

# COMMUNIQUÉ

NURSING EDUCATION NEWSLETTER - PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAMS  
FALL 2020



## OFFICE CLOSURE

We are protecting the public and our staff against the spread of COVID-19.

The North Carolina Board of Nursing office is closed to the public.

Staff are working remotely to continue normal business functions.

All meetings will be held virtually for the remainder of the year.

Mail deliveries, such as USPS, FedEx, and UPS are still being accepted.

The Education and Practice Department would like to personally thank all of the nursing education program directors.

We understand you have been faced with a number of challenges during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The commitment you continue to demonstrate as it relates to your programs is truly commendable. We look forward to continuing our work to ensure nursing education standards are met during such a difficult time.

Thank You!

## EDUCATION WAIVER EXTENSION - UPDATE

**The temporary waiver for nursing education programs has been extended to June 30, 2021.**

**CLICK HERE** to view temporary waiver information due to COVID-19.

*Each Program Director will be responsible for determining educationally sound modifications that are necessary, for identifying whether the program outcomes have been met, and for validating those students who meet the program outcomes and are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN.*

## COVID-19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RETIREMENTS

**Julie George, RN, MSN, FRE**  
Chief Executive Officer  
December 31, 2020  
25 Years of Service  
Served as CEO for the past  
12 years

**Joyce Roth, RN, MSN, NE-BC**  
Associate Executive Officer  
Education and Practice  
December 31, 2020

### NCLEX Quarterly Reports

The 3rd quarter pass rates for  
NCLEX RN and LPN are posted  
on our website.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

### Annual Report

The 2019-2020 Annual Report for  
pre-licensure nursing education  
programs is now available until  
11:59 pm on October 31, 2020.  
Detailed instructions for report  
completion were emailed on  
October 1st.

### Education and Practice Committee

November 4, 2020  
TOPIC: LPN Scope of Practice

### Education Program Director Orientation (EPDO)

October 20, 2020  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
New Program Directors with  
approval from NCBON  
Contact (919) 782-3211, ext. 238  
for registration information.

## CRYSTAL TILLMAN

### Named New CEO



### North Carolina Board of Nursing

Crystal Tillman, the current Director of the Education and Practice Department at the North Carolina Board of Nursing, has been selected by the Board to succeed Julie George who will retire this coming January.

Tillman, an advanced practice registered nurse with more than 37 years of nursing experience, including 10 years of service at the Board, has assumed the position of CEO elect working collaboratively with Julie George.

Tillman received advanced degrees from Duke University; Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). In addition, she holds certifications as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) and Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP-PC).

During her tenure at the Board, Tillman has served internationally as a consultant related to plans for improving nursing programs and NCLEX pass rates. She has also served on numerous committees at both the state and national level including; the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX Examinations Committee, NCSBN Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Program Approval Expert Panel Committee, Duke University School of Nursing Academic Program Advisory Board and the North Carolina Medical Society Medical Team Task Force.

In addition to clinical nursing, Tillman has also taught nursing at several colleges in North Carolina. She was the Program Chair of the BSN program at Cabarrus College of Health Science in Concord, North Carolina. Tillman, a native of Charlotte, was also an instructor of nursing at Queens University in Charlotte as well as a clinical faculty member at Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte.





# NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING 17TH ANNUAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

The 17th Annual Education Summit will be held on April 16, 2021 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Registration begins November 2020 and will be accessible via our website at [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com).

## **PRESENTERS**

### **Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, FAAN**

Director, Regulatory Innovations - NCSBN  
Delphi Study

### **Phil Dickinson, PhD, RN**

Chief Officer of Operations and Examinations - NCSBN  
The Next Generation NCLEX

### **Crystal Tillman, DNP, RN, CNP, FRE**

Director of Education and Practice - NCBON  
Clinical Judgment

Contact hours will be awarded.

The North Carolina Board of Nursing is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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## **FREE WEBINAR**

American Journal of Nursing is partnering with NCSBN to sponsor a **free** Webinar, providing CEs, on **October 15th, from 2-3, Central Time**, on how to plan and implement a practice/academic partnership. The panelists will include a faculty member, a practice partner and a student, all who have worked in a practice/academic partnership. They will provide advice and tips on how to plan and implement the partnership, from a very practice viewpoint. The link for registration is:

<https://info.lww.com/ajn-nursingstudentsCOVID.html>

# Education Consultant Assignments

Jennifer Lewis	Joyce Winstead	Terry Ward	Melanie Mabrey
BSN	BSN	BSN	BSN
Chamberlain University*	Campbell University*	Catawba College	Appalachian State University*
East Carolina University*	Gardner-Webb University*	Duke University*	Barton College*
Mars Hill University*	Pfeiffer University*	NC Central University*	Fayetteville State University*
Methodist University*	South College*	Queens University*	Lees-McRae College*
NC A&T State University*	UNC-Greensboro*	UNC-Chapel Hill*	Lenoir-Rhyne University*
South University*	UNC-Pembroke*	UNC-Wilmington*	Northeastern University*
St Andrews University	Winston-Salem State University*	Western Carolina University*	Watts College of Nursing*
UNC Charlotte*			Wingate University*
ADN	ADN	ADN	ADN
Brunswick Community College	Bladen Community College*	Alamance Community College	Central Carolina Community College
Cape Fear Community College*	Cabarrus College of Health Sciences*	Asheville-Buncombe Tech Community College	ECPI-Charlotte
Catawba Valley Community College*	Carolinas College of Health Sciences*	Beaufort County Community College	Edgecombe Community College*
Craven Community College*	Carteret Community College*	Blue Ridge Community College	Fayetteville Tech Community College*
Forsyth Tech Community College*	Central Piedmont Community College*	Caldwell CC and Tech Institute*	Halifax Community College
Gaston Community College*	Coastal Carolina Community College	College of The Albemarle*	Johnston Community College*
Lenoir Community College*	Davidson County Community College*	Durham Tech Community College*	Mitchell Community College*
McDowell Community College	Gardner-Webb University*	ECPI-Raleigh	Montgomery Community College
Randolph Community College	Guildford Tech Community College	Foothills Nursing Consortium	Piedmont Community College
Richmond Community College	James Sprunt Community College	Mayland Community College	Rockingham Community College
Sandhills Community College*	Nash Community College	Pitt Community College*	Southeastern Community College
South Piedmont Community College	Region A Nursing Consortium	Robeson Community College*	Stanly Community College*
Wayne Community College*	Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Sampson Community College*	Vance-Granville Community College
Wilkes Community College*	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College*	Southwestern Community College	Wake Tech Community College*
	Wilson Community College	Surry Community College	Western Piedmont Community College*

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Cape Fear Community College*	Coastal Carolina Community College	Caldwell Tech Community College	ECPI - Charlotte
Craven Community College*	Davidson County Community College	Cleveland Community College	Edgecombe Community College
Forsyth Tech Community College	ECPI - Greensboro	College of The Albemarle	Fayetteville Tech Community College
Gaston Community College	Guilford Tech Community College	Durham Tech Community College	Halifax Community College
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Wayne Community College	Wilson Community College	Surry Community College	
<b>BSN Programs</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>ADN Programs</b>	<b>59</b>		
<b>LPN Programs</b>	<b>39</b>		
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>128</b>		
<b>*Nationally Accredited</b>			
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## Professional Licensure Requirements: The Implication of the New U.S. Department of Education Regulation for Nursing Education FAQs

### **Q. What is this new U.S. Department of Education regulation related to professional licensure that went into effect July 1, 2020?**

**A.** 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 668.43(c). 668.43(a)(5)(v) requires the education institution to provide a list to the students of where the education institution has determined the curriculum meets licensure requirements, does not meet licensure requirements and where no determination has been made about licensure requirements. If the determination falls into the last two categories, 668.43(c) requires the institution to provide notice to that effect to the student within 14 calendar days of making such determination. This is a summary of the regulation, and it is strongly advised that nursing program administration click the link above and read the rule in total. The [“Need Assistance” link](#) at the bottom is helpful as well.

### **Q. What is the purpose for this new regulation?**

**A.** This regulation prevents students from studying to become an LPN/VN, RN or APRN, only to find out their curriculum doesn’t meet the licensure requirements in another state where they want to be licensed.

### **When will this new regulation go into effect?**

**A.** The regulation was released Nov. 1, 2019, and was implemented July 1, 2020. There was no delay in implementation, as some had speculated, because of COVID-19.

### **Q. What programs does this apply to?**

**A.** Any program that participates in Title IV HEA funding, if it is: (a) designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation; or is

advertised as meeting such requirements. Therefore, in nursing it applies to LPN/VN, RN and APRN programs.

### **Q. Does this only apply to online education or distance education programs?**

**A.** No, it applies to all programs, including face-to-face education, no matter what the instruction modality.

### **Q. Where can nurse educators get started for complying with this new regulation?**

**A.** Go to NCSBN’s website: [www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm](http://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm). We have provided a state-by-state list of licensure requirements.

### **Q. Can the board of nursing in another state write a letter determining my program meets that state’s licensure requirements?**

**A.** No, the determination must be made by the nursing education program. However, the webpage NCSBN has provided should be very helpful and should greatly decrease the time it would normally take to find these licensure requirements on each board of nursing’s website.

### **Q. Where can I go if I have questions about this new regulation?**

**A.** Your school’s compliance officer likely has information on this new regulation. You could also contact the [U.S. Department of Education](#). Boards of nursing do not have any additional information about these regulations, as this is a federal, not state, regulation and each education institution is responsible for their own compliance.