card catalog to find a book.
- Earvin "Magic" Johnson has always been HIV-positive.
- Tattoos have always been very chic and highly visible.
- They have been preparing for the arrival of HDTV all their lives.
- Rap music has always been mainstream.
- Chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream has always been a flavor choice.
- Text has always been hyper.
- They have never had to "shake down" an oral thermometer.
- They have never understood the meaning of R.S.V.P.
- American students have always lived anxiously with high-stakes educational testing.
- State abbreviations in addresses have never had periods.
Condoms have always been advertised on television.
The American health care system has always been in critical condition.
Desperate smokers have always been able to turn to Nicoderm skin patches.
Their folks could always reach for a Zoloft.
They have always been able to read books on an electronic screen.
Women have always outnumbered men in college.
We have always watched wars, coups, and police arrests unfold on television in real time.
There have always been flat screen televisions.
Smokers have never been promoted as an economic force that deserves respect.
Someone has always been asking: “Was Iraq worth a war?”
Nobody has ever responded to “Help, I’ve fallen and I can’t get up.”
There has always been blue Jell-O.

Clinical Simulation Scenario

The Kansas Board of Nursing has posted a section dedicated to clinical simulation scenarios. Scenarios are developed by faculty at Kansas schools of nursing for use by nursing and allied health programs. Scenarios may be developed and submitted for review for inclusion in the library by using the Scenario Submission Form supplied on the web page. If we would like to coordinate a similar effort in Kentucky, let me know. We had attempted this sometime ago but simulation was too new.

The scenario library is a free service intended to provide useful information for nursing programs in the State of Kansas. The Board does not warrant the accuracy of every item of information provided online and accepts no liability for damages of any kind resulting from reliance on this information.

http://www.ksbn.org/cne/SimulationScenarioLibrary.htm

Kentucky Administrative Regulations Pertinent to Education

All of the Educational regulations have progressed through the legislative committees and are all now in effect. As soon as the final versions are received from Frankfort, we will be sending you a complete set of the education regulations. If you have immediate questions- let us know.

Happy New Year-
(Academic That Is!)