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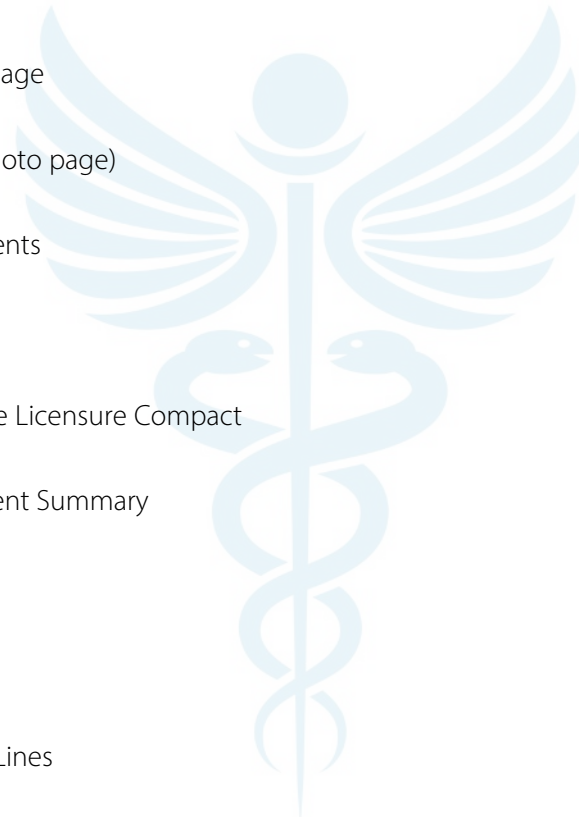
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President's Message

KBN President's Message

Most of you are probably familiar with the movie, *The Perfect Storm*, about the crew of the Andrea Gail swordfish boat from Gloucester, Massachusetts, who put their lives on the line to get the catch of a lifetime. Based on a true story by Sebastian Junger, the film takes place around Halloween 1991, when three major storm fronts collided to create the fiercest storm in modern history. The Andrea Gail was caught in this collision of storms, and the crew and the boat were lost at sea.

Merriam-Webster defines a “perfect storm” as “a critical or disastrous situation created by a powerful concurrence of factors.”

I believe nursing is facing a “perfect storm” as several concurrent factors are contributing to the nursing shortage. Without quick action, our healthcare systems may be heading toward a worse crisis than that faced by the Andrea Gail. Some factors are:

Storm 1: Nurses Leaving the Workforce.

- 29 percent of responding RNs indicated they were likely to leave their current role in direct patient care, with many noting their intent to leave the workforce entirely (February 2022 McKinsey & Company survey).
- The workforce is aging. The median age of RNs is 52, with nurses age 65+ making up 19% of the RN workforce (2020 National Nursing Workforce Survey). By 2030, everyone in the Baby Boomer generation (1946-1964) will be 65 or older (US Census Bureau).
- Nursing faculty are retiring, with 1/3 of the current nursing faculty workforce in baccalaureate and graduate programs expected to retire by 2025 (*Nursing Outlook*, “Retirements and Succession of Nursing Faculty in 2016-2025”).
- The average age of a nursing professor with a doctoral degree is 62.5, while the average age of a nursing professor with a master's degree is 55 (American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) 2021-2022 Salaries Report).

Storm 2: An Aging Population Needs More Healthcare. By 2030, the number of U.S. residents age 65 and older is projected to be 82 million (US Census Bureau).

Storm 3: Decreased Student Enrollment.

- 76,140 applicants were turned away from entry-level baccalaureate programs in 2021. Reasons included not enough faculty, lack of clinical sites and budget cuts (41st AACN survey, 2022).
- Of 815,000 students starting at community colleges in fall 2020, 61.5 percent persisted at any U.S. institution, with 52.4 percent of these returning to the same institution (National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, 2022).

Storm 4: Turnover and Retention.

- During the most recent survey period, 31.7% of all newly hired RNs left within one year, with first year turnover accounting for 27.7% of all RN separations (January 2022 Nursing Solutions Inc. National Health Care Retention & RN Staffing Report).
- For RNs working 12-hour shifts, from March 2021 to March 2022, median tenure dropped 19.5% across all U.S. regions, from 3.6 to 2.78 years. The greatest number of shifts were filled by nurses with less than one year of tenure, up 55.5% for the same time period (Epic Research, June 2022, “The ‘New Nurse’ is the New Normal”).

Storm 5: Growth in Nursing Employment. The need for registered nurses is expected to grow by 9% from 2020 to 2030. About 203,200 openings for registered nurses are projected each year, on average, over the decade (US Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Those of us working in healthcare as nurses are facing the perfect storm. I always ask myself, “What can I do about this storm? I am only one person, what impact can I have on the shortage?” I say, you can have a major impact on the nursing shortage. How? I'll write about that in the Spring issue of KBN Connection and suggest some anchors and umbrellas for us to consider.

Nursing is an ever-evolving profession. The need for nurses is greater now than ever, and we as professionals can all take an active role in helping navigate future storms.

Yours in Nursing,

Audria Denker, DNP, RN, FAADN
President, Kentucky Board of Nursing

Executive Director's Message



Change is Coming!

By the time you read this, we will be well into a new year with exciting changes ahead and an unexpected challenge behind us. We've written about it previously in *KBN Connection* and referenced it often in Board summaries and other updates, but the most exciting news on the horizon is that **Monday, March 20**, the Kentucky Board of Nursing will launch the new Optimal Regulatory Board System, or "ORBS." **This change will affect every KBN licensee and credential holder.**

ORBS is a proprietary, cloud-based software developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and made available free to state regulatory boards. It streamlines licensing and processing disciplinary actions, and it will provide an online portal to submit other kinds of applications, like the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund. Staff from every branch and section have worked on the buildout over the last year to tailor this comprehensive online system for the benefit of Kentucky's nurses, dialysis technicians, licensed certified professional midwives, and the Kentuckians they serve. I want to take this opportunity to thank staff and the NCSBN team of consultants who have worked tirelessly to develop and troubleshoot both the public and back-end functions of this state-of-the-art new portal.

As shared previously, once ORBS goes live, each licensee/credential holder **will be required to have a personal, unique email address** to create their account and access ORBS to apply for or maintain a professional license or credential, or conduct other business with the Board. The first time you log in, you will be prompted to set up your account by entering your personal email address, which will then become the username to go along with a password you create.

While we are months away from the next license renewal period, I encourage everyone to set up their new ORBS account well in advance of September, because the portal will also be used for name, address and email changes; APRN certifications; and discipline and enforcement correspondence. Unfortunately, the ORBS portal works best on desktop and is not currently supported on mobile devices including phones, iPads or tablets.

Concurrently with the ORBS migration, KBN will become the first state board of nursing to implement the new EDvera online management system to simplify the approval, review and regulation of schools of nursing and training programs. Through EDvera, the Board is leveraging technology to increase staff productivity and ensure delivery of high-quality support to educational institutions and programs.

I encourage you to follow KBN on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Kentucky.nursingboard) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/boardnursing) for updates. We would like to welcome to our team our new information officer, Diane Comer. She comes to us from the Kentucky Heritage Council, the state historic preservation office. Diane brings with her many years of experience working in state government, corporate communications and healthcare. She has experience directing media relations, special events, and website and social media management. One of our continuing goals is to expedite and enhance Board communications through our website and social media. Diane will be key to adding relevant and timely content and to make these reliable sources for current KBN news, information and program updates.

The unexpected challenge? Dealing with a burst pipe over the Christmas holiday that sent a literal flood down the side of our office building that housed the boardroom, compliance branch and executive suite. Staff came together and responded quickly to deal with the mess and set up mail and onsite operations nearby. What was potentially a huge obstacle became a bump in the road that hasn't slowed our progress, but rather reaffirms KBN's commitment to implement high-tech digital solutions for information management and position the Board and its stakeholders for success well into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Jenkins".

Sincerely,
Kelly Jenkins MSN, RN, NE- BC
Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Nursing

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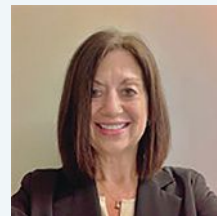
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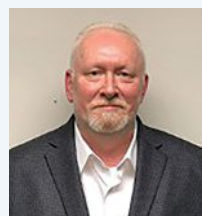
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New Board Member Welcome

KBN is pleased to introduce our newest board member, Ruth S. Martin, RN, DNP. As of Dec. 1, Dr. Martin was named Director of Nursing at Somerset Community College (SCC), a position that encompasses both the LPN and ADN programs.

Dr. Martin earned ADN, BSN and MSN degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Western Kentucky University in 2017. She began her career at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset and after six months transferred to the Pediatric floor, where she worked for 10 years. She began teaching in the LPN program at SCC in 1994 and became the LPN program administrator in 1999, after which the vocational and community college programs merged in 2000. This past July she became interim program administrator for the SCC ADN program prior to her permanent appointment as director.

“I thought that nursing was just my calling as I enjoyed ‘taking care of people,’” Dr. Martin said. “As an instructor of nursing, I feel that I have the best of both worlds. I can care for people and also share the knowledge that I have gained through my experience. I enjoy seeing ‘the lightbulb come on’ when a student ‘gets it.’”

“It is truly an honor to be chosen to serve on the Board. Not only am I excited to be a part of protecting the public that we serve, but also to be a part of shaping the future of the ever-changing nursing profession.”

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MANDATORY Continuing Education Requirements Suicide Prevention and Implicit Bias

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Suicide Prevention - 2 Total Contact Hours

One (1) contact hour of suicide prevention generally; and

One (1) contact hour which addresses the following:

1. Chronic toxic stress and secondary traumatic stress potentially increasing the incidence of suicide amongst nurses;
2. A confidential and standardized pathway to care for nurses that addresses screening, assessing, safety planning, referrals, and follow-up for nurses at risk for suicide;
3. Systems of care, evidence-informed approaches, and best practices to reduce suicide rates; and
4. Ethical legal considerations of caring for patients and nurses who are suicidal.

All nurses must complete content specific requirements* in suicide prevention and implicit bias by July 1, 2023.

**Both are one-time requirements.*

These hours may be completed at any KBN approved/accepted provider. However, the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) has developed courses that specifically meet these requirements. If interested, contact the KNA at https://kentucky-nurses.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-news/189143-kna-mandatory-ce-courses-are-available-now-24-7-on-the-kna-on-demand-portal?utm_medium=email&utm_source=group&utm_campaign=batch_announcement_promotion.

When selecting a CE offering, be sure the provider is approved to offer nursing CE by the KBN, another state board of nursing, or one of the national nursing organizations listed in 201 KAR 20:220 and verify the objectives include the topics listed above.

Maintain all continuing education records for at least 5 years. All documents related to these courses including announcements, presentation schedules and completion certificates should be maintained in your own records. You will not need to send them to the Board unless you are selected for the CE Audit. If selected for the CE Audit, you will be notified and required to submit these documents through CE Broker.

RNs and LPNs may use the contact hours completed for these requirements towards the 14 contact hours required annually for the earning period in which they are completed.

APRNs may not apply hours earned in suicide prevention and implicit bias to their annual CE pharmacology requirements.

Visit the KBN website at: <https://kbn.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Continuing-Education-Competency.aspx> for additional information on CE requirements.

Implicit Bias - 1.5 Total Contact Hours

One and one-half (1.5) contact hours that address the following:

1. The impact of historical racism and other forms of invidious discrimination on the provision of healthcare;
2. Methods of evaluating the presence and extent of implicit bias; and
3. Measures that may be taken to reduce implicit bias.

APRNs with a CAPA-CS Annual CE Requirements - Revised Effective January 13, 2022, all APRNs with a CAPA-CS must complete 1.5 contact hours in the dual subject of pharmacology and either pain management or addiction disorders annually between November 1 – October 31st. These hours may be applied to the total of five (5) contact hours in pharmacology required for all APRNs annually. The course must include pharmacology to be applied to an APRN's annual requirement of 5 hours in pharmacology CE Requirements. CE courses related to KASPER will not meet the CAPA-CS Requirements any longer, however, they may be used to meet other CE requirements.

Visit the KBN website at: <https://kbn.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Continuing-Education-Competency.aspx> for additional information on CE requirements.

Kentucky Nurses Association now offers mandatory CE programs.

"Implicit Bias in Healthcare"

KBN #1-0001-12-22-121

Contact Hours: 1.5

"Nurse Suicide Prevention"

KBN #1-0001-12-22-122

Contact Hours: 2.4



To save lives and meet KBN requirements,
all nurses must complete these courses by July 1, 2023.

This is a one-time mandatory CE requirement.

The cost per course is \$5.00.

<https://kna.sclivelearningcenter.com/mvsite/default.aspx>



“My office manager/credentialers should have done it...”

The process of credentialing includes “the practice of analyzing the credentials of an individual or organization” (<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/credentialing>). This process does not include ensuring the licensee is compliant with all laws and regulations pertaining to the state(s) in which they are licensed, unless that licensee is under investigation or has been disciplined in some way. The APRN must know and understand the requirements for licensure.

“The doctor said it was OK...”

Physicians go to school to learn how to be a physician. This training does not include the Nurse Practice Act for the states in which they practice. The nurse is responsible to understand the requirements for licensure and practice in each state in which the nurse is licensed.

“The pharmacist said I could...”

Pharmacists are key partners in the care team and have an in-depth knowledge about medications including pharmacokinetics, safe prescribing, black box warnings, etc. However, they probably do not have a deep understanding of prescribing statutes pertaining to APRN practice in their state. The APRN must understand the prescribing regulations in the states where they may be prescribing.

All of these comments have been made to the Board of Nursing when investigating practice or prescribing issues that have been reported to the Board.

So, what is a nurse to do?

- Know where to find Kentucky’s Nurse Practice Act: KRS Chapter 314, <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38813>; and supporting regulations, KAR Title 201, Chapter 20, <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/>
- Know where to find guidance for laws, scope of practice and licensure requirements: Kentucky Board of Nursing website, <https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
- Call or email KBN APRN Practice Consultants:

Professional Practice Branch

502-429-3300

Fax: 502-429-3311

Contact Form: <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Nursing/ProSup>

Myra Goldman APRN, Manager

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- Join your state professional/specialty organizations to network with colleagues.

Finally, take your time. If something does not feel right, find someone whose job it is to know and ask questions!

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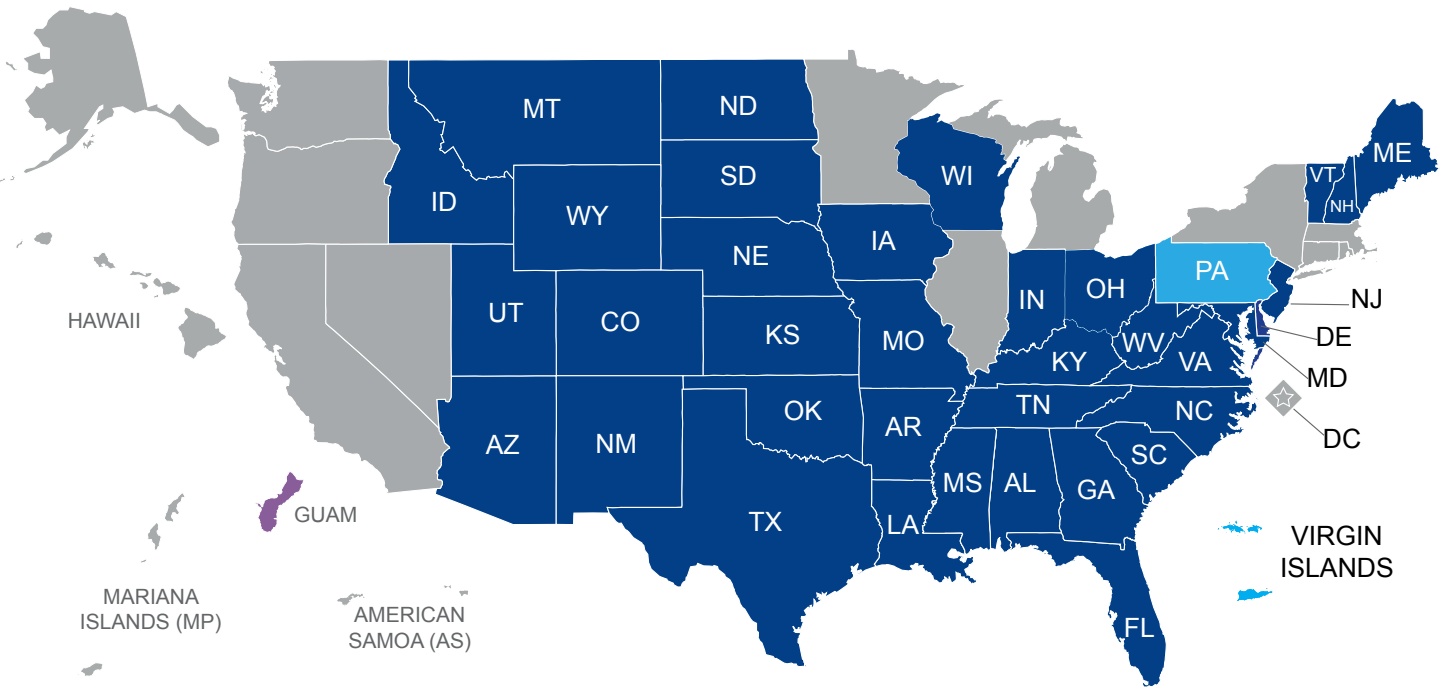
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NLC States

39 states have enacted the NLC



■ NLC States ■ Partial Implementation ■ Currently No Action ■ NLC Enacted, Awaiting Implementation

Pending NLC States

Guam: Pending implementation in 2022, tentatively. Nurses holding a multistate license in other NLC states may practice in Guam. Guam residents cannot obtain a multistate license until implementation is complete.

Pennsylvania: NLC enacted July 1, 2021. Implementation date is TBD. Criminal background checks must also be implemented. PA residents cannot obtain a multistate license until implementation is completed. Nurses in other NLC states with a multistate license may not practice in PA until implementation is complete.

Virgin Islands: NLC enacted Dec. 6, 2021. Implementation date is TBD. Criminal background checks must also be implemented. VI residents cannot obtain a multistate license until implementation is completed. Nurses in other NLC states with a multistate license may not practice in VI until implementation is complete.

Revised: Jan. 1, 2023

Unlocking Access to Nursing Care Across the Nation: Nurse Licensure Compact General Overview and Updates

Jodi Velazquez, Licensure Specialist/Program Coordinator

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is an interstate agreement that allows RNs and LPNs/VNs to practice with one multistate license in all states that are part of the NLC. Kentucky is one of 39 jurisdictions currently in the compact, which increases access to care while maintaining public protection at the state level. With the exception of Illinois, where legislation is pending, all states contiguous to Kentucky are included within the compact agreement. Kentucky APRN licenses are not currently in a compact.

A nurse holds a multistate (compact) license in their primary state of residence (PSOR), the state where the nurse primarily resides as documented by driver's license or state-issued ID, state voter registration and vehicle registration. PSOR does not refer to home or property ownership. Compact state nurses who have multiple residences can designate only one state as their PSOR, and verification may be required via legal documents referenced above.

In Kentucky, there is no additional fee or application for a multistate license. If a licensed nurse is eligible for a multistate license and declares Kentucky as their primary state of residence, no further steps are required. **Please note, not all Kentucky licenses are multistate licenses.** To see if your Kentucky license has multistate practice privileges, please validate your license on our website (<https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/basic.aspx>).

If you hold a multistate license and your primary state of residence is a participating jurisdiction, you may practice in any other NLC state without a time limit, as long as you maintain your original PSOR. There is no requirement to notify, contact or register with the board of nursing in the state where you are practicing temporarily.

If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving between two compact states, they should apply for multistate licensure in their new home state, and the multistate license issued by the prior home state will be deactivated. A nurse should not wait until the former license is about to expire before they apply for another one in their new PSOR.

Because the Nurse Licensure Compact originated with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), licensure requirements are aligned in NLC states so all nurses applying for a multistate license are required to meet the same standards, including submission to federal and state fingerprint-based criminal background checks. These are referred to as Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs). You can review all 11 ULRs on the NCSBN website here (https://www.ncsbn.org/public-files/NLC_ULRs.pdf).

As of January 1, Ohio is the most recent state to implement legislation to become part of the compact. If Ohio is your primary state of

residence and you have any questions regarding obtaining a multistate license there, please contact the Ohio Board of Nursing directly. If Kentucky is your primary state of residence and you hold an active Kentucky multi-state RN or LPN license, you will now be able to practice in Ohio without obtaining a separate license there. For a current map of NLC jurisdictions and their statuses, see map on page 10 or visit the NCSBN website (<https://www.ncsbn.org/compacts/nurse-licensure-compact.page>).

Employers: If a nurse indicates that they hold a multistate license in another compact state that allows them to practice in Kentucky, you should verify that the license is active and multistate. This may be done through the board of nursing in that nurse's PSOR, or via Nursys e-Notify (<https://www.nursys.com/EN/ENDefault.aspx>). If that nurse has recently moved their primary residence to Kentucky, they would need to apply here for a license. As long as the other license reflects as active and multistate, they may use it for practice in Kentucky while their KBN application is in process. We encourage both nurses and employers to create a free account through Nursys, a service offered by NCSBN for institutions and/or individual nurses (APRNs and RNs/LPNs) to receive automated license and discipline notifications from participating boards of nursing.

For questions, contact Jodi Velazquez at Jodi.Velazquez@ky.gov.

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Recent Revisions of Advisory Opinion Statements

Myra Goldman MSN, APRN, FNP-C
Professional Support Branch Manager/APRN Practice Consultant

In the spring of 2021, KBN Professional Support Branch staff began reviewing and revising content as part of the new KBN website redesign project. During this review, KBN staff identified an opportunity to revise how practice-related information is shared with the public. Concurrently, KBN staff were in the process of researching, reviewing, and updating the current Advisory Opinion Statements (AOS) to ensure they are current with evidence-based practices.

Revised advisory opinions now provide a summary of nursing interventions indicating whether the listed nursing intervention is within the scope of practice for the licensee. While the summaries are intended as quick reference, KBN staff encourages licensees to read the entire statement to obtain more detailed information and explanation.

Updated AOSs are being organized by practices related to body systems. For example, in October 2022, the following revised AOSs were approved:

- AOS #11: Role of Nurses in the Performance of Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Procedures;
- AOS #16: Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes;
- AOS #20: Roles of Nurses in Cardiovascular Nursing Practice;
- AOS #25: Role of Nurses the Performance of Blood-Related Procedures;

- AOS #29: Role of Nurses in Respiratory Nursing Practice;
- AOS #30: Role of Nurses in School Nursing Practice; and
- AOS #32: The Role of Nurses in Procedural Sedation, Analgesia, and Airway Management in Various Settings.

Due to revision and consolidations, the following AOSs have been withdrawn:

- AOS #2: Scope of Practice in Gynecological Cancer Detection (incorporated within AOS #11);
- AOS #28: Roles of Nurses in Endoscopic Procedures (incorporated within AOS #11); and
- AOS #31: Removal of Arterial and Venous Access Devices by Nurses (incorporated within AOS #20).

For an index of KBN advisory opinion statements, and information about how they are developed and how one may be requested, visit <https://kbn.ky.gov/Practice/Pages/Advisory-Opinion-Statements.aspx>.

Review and research of the remaining advisory opinions is ongoing. A master index of all AOSs, and nursing interventions listed within them, is being created to enable licensees to locate specific interventions more easily. The master index will be uploaded to the website once AOS review is complete.

Individuals with scope of practice inquiries may contact the KBN at kbnweb.prosup@ky.gov.

ATTN: Nursing Employers and Educators - Licensure Validation Using Nursys E-Notify

Amanda Padgett
Resource Management Analyst III

As you have been hearing, the Kentucky Board of Nursing will migrate to the Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) cloud-based license management system on Monday, March 20. Please be aware that once implementation of the new license platform goes live, **enhanced and premium validation will no longer be available through the Board**. Fortunately, there is an alternative for those facilities that currently utilize these features. Nursys e-Notify is a free, primary source equivalent, licensure notification service offered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), which lists the following benefits:

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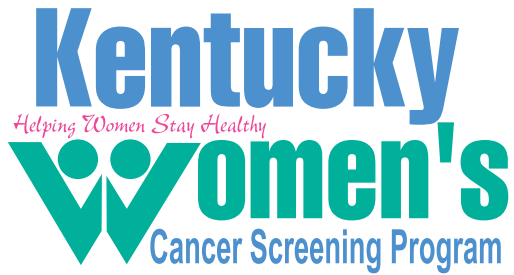
- View license expiration reports, discipline reports and nurse license summary reports for nurses in your list.

The Board will continue to offer KBN Enhanced and Premium Validation **up until the ORBS platform goes live**; however, institutions that currently utilize these validation subscription services, and any institution that maintains a nurse registry and is interested in bulk licensure notification, are encouraged to sign up for Nursys e-Notify as soon as possible.

Kentucky licensure information is currently available in e-Notify. But be aware e-Notify currently only refreshes Kentucky licensure information once daily. Once ORBS is operational, Kentucky licensure information will be refreshed throughout the day.

Information about Nursys e-Notify Institution Accounts, including an overview video, is available through NCSBN at <https://www.nursys.com/EN/ENAbout.aspx?KEY=I>

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Nurses Top the Gallup Poll Once Again

The nursing profession continues to secure the highest assessment of ethics and honesty from Americans, according to the latest Gallup poll findings.

The 79% of adults surveyed say nurses have “very high” or “high” honesty and ethical standards, greater than any of the other 17 professions assessed, Gallup noted. The latest findings are from a poll conducted Nov. 9 through Dec. 2.

Nurses have topped the list for honesty and ethics each year since the profession was added to the ratings in 1999 except for 2001, when firefighters outperformed them in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.



2023 NURSING RECOGNITION DAYS/WEEKS JANUARY - MAY

JANUARY

Intravenous Nurse Day – January 25
CRNA Week – January 22-28

FEBRUARY

Ambulatory Care Nursing Week – Feb. 6-12
Patient Recognition Week – Feb. 1-7
Peri-Anesthesia Nurses Awareness Week – Feb. 6-12
Cardiac Rehabilitation Week – Feb. 13-19
Cardiovascular Health Professionals Week – Feb 12-18
Critical Care Transport Nurses Day – Feb. 18
National Caregivers Day – Feb. 17

MARCH

Certified Nurses Day – March 19
GI Nurses & Associates Week – March 21-27

APRIL

National Public Health Week – April 3-7
Radiological and Imaging Nurses Day – April 12

Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse Week – April 16-22
Health Information Professionals Week – April 18-24
Administrative Professionals Week – April 23-29
Administrative Professionals Day – April 26
Transplant Nurses Week – April 24-May 1

MAY

Nurses Month – May
Nurses Day – May 6
Nurses Week – May 6-12
National Student Nurses Day – May 8
International Nurses Day – May 12
Oncology Nursing Month – May 1-31
Critical Care Recognition Month – May 1-31
National Hospital Week – May 7-13
National School Nurse Day – May 10
National Skilled Nursing Care Week – May 14-20
Women’s Health Week – May 14-20
Neuroscience Nurses Week – May 14-20

What to Report

The State of Kentucky mandates all residents to report child abuse, dependency or neglect, and vulnerable adult abuse or neglect. The state advertises the how, when and where to make these reports: <https://www.kasap.org/assets/files/Page-Editor-Files/generalmandatoryreportingchart8.2020.pdf>

However, what should you do if you suspect something is not right at your place of employment? Sometimes this can be a gray area. It is important, if a situation makes you uncomfortable, to know where to report your concerns. Though your facility likely has policies in place about reporting through the chain of command, there are also state laws to support reporting and that require health professionals particularly to report issues and concerns which affect patient safety and health.

Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN):

- Kentucky is a mandatory reporting state. This means that anyone (any nurse, employer of nurses, or any person) including the licensee who has knowledge of facts that a violation of laws has occurred pertaining to Nurses (pursuant to KRS 314.031(4)), Dialysis Technicians (pursuant to KRS 314.035(3)), or Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPM) or LCPM employer (pursuant to KRS 314.408(4)) shall report any licensee who is suspected of having violated any provision of KBN statutes or regulations.
- Any violations detailed in KRS 314.091(1), 201 KAR 20:470 and 201 KAR 20:630 are subject to these reporting requirements: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38813> and <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/>

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML): The medical licensure board reviews grievances directed toward licensees of professional misconduct, standard of care, moral turpitude and practice irregularities, which may include the inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances. KBML licenses both physicians and physician assistants. Find information about filing a grievance at: <https://kbml.ky.gov/grievances/Pages/default.aspx>

Office of the Inspector General (OIG): The Division of Health Care inspects, monitors, licenses and certifies all health care facilities as defined by KRS 216B.015 (13). The division also investigates complaints against health care facilities, reviews facility plans and develops regulations. The OIG also manages the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER), which monitors controlled substance prescriptions written by licensees with prescribing authority. See: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/dhc/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBPh): The pharmacy board reviews and evaluates all grievances against licensees. The filing of a grievance is not considered a plea for restitution, but rather a tool to initiate an investigation into possible violations of Kentucky pharmacy laws to ensure that the citizens of the Commonwealth are safe. For more: <https://pharmacy.ky.gov/Pages/Grievance-Process.aspx>

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA): All the resources and staff of the DEA are dedicated to the mission of enforcing the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States. If you witness an event that may lead to immediate threat to human health or safety, you should report it to your local police or law enforcement authority.

The website lists various ways to contact the DEA Diversion section, depending upon the nature of the complaint: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/tips_online.htm

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): With the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Congress created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for workers by setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education and assistance. See: <https://www.osha.gov/faq#v-nav-infoworkers> and <https://www.osha.gov/contactus/bystate/KY/areaoffice>

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APRN Prescribing Across State Lines

Jeffrey R. Prather, JD
General Counsel
Ellen Thomson, MSN, NP-C
Project Manager

The Kentucky Board of Nursing views medical care as occurring where the patient is located. By way of example, if a provider in one state sees a patient via telehealth, and that patient resides in another state, that provider must be licensed in the state in which the patient resides. If a provider is duly licensed and authorized to provide medical services in Indiana and sees a patient within Indiana, the licensee is only obligated to abide by the laws and regulations covered by the Indiana license. The Board does not have

jurisdiction over licensees licensed by and practicing wholly within another jurisdiction, nor does the Board have authority to mandate licensure requirements of a licensee licensed by and practicing in a jurisdiction outside of Kentucky. Similarly, APRNs licensed in Kentucky and writing prescriptions for an Indiana resident who is seen within Kentucky would be subject to Kentucky laws, regardless of the location of the pharmacy.

If a provider is licensed in Indiana and sees patients solely in Indiana, that provider must have an Indiana DEA certificate to prescribe controlled substances. If that same provider opens an office in Kentucky, and sees patients in Kentucky (regardless of the APRN's physical location), the provider must be licensed in Kentucky, have a CAPA-CS, and obtain a Kentucky DEA registration certificate to prescribe controlled substances. The location of the pharmacy filling the prescription does not alter the prescribing privileges afforded to the APRN by the licensing state.

Although a licensed APRN may have prescriptive authority, a licensed pharmacist has the authority to dispense. APRNs cannot dispense controlled substances in the manner of a pharmacist. The laws controlling the dispensing of a prescription must be governed by the jurisdiction where the prescription is filled. KBN understands that a pharmacist may use his or her professional judgment and refuse to fill a prescription, and that the pharmacist must limit dosage of the prescription to conform with Kentucky dispensing limits. However, an APRN who is duly licensed and otherwise authorized to practice and write prescriptions in another state is not required to abide by prescribing legal requirements that may only exist in Kentucky – i.e., having a CAPA-CS – when writing prescriptions in another state that may be ultimately be dispensed within Kentucky.



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SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 23, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audria Denker provided a brief update on the NCSBN Annual Conference held the week of August 15, 2022.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Officer's report (combined 2022 end of year and New Year financial summary), 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: NCSBN Conference, KBN Staffing Changes, Annual Report, and Workforce Projection Model.

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

APRN COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING

Kelly Jenkins notified Board members that the November APRN Council Meeting has been moved to November 15, 2022 at 10:00 am.

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 a brief regulation update, which included:

- The following regulations were approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services at the July meeting:
 - 220; 260E; 260 (still pending); 280, 360; 480
- The following regulations have been

added to the agenda for the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services August meeting:

- 070; 110; 240; 370

ACTION ON LICENSES

- It was moved and seconded that 12 orders discussed in closed session be adopted, which were approved by acclamation.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the staff changes that were discussed in closed session which were accepted by acclamation.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kelly Jenkins provided information about the upcoming Board Retreat on September 8, 2022 at the Louisville Zoo.

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audria Denker reported that the NCSBN Board President calls will be starting next week. Audria will send out summaries of the calls to Board members.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- It was moved and seconded to accept the financial officer's report (September financial summary), 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: Building; Operations [ORBS; EDvera; Service Now software system; workforce projection model, NCSBN Discipline Conference; Employee Suggestion Box; KBN apparel]; Professional Development; Social Media; Personnel; Training for Board Members

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

KBN Legal Services Supervisor, JD Fleming, provided a brief update on the progress made by the legal team in reducing cases on the active docket. Mr. Fleming also introduced the following three (3) new staff members on the legal team:

- John Michul – Staff Attorney
- Peyton Mathes – Law Clerk
- Tyler Tucker – Law Clerk

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED DIABETES EDUCATORS – KBN NOMINATIONS

Kelly Jenkins explained that KBN Board members must submit three (3) potential nominees to the Governor's office, who will then select one appointment from that list. Erica Klimchak will send an email to Board members soon to solicit nominations.

APPROVAL OF 2023 KBN MEETING CALENDAR

- It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2023 KBN Meeting Calendar.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the reports of the June 16, 2022, July 17, 2022, August 18, 2022, and September 15, 2022 Credentials Review Panel meetings, which were approved by acclamation.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Committee Report – September 15, 2022

- It was moved and seconded to accept the September 15, 2022 Education Committee report, which was approved, as amended, by acclamation. The following committee recommendations were moved and seconded and were approved by acclamation after discussion and presentation of background materials:

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Education Committee Scope and Functions

- The Education Committee Scope and Functions be approved as presented.
- The Education Committee Objectives be approved as presented.

Bellarmino University CRNA Program Proposal

- Bellarmino University – Lansing School of Nursing and Clinical Sciences Proposal to establish an additional program, a CRNA track, within the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree program be granted developmental approval status per 201 KAR 20:062.

Anne Veno recused herself from the vote, and Jana Bailey abstained from voting.

NISF Report – Consideration of Reallocation of Funds

- Ms. Smith be awarded a scholarship of \$3,000 instead of Mr. Creekbaum.
- Ms. Sibbie be awarded a scholarship of \$1,500 instead of Ms. Ryherd.
- The additional \$1,500 be made available to award to another applicant.
- Additionally, should funds become available due to the turning down of scholarship awards, for enrollment in spring terms only, or the awardee is not eligible as they are not enrolled in a program of nursing, that awards be granted to candidates that were not initially selected.

Dr. Lemberger explained that the committee agreed to form a workgroup to review the NISF regulations and how funds are allocated on a regular basis.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Note: Practice Committee Chair, Mandi Walker, was absent for the October Meeting, so Jana Bailey handled the Chair’s duties for the Practice Committee updates.

Practice Committee September 16, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the September 16, 2022 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:

Practice Committee Scope and Functions

- The 2022-2023 Practice Committee Scope and Functions, as revised, be approved.

Practice Committee Objectives

- The 2022-2023 Practice Committee Objectives, as revised, be approved.
- **AOS 11 – Insertion and Removal of Nasogastric Tubes and Reinsertion of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) tubes and Withdrawal of AOS 2 – Practice in Gynecological Cancer Detection – and AOS 28 – Roles of Nurses in Endoscopic Procedures**

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #11 Role of Nurses in the Performance of Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Procedures, as revised, be approved; and
- AOS #2 Scope of Practice in Gynecological Cancer Detection; and AOS #28 Roles of Nurses in Endoscopic Procedures, be withdrawn.

AOS 16 – Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #16 Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes, be approved by the Board with specific additional revisions; and
- A workgroup be established to review regulations related to medication aides/ technicians and Kentucky Medication Aide Program requirements, including the following Cabinet or Health and Family Services regulations and related matters.
 - 902 KAR 20:048 Operation & Services Nursing Homes – Section 4.(5)(f)2;
 - 902 KAR 20:051 Operation & Services Intermediate Care - Section 4.(4)(e)2;
 - 902 KAR 20:086 Operation & Services ICF MR/DD Section 4.(6)(e)2; and
 - 902 KAR 20:291 Alzheimer’s nursing homes - Section 4.(2) (a) & (6)(f)2.

AOS 29 – Cardiopulmonary Respiratory Nursing Practice

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #29 Role of Nurses in Cardiopulmonary/ Respiratory Practice, be approved by the Board with specified additional revisions.

Psychiatric Forensic Nursing workgroup scope and functions

- The Psychiatric Forensic Nursing Workgroup Scope and Functions be approved.

There was discussion regarding the scope and functions of the workgroup.

Consideration of changes to 201 KAR 20:411

KBN staff determined that this item should be reviewed further and may be added to the agenda for the November Practice Committee meeting, and will come back to the full Board for consideration at the December meeting.

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consumer Protection Committee September 15, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the September 15, 2022 Consumer Protection committee report, as amended, 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:
 - **Revisions to Agreed Orders/ KARE Program agreements**
- Edits, revisions and additions to the agreed orders and KARE program agreements be approved.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN (DT) ADVISORY COUNCIL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the August 23, 2022 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council report, which was approved by acclamation.
- **DT Council Scope and Functions**
- The 2022-2023 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council scope and functions, with specific revisions, be approved.
- **DT Council Objectives**

This item was deferred back to the Practice Committee for consideration.

Scope of Practice of a DT in providing central venous catheter care

This item was deferred back to the Practice Committee for consideration.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- It was moved and seconded to accept the September 15, 2022 Governance Committee report, which was approved by acclamation.

Consideration of changes to 201 KAR 20:370

- The changes to the following three licensure applications be approved: APRN application; Application for Licensure; and Application for RN/LPN licensure.

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CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the October 3, 2022 Certified Professional Midwives Advisory Council report, which was approved by acclamation.

ACTION ON LICENSES

- It was moved and seconded that 11 orders, with no exceptions filed, discussed in closed session be adopted, which were approved by acclamation.

- It was moved and seconded that one order, with exceptions filed, discussed in closed session be adopted, which was approved by acclamation.

PERSONNEL MATTER: Jennifer McIlwain Wathen – Personnel Board Appeal Number 2019-210

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, provided an explanation of the following personnel matter: Jennifer McIlwain Wathen – Personnel Board Appeal Number 2019-210. Following discussion and presentation of background materials, the following actions were taken:

- It was moved and seconded that the Board give KBN Executive Director, Kelly Jenkins, negotiation authority related to the following appellate matter: Jennifer McIlwain Wathen – Personnel Board Appeal Number 2019-210.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the staff changes that were discussed in closed session which were accepted by acclamation.

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2022

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ruth Martin was sworn in by General Counsel, Jeff Prather, as an RN Board member. Ms. Martin fills the vacancy created by Jimmy Isenberg’s term expiration.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Tricia Smith was recognized for 20 years of service at KBN; a formal recognition will

be conducted at the February 2023 Board Meeting.

KBN STAFF PRESENTATION

Jeff Prather, KBN General Counsel, provided a brief ethics presentation.

FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

- It was moved and seconded to accept the financial officer’s report (November

financial summary), 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: Building; Operations [ORBS; EDvera; Service

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

Ms. Jenkins also introduced and welcomed Diane Comer, KBN’s newly hired Public Information Officer.

APPROVAL OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED DIABETES EDUCATORS – KBN NOMINATIONS

- It was moved and seconded to accept the following nominees to the KY Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators:
 - Kelsey Hatton
 - Stacy Koch
 - Leslie Scott

The approved nominees will now be sent to the Governor’s office, from which one person will be selected to serve as the KBN-appointed member on the Board.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT December Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept

the General Counsel’s report, which was approved by acclamation.

SANE Application Changes

- It was moved and seconded that the proposed revisions to the SANE application be approved.

NISF Application Changes

- It was moved and seconded that the proposed revisions to the NISF application be approved.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the reports of the October 20, 2022, Special called meeting November 2, 2022, and November 17, 2022 Credentials Review Panel meetings, which were approved by acclamation.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Committee Report – September 15, 2022 REVISED

- It was moved and seconded to accept the Revised September 15, 2022 Education Committee report, which was approved, as amended, by acclamation.

Education Committee Report – November 17, 2022

- It was moved and seconded to accept

the November 17, 2022 Education Committee report, which was approved, as amended, by acclamation. The following committee recommendations were moved and seconded and were approved by acclamation after discussion and presentation of background materials:

NISF Regulations

- The regulation be amended to reflect the following:
 - Graduate students and LPNs be allotted 15 points
 - Pre-licensure nursing students be allotted 10 points

Graduation Rate Calculation and Retention Benchmarks

- A workgroup should be appointed to conduct a more in-depth review of 201 KAR 20:360, graduation rate calculations, and retention benchmarks. The following Education Committee members and KBN staff were appointed to the workgroup:
 - Hope Jones
 - Susan Ellis
 - Jake Higgins
 - Erica Lemberger
 - Kelly Jenkins

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- Jeff Prather
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Morehead State University Program Administrator Exemption Request

- Morehead State University's Request for a Program Administrator Exemption be approved.

KBN SITE VISIT REPORTS

MedQuest College – Louisville

- MedQuest College Practical Nursing Program, Louisville, remains on initial status (pending another site visit/review of benchmarks), with quarterly progress reports to begin in March 2023, and an additional site visit to be conducted one year from the 2022 site visit report date.

American National University – Pikeville

- American National University College Associate Degree Nursing Program, Pikeville be granted approval status with quarterly progress reports beginning February 28, 2023, and a focused site visit one year from the date of the September 6-8, 2022 site visit.

University of the Cumberland – Williamsburg

- University of the Cumberland's ASN Program of Nursing be denied program approval status and remain on initial approval status, with quarterly reports providing supportive evidence of the Program's progress in fulfilling the requirements to be met beginning March 31, 2023, and a site visit in two years.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Practice Committee November 18, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 18, 2022 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:

AOS #20 Roles of Registered Nurses in Invasive Cardiac Procedures

- Revisions of AOS #20 Roles of Registered Nurses in Invasive Cardiac Procedures, including a change in title to Roles of Nurses in Cardiovascular Nursing Practice, be approved, by the Board, as submitted.

- AOS #31 Removal of Arterial and Venous Access Devices (sheaths) and Use of Mechanical Compression Devices by Nurses be withdrawn from publication.

AOS #25 Placement of Central and Arterial Lines and Arterial Blood Sampling

- Revisions of AOS #25 Placement of Central and Arterial Lines and Arterial Blood Sampling, by Nurses, including a change in the title to Role of Nurses in the Performance of Blood Related Procedures, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

AOS #29 Roles of Nurses in Respiratory Nursing Practice (formerly Cardiopulmonary/Respiratory Nursing Practice)

- Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #29 Role of Nurses in Respiratory Nursing Practice, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

AOS #30 School Nursing Practice

- Revised Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #30 School Nursing Practice, including a change in title to Role of Nurses in School Nursing Practice, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

AOS #32 The Role of Nurses in Procedural Sedation, Analgesia, Airway Management, and Chest Tube Removal

- Revised Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #32 The Role of Nurses in Procedural Sedation, Analgesia, Airway Management, and Chest Tube Removal, including a change in title to "The Role of Nurses in Procedural Sedation, Analgesia, and Airway Management in Various Settings", be approved by the Board, as submitted.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR PRACTICE COMMITTEE

2022-2023 Objectives

- The 2022-2023 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council Objectives, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

201 KAR 20:478 Dialysis Technician Scope of Practice, Discipline, and Miscellaneous Requirements

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:478 Dialysis Technician Scope of Practice, Discipline, and Miscellaneous Requirements, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

201 KAR 20:472 Initial Approval for Dialysis Technician Training Programs

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:472 Initial Approval for Dialysis Technician

Training Programs, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

201 KAR 20:476 Dialysis Technician Credentialing Requirements for Initial Credentialing, Renewal, and Reinstatement

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:476 Dialysis Technician Credentialing Requirements for Initial Credentialing, Renewal and Reinstatement, be approved by the Board, as submitted

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consumer Protection Committee November 17, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 17, 2022 Consumer Protection committee report, as amended, 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: [Review of Conviction Guidelines](#)
- Edits, revisions and additions to page six (6) of the conviction guidelines be approved

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COUNCIL

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Council November 15, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 15, 2022 APRN Council 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:

APRN Council Objectives

- The 2022-2023 APRN Council objectives, as presented, be approved.

APRN Council Scope and Functions

- The 2022-2023 APRN Council scope and functions, as presented, be approved.

Stem Cell Therapy – Embryonic

- It is within the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), who is educationally prepared and clinically competent, to evaluate, treat, prescribe and administer stem cell therapy derived from embryonic stem cells and umbilical cord blood.

Performance of Fiberoptic Nasopharyngoscopy/Nasalaryngoscopy

- It is within the scope of practice

of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), to perform flexible nasopharyngoscopy/nasolaryngoscopy working in an otolaryngology practice for the APRN who is educationally prepared and clinically competent to perform flexible nasopharyngoscopy/nasolaryngoscopy.

Hemorrhoid Banding

- It is within the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), who is educationally prepared and clinically competent, to perform hemorrhoid banding.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Note: A vote was not required for each individual item as all actions were taken as part of the Practice Committee report

Dialysis Technician (DT) Advisory Council October 18, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the October 18, 2022 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council report, which was approved by acclamation.

DT Council Objectives

- The 2022-2023 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council objectives, as presented, be approved.

Scope of Practice of a DT in Providing Central Venous Catheter Care

- 201 KAR 20:478 Dialysis Technician Scope of Practice, Discipline, and Miscellaneous Requirements be revised to provide for the performance of dialysis treatment initiation, care of, and discontinuation for patients with central venous catheters (CVC), under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN), within the scope of practice of a dialysis technician, with six (6) months experience that includes training and skills validation.

Dialysis Technician (DT) Advisory Council November 3, 2022 Report

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 3, 2022 Dialysis Technician Advisory Council report, which was approved by acclamation.

Scope of Practice of the Dialysis Technician in Providing Central Venous Catheter Care

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:478 Dialysis Technician Scope of Practice, Discipline, and Miscellaneous Requirements, with specified revisions, be approved.

201 KAR 20:472 Initial Approval for Dialysis Technician Training Programs

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:478 Dialysis Technician Scope of

Practice, Discipline, and Miscellaneous Requirements, with specified revisions, be approved.

201 KAR 20:476 Dialysis Technician Credentialing Requirements for Initial Credentialing, Renewal, and Reinstatement

- Proposed revisions of 201 KAR 20:476 Dialysis Technician Credentialing Requirements for Initial Credentialing, Renewal, and Reinstatement, with specified revisions, be approved.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 17, 2022 Governance Committee report, which was approved by acclamation.

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

- It was moved and seconded to accept the November 21, 2022 Certified Professional Midwives Advisory Council report, which was approved by acclamation.

ACTION ON LICENSES

- It was moved and seconded that 13 orders discussed in closed session be adopted, which were approved by acclamation.

PERSONNEL MATTER: Jennifer McIlwain Wathen – Personnel Board Appeal Number 2019-210

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, provided an explanation and update on the following personnel matter: Jennifer McIlwain Wathen – Personnel Board Appeal Number 2019-210. This item was presented for information only; no action was required of the Board.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the staff changes that were discussed in closed session which were accepted by acclamation.

HEARING TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript from the following hearing was provided for information only:

- Jessica Doom – October 26, 2022

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob Higgins mentioned an issue he encountered regarding a Virginia Board of Nursing requirement related to listing clinical hours on transcripts. The KBN Education staff will bring this issue to the Board's attention in the future if anything similar happens in Kentucky.

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Elimination of the X-waiver

The X-waiver is a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certification that allowed clinicians to prescribe buprenorphine (Suboxone) for treating patients who struggle with opioid addiction.

On December 29, the President signed the omnibus appropriations bill. The House had passed the measure December 23, after the Senate passed it the day before. With the bill's passage, the requirement that healthcare providers possess a DEA X-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder was eliminated, effective immediately.

The bill also introduced new training requirements for all prescribers. These requirements will not go into effect until June 21, 2023. The DEA and Substance Abuse and Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are working to provide further guidance. The Board understands that the DEA will follow up with additional information on these requirements in the near future.

Dr. Gupta Applauds Omnibus Appropriations Bill That Will Expand Access to Treatment for Substance Use Disorder | ONDCP The White House - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/briefing-room/2022/12/23/dr-gupta-applauds-omnibus-appropriations-bill-that-will-expand-access-to-treatment-for-substance-use-disorder/>

Board staff is reviewing the repeal of the X-waiver requirement and the potential necessary regulatory changes to comply with its elimination. Any proposed regulatory changes will need to be reviewed and recommended by the Kentucky APRN Council and the Practice Committee to be presented to the full Board. Once the Board has voted on any accepted changes, the amendments will be filed with the legislative research commission for promulgation. Once filed, there will be a two-month comment period before the changes go before the legislative committees for consideration. It is too early for Board staff to provide an estimated timeline for the promulgation, or a date that any amendments might take effect.

Moreover, Kentucky statute further mandates APRN prescription limits. Board staff cautions APRNs who may consider prescribing buprenorphine without having sufficient training and education. All nurses are "responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based upon the individuals' educational preparation and experience and shall practice with reasonable skill and safety." See Kentucky Revised Statutes 314.021(2). The X-waiver is the only requirement that has been eliminated. Any other prescribing requirements under state and federal statute and regulation are still in effect.

For questions, call or email the Board's APRN Practice Consultants:

- Professional Practice Branch, 502-429-3300, or contact form <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Nursing/ProSup>; or
- Myra Goldman APRN, Manager, 502-641-1739, or contact form <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Nursing/APRNPrac>

Administrative Regulations

201 KAR 20:070E/070

This regulation concerns applications by examination. The

amendments to this regulation affect miscellaneous provisions. The proposed amendments incorporate recent educational requirements under 201 KAR 20:215 and expand requirements for graduates of foreign programs of nursing to include passing an English proficiency exam under 201 KAR 20:480, before they are issued a provisional license. The amendments also provide that graduates of nursing programs may take two attempts to pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) before their provisional license becomes void. However, it limits those provisional licenses to a period of six months.

- March 10, 2022 - The Governance Committee recommended these changes.
- March 25, 2022 - The Board met at a special called board meeting on and approved these revisions.
- April 6, 2022 - The amendments were filed with Legislative Research Commission (LRC) regulations compiler on, on an emergency basis.
- May 23, 2022 - A public hearing date regarding the emergency filing was set.
- May 31, 2022 - The comment period ended. Board staff did not receive a hearing request nor written comments.
- June 14, 2022 - The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS) considered the amended emergency version of the regulation.
- June 23, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- June 30, 2022 - The comment period ended without comment.
- August 25, 2022 - The Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services (IJC HWFS) considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment. The identical ordinary version of the regulation 201 KAR 20:070 superseded the emergency version on the same day and took effect.

201 KAR 20:260E/260

This regulation regards the organization and administration standards for pre-licensure registered nurse or practical nurse programs of nursing. The emergency amendment, 201 KAR 20:260E, was filed in response to Governor's Executive Order 2021-913. The Executive Order required that the Board approve within 30 days requests to increase enrollment after the program of nursing demonstrates that it has the resources to support the enrollment increase.

- January 11, 2022 - The emergency amendments to the regulation were filed with the LRC on and went into effect immediately.
- February 21, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- February 28, 2022 - The comment period ended. Board staff received comments regarding this regulation.
- February 17, 2022 - The Board reviewed the comments. However, no changes were made in response to the comments.
- March 9, 2022 - The Board filed a Statement of Consideration regarding not amending the regulation after comments. Then, in response to Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), the emergency version of the regulation was deferred to review and to reconcile immediate discrepancies between the amended statutes and the regulation.
- May 5, 2022 - The emergency regulation was amended after LRC staff's comments and the amended version was filed.

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- May 10, 2022 - The ARRS considered the emergency regulation.
- July 20, 2022 - The IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed through the committee.
- October 8, 2022 - The emergency version of this regulation expired and reverted to the previous ordinary version. The new ordinary version of 201 KAR 20:260 was also revised to bring it into compliance with SB 10.

The Education Committee approved the revised ordinary version of 201 KAR 20:260 on May 19, 2022, and the full Board subsequently approved it on June 16, 2022.

- June 22, 2022 - The amended of the ordinary version was filed with the LRC for consideration by the General Assembly.
- September 26, 2022 - A public hearing date was set.
- September 30, 2022 - The comment period ended; however, there were no requests for a hearing, and no comments were received.
- October 11, 2022 - The ARRS considered the ordinary version of the regulation.
- November 15, 2022 - The IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment and it took effect.

201 KAR 20:310

This administrative regulation establishes standards for faculty of programs of nursing that prepare graduates for licensure as registered nurses or practical nurses. The proposed amendment updates the faculty requirements to reflect those passed in SB 10 during the 2022 legislative session. The Education Committee recommended the amendments on May 19, 2022.

- June 16, 2022 - The full Board approved the recommendations.
- June 22, 2022 - The proposed amendments were filed with the LRC for consideration by the General Assembly.
- September 26, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- September 30, 2022 - The comment period ended; however, there were no requests for a hearing, and no comments were received.
- October 11, 2022 - the ARRS considered the regulation, and it was passed without comment.
- November 15, 2022 - the IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment and it took effect.

201 KAR 20:370

This administrative regulation governs applications and the applications are included as material incorporated by reference (MIR). The Governance Committee considered and recommended changes to initial applications for licensure on September 15, 2022.

- October 20, 2022 - The full Board approved the recommended changes.
- November 9, 2022 - Board staff filed the regulation and the MIR with the LRC regulations compiler.
- January 24, 2023 - A public hearing date has been tentatively set.
- January 31, 2023 - the public comment period ends.

201 KAR 20:490

This administrative regulation establishes the scope of practice regarding infusion therapy. The proposed amendment material incorporated by reference reflects new editions of the incorporated texts. The amendments were recommended by the Practice Committee on May 20, 2022. The recommendations were brought before the full Board on June 16, 2022 and it approved the revisions.

- June 22, 2022 - The regulation was filed with the LRC for consideration by the General Assembly.
- September 26, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- September 30, 2022 - The comment period ended; however, there were no requests for a hearing, and no comments were received.
- October 11, 2022 - The ARRS considered the regulation, and it passed without comment.
- November 15, 2022 - The IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment. It took effect that day.

201 KAR 20:620

This administrative regulation establishes the fees and requirements for initial licensure, renewal, and reinstatement for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPMs). The proposed amendments update the regulation to clarify that unspecified fees in this regulation are included in 201 KAR 20:240 and that LCPMs shall practice under the same name on record with the Board. On May 23, 2022, the Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPM) Advisory Council recommended the amendments. The full Board approved the recommendations on June 16, 2022.

- June 22, 2022 - The regulation was filed with the LRC for consideration by the General Assembly.
- September 26, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- September 30, 2022 - The comment period ended; however, there were no requests for a hearing, and no comments were received.
- October 11, 2022 - The ARRS considered the regulation, and it passed without comment.
- November 15, 2022 - The IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment. It took effect the same day.

201 KAR 20:650

This administrative regulation establishes the medical tests and formulary for LCPMs. The proposed amendment updates the formulary to add several tests to the list and several new medications. On May 23, 2022, the LCPM Advisory Council recommended the amendments. The full Board approved the recommendations on June 16, 2022.

- June 22, 2022 - The regulation was filed with the LRC for consideration by the General Assembly.
- September 26, 2022 - A public hearing date was set for this date.
- September 30, 2022 - The comment period ended; however, there were no requests for a hearing nor comments received.
- October 11, 2022 - The ARRS considered the regulation, and it was passed without comment.
- November 15, 2022 - The IJC HWFS considered the emergency version of the regulation, and it passed without comment. It took effect the same day.

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Ritchie, Leann		Paris, KY	Eff. 8/30/22
IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE/CREDENTIAL			
Blankenship, Candie Leean	LPN License 2056729	Pikeville, KY	Eff. 9/26/22
Brumback, Kayse Ruth	RN License 1158574	Hindman, KY	Eff. 9/9/22
Corder, Marcus Dewayne	LPN License 2038381	Stearns, KY	Eff. 10/5/22
Cox, Kacey Kelli	RN License 1166640	Hazard, KY	Eff. 10/5/22
Deatherage, Kimberly	RN License 1140869	Richmond, KY	Eff. 9/26/22
Feltner, Rhonda Hall	RN License 1082928	Georgetown, KY	Eff. 9/27/22
Gifford, Nathaniel	LPN License 2050158	Dayton, KY	Eff. 9/15/22
Goble, Maranda Lynn Sturgill	RN License 1134739	Prestonsburg, KY	Eff. 9/23/22
Greer, Mary Joyce	LPN License 2053748	Paducah, KY	Eff. 10/5/22
Haynes, Johnathan M.	RN License 1119133;	Benton, KY	Eff. 11/4/22
	APRN License 3015871		
Huninghake, Madeline	RN License 1169602	Crestview, KY	Eff. 10/17/22
Hunter, Eyvette Renee	RN License 1159578;	Lexington, KY	Eff. 8/22/22
	LPN License 2041762		
Larkin, Kimberly	LPN License 2040155	Lawrenceburg, KY	Eff. 11/23/22
Messer, Nicole	RN License 1139281	Owensboro, KY	Eff. 12/19/22
Russelburg, Melissa Ann Gann	RN License 119329;	Franklin, KY	Eff. 10/7/22
	LPN License 2039291		
Smith, Karen	RN License 1110209	Louisville, KY	Eff. 9/9/22
Vanover, Jamie	LPN License 2045694	Corbin, KY	Eff. 8/30/22
Winchester, Jessica L.	RN License 1154683	Lexington, KY	Eff. 10/7/22
IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE			
Wells, Lily Susan	TN RN License 218013	Nashville, TN	Eff. 12/21/22
LICENSE/CREDENTIAL SUSPENDED			
Baker, Jennifer Renee	LPN License 2045885	Richmond, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Berns, Eric Robert	RN License 1163759	Grayson, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Burchfield, Tayler	RN License 1153538	Danville, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Cook, Melissa Lynn Watts	LPN License 2036408	Whitesburg, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Coomer, Shiana Starr	RN License 1162161	Calvert City, KY	Eff. 10/31/22
Doom, Jessica Lee	RN License 1146896	Calvert City, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Duncan, Jennifer Lynn	LPN License 2047558	Ghent, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Goble, Lisa Michele Arms	LPN License 2044565	Williamsport, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Hyman, Erica Renee	LPN License 2051075	Crestwood, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Ighile, Faith Omomen	APRN License 3015531	Stonecrest, GA	Eff. 8/23/22
Jordan, Sonya Vee Lindsey	LPN License 2024264	Shelbyville, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Lewis, Katerina Lynn Taylor	LPN License 2052936	Campton, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Maddox, Mary Helen	RN License 1137368	Fulton, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Mahan, Rebekah Leigh	LPN License 2050693	Covington, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
McKenzie, Stacey Marie Booker	RN License 1099078;	Sellersburg, IN	Eff. 8/23/22
	APRN License 3008904		
Means, Lisa Dawn	RN License 1090362	Owensboro, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Oliver, Nicole D. Evitts	LPN License 2049372	Central City, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Preece, Tiffany Ann Barnett	DT Credential 8001445	Winchester, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Settles, Georgia Lauren	RN License 1116802;	Louisville, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
	LPN License 2041114		
Smith, Joseph C.	LPN License 2022603	Newport, KY	Eff. 10/31/22
Thacker, Matthew	RN License 1120458	Ashland, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Thornberry, Kayla Marie	LPN License 2045922	Salyersville, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Watson, Aimee	RN License 1124398	Mackville, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
LICENSE/CREDENTIAL DENIED OR DENIED REINSTATEMENT			
Adkins, Kevin Aquilla	LPN License 2032020	Phelps, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Beach, Jessica Ann	LPN License 2042611	Verona, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Bemis, Linda C. Tucker	RN License 1053952	Frankfort, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Bellmer, Simone Marie	LPN Applicant by Examination	Lexington, KY	Eff. 12/12/22
Burrell, Erica Marie	LPN License 2045196	Falls of Rough, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Catt, Kelli Renee	RN License 1099905	Ashland, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Felton, Cyrida Elizabeth	RN Applicant by Endorsement	Dayton, OH	Eff. 12/14/22
Jones, Myqua Charena	LPN License 2049648	LaGrange, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Justice, Diane Marie	LPN License 2041640	Elkton, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
King, Kara Beth	RN License 1105998;	Ft. Mitchell, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
	LPN License 2036348		
McGinnis, Michele L. Sorrell	RN License 1074115	Lexington, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
McKee, Michelle D.	LPN License 2049105	Maysville, KY	Eff. 12/15/22
Moore, Melissa Ann Eason	LPN License 2041920	Bowling Green, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
Oden, Nicole Renee Kidwell	RN License 1133724	Lexington, KY	Eff. 8/23/22

Sullivan, Travis Cole	LPN License 2053110	Matewan, WV	Eff. 12/15/22
Vandergraff, Michael John	LPN License 2042870	Erlanger, KY	Eff. 8/23/22
Wilburn, Kibbey D.	LPN License 2050758	Grayson, KY	Eff. 10/20/22
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Bowlds, Allyson E. Straney	RN License 1110567; LPN License 2025990	Owensboro, KY	Eff. 11/2/22
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The Cadet Nurse Corps – One Answer to the Nursing Shortage.... 80 Years Ago

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The Cadet Nurse Corps will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2023 – but few nurses in the United States today would likely know much about the corps, if anything at all! In fact, few nurses would still be alive to acknowledge this point in the history of the nursing profession.

Well before World War II, there was a growing crisis in the nation's nursing workforce with considerable conversation among the government, the military, professional nursing organizations, hospitals, schools of nursing and others – yet little coordination was being done to act on the issue. Mind you, an impending world war was looming, and a sense of patriotism was being exhibited by many individual nurses who were enrolling with the Red Cross (the official recruiting agency for the Army Nurse Corps) and volunteering for military service.

The first official “inventory” of nurses in the United States was conducted in 1941 by the Nursing Council on National Defense, the Federal Subcommittee on Nursing, and the United States Public Health Service with the cooperation of state nursing associations. The inventory found that while there were fewer than 300,000 nurses in the U.S., with only a little over half of them practicing, there was unprecedented demand for nurses and the care they provide. The next few years saw continuing efforts in funding, recruitment and promotion for the nursing profession and nursing education, and finally on July 1, 1943, the first Nurse Training Act bill was signed into law, which established the Cadet Nurse Corps.

In a telegram to the nation's schools of nursing, which were largely owned by hospitals at that time, the U.S. Surgeon General provided a summary of the law:

“Both houses of Congress have approved funds to operate Bolton* Nurse Training Law. Students enrolled after December 1940, in training schools with accelerated course and other wise eligible to participate may become members of U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, receiving tuition, fees, uniform, fifteen dollars monthly for first nine months training, twenty dollars monthly for next fifteen to twenty-one months, if they agree to make their services available in nursing for duration of war. Also, schools will be paid for maintenance of student during first nine months of course. I hope for participation of all eligible schools and immediate intensive recruitment of large fall classes.”

*(*Frances Payne Bolton was the first female congresswoman from Ohio and a fervent supporter of nurses and the nursing profession, passing several bills in Congress to support nursing. Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing is named for her.)*

The task of recruiting and administering the uniformed Cadet Nurse Corps and the accompanying post-graduate education programs was the responsibility of the U.S. Public Health Service. While all schools of nursing were eligible to receive government



funds for this program, the National League for Nursing Standards for Nursing Education were adopted as requirements to be met and the schools had to be state accredited.

Edith Kurtz Matthews of Louisville is a 96-year-old retired nurse who recalls her early years as a nursing student in the Cadet Nurse Corps and her career as a licensed registered nurse that followed. World War II was in full swing and she felt the need to serve her country. Many of her male high school classmates had already left for military service, so she enrolled in February 1944 as a student at the Nazareth School of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, KY. Simultaneously she enlisted in the newly formed Cadet Nurse Corps as a student nurse. She said that along with her nursing classes, the students were in basic training taught by Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) personnel from the University of Kentucky.

What was the typical course of study for a student nurse in the Cadet Nurse Corps?

For the first nine months of training, Edith was a pre-Cadet. That period was devoted almost wholly to courses and study,

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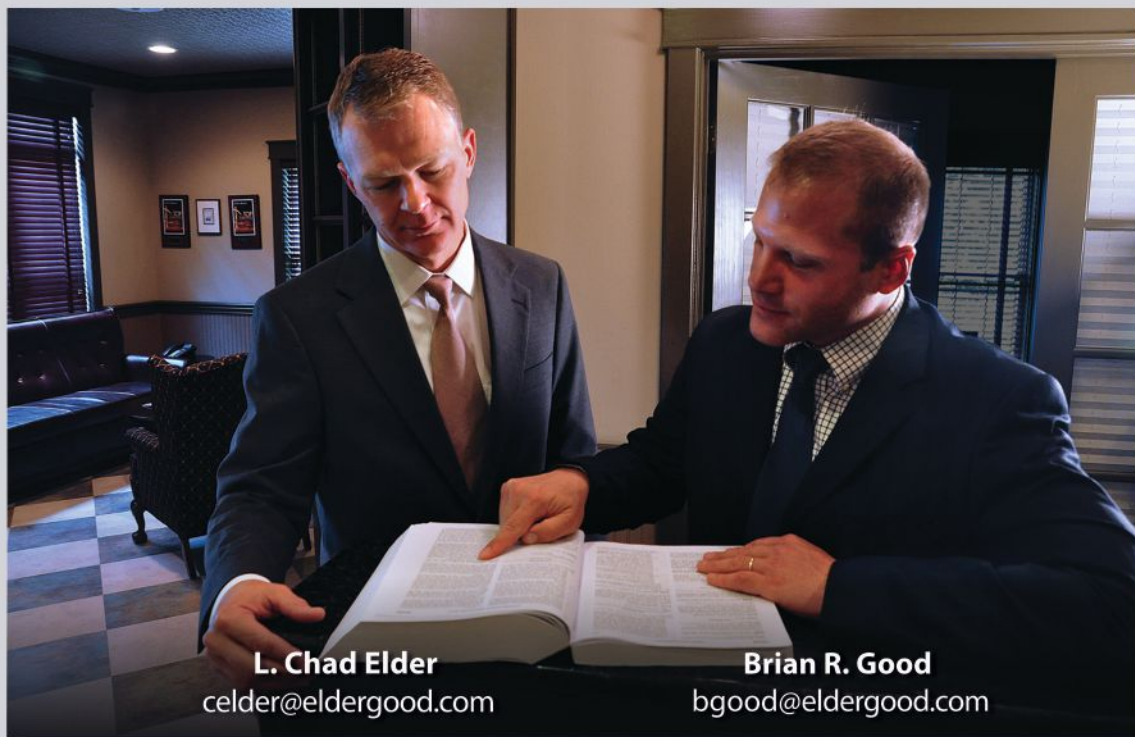
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with Corps regulations limiting clinical practice to no more than 24 hours a week. As a pre-Cadet, Edith attended classes 30 to 40 hours a week. Her clinical practice started at eight hours a week and increased to 18 hours. Her course of study was divided by the school into 6-month semesters. In the first semester, she studied anatomy and physiology, drugs and solutions, nursing arts, chemistry, personal hygiene, professional adjustments, history of nursing, and physical education.

At the start of her second semester, Edith received her winter dress uniform of a gray flannel skirt and jacket with a sleeve insignia showing a Maltese cross on a scarlet oval. The summer uniforms were of gray and white striped cotton with a gray hat and red band. Edith became a Junior Cadet in the middle of her second semester, adding microbiology, psychology, pathology, pharmacology, and foods and nutrition. Classwork was cut to 28 hours a week and her ward practice, part of it supervised, was increased.

In Edith's second year of training her subjects were sociology, diet therapy, first aid, medical nursing, surgical nursing, operating room technique, obstetrics, eye-ear-nose-throat, gynecology, urology, orthopedics, pediatrics, and communicable disease. Her responsibilities on the wards increased as she spent 14 to 16 hours a week in classes, and 32 to 34 hours a week in clinical service.

Edith became a Senior Cadet in the middle of her third year of training, which made her eligible for six months of clinical practice in either a Federal or non-Federal hospital. Third-year studies included neurology, psychiatry, professional adjustments,

public health nursing, ward management, and private and home nursing. To correlate class and ward experience, she studied actual cases. The rest of her school week, by far the largest part of her time, was spent in clinical practice caring for the increasing load of patients.

WWII ended in August 1945 and Edith did not finish her nursing training until January 1947. Her first position was as a "general duty" nurse at Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville, KY, where she remained until July 1948. She then moved to Louisville and worked at the old V.A. Hospital on Berry Boulevard while attending night classes at the University of Louisville

By 1951 the Korean War was underway, and nurses were again needed. Edith felt compelled to repay her obligation to the government for her nursing school training, so in April she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a First Lieutenant. She was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS working in a 500-bed barracks-type hospital with "miles of corridors, no insulation, hot and humid temperatures... but what a great learning experience." She also attended flight nursing school in Montgomery, AL, yet did not serve overseas. Having met her future husband while stationed in Mississippi, they returned to Louisville in 1953 and she began work at the "new" V.A. Hospital on Zorn Avenue, leaving there in 1962 to start a family.

At age 60, Edith returned to nursing for two years, maintaining her licensure until her mid-60s. After leaving active practice, she continued a life of service doing outreach visitation to nursing home patients and home-bound shut-ins, crediting her nursing background as invaluable.

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Personal interview with Edith Matthews.



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