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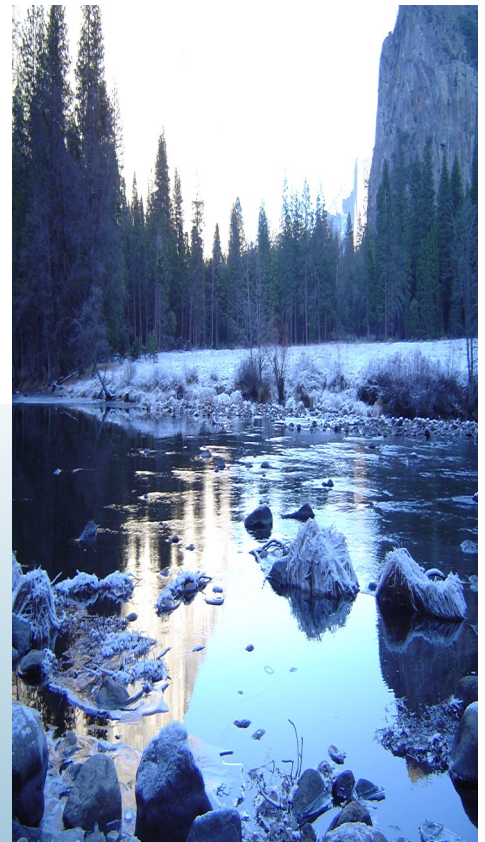
# Education Communiqué

Nursing Education Newsletter  
Pre-Licensure Programs



The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) remains closed to the public. Our staff continues to maintain normal business functions with operational hours of 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Updates related to COVID-19 guidance and temporary waivers are located on our website at [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com). COVID-19 vaccine administration information is also provided via our website. [Click here](#) to view resources for guidance during massive vaccine administration.

North Carolina continues to remain in a state of emergency due to the impact of COVID-19. Get the latest on the state's response to COVID-19 by texting COVIDNC to 898211 to receive regular alerts on the rapidly evolving situation.



## Education & Practice Committee

The following Education & Practice Committee charge presented to the Board at our January meeting was approved.



The Education and Practice Committee recommended that the Board charge the Committee to review best practices for nursing education program regulation, the related Law and Rules, and recommend any needed revisions to the NCBON Education Rules in 21 NCAC 36 .0300 - Approval of Nursing Programs to the Board.

***The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2021.***

***Did you know you can receive information regarding Next Generation NCLEX, Practice Partnerships, and National Regulatory Updates?***

[Subscribe here](#) to the NCSBN mailing list.

All meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice. Mail deliveries, such as USPS, FedEx, and UPS are still being accepted.

**2020 Performance Results  
NCLEX RN and LPN**

[View Results Here](#)

## **NCSBN NCLEX CANDIDATE REGISTRATION PROCESS**

The NCLEX registration process is provided to educators and students through this online resource. The video shows what candidates can expect before, during and after the exam. [Click here](#) to access the video.

# NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING

## 17th Annual Education Summit

*Virtual Event*

April 16, 2021

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$50

**Register  
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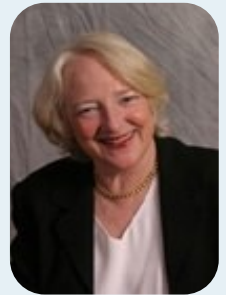
### *Presenters*

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

Director Regulatory Innovations - NCSBN

#### **Evidence-Based Nursing Education Program Approval Guidelines**

Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the Director of Regulatory Innovations at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Before coming to NCSBN, Dr. Spector was a faculty member at Loyola University's School of Nursing in Chicago, where she taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has worked on a number of initiatives while at NCSBN, including the regulatory implications of social media, innovations and trends in nursing education, the future of nursing program approval, regulatory issues in distance learning programs, outcomes and metrics of nursing education programs, and she was instrumental in developing the innovative Regulatory Scholars Program and the Safe Student Reports study of nursing student errors and near misses. Dr. Spector was the PI on a NCSBN's multisite transition to practice study, and she was a consultant on the National Simulation Study. Dr. Spector presents and publishes nationally and internationally on regulatory issues in nursing education.



**Jason Schwartz, MS**

Director, Test Development, Examinations - NCSBN

#### **The Next Generation NCLEX**

Jason A. Schwartz offers more than 20 years of experience in high-stakes testing and a reputation for innovation, leadership, and trust. Jason is the Director of Outreach at NCSBN where one of his primary roles is to share accurate and useful information with stakeholders regarding NCSBN examinations, services, and other offerings. Prior to joining NCSBN in 2019, Jason spent 10 years with Pearson VUE supporting the NCLEX and other NCSBN programs in various roles at the executive level. His background also includes 12 years developing educational assessments in the areas of mathematics and science, many successful presentations and publications, and a Toastmaster of the Year award. Away from the office, Jason has developed physics and astronomy programs for elementary school students and serves as the co-chair of the Society for American Baseball Research's Baseball Cards Committee. He holds degrees in mathematics from the University of Oregon and the University of California Berkeley and has completed advanced coursework in Finance at the University of Chicago.



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

Chief Executive Officer - NCBON

#### **Clinical Judgment**

Crystal L. Tillman, an advanced practice registered nurse with more than 37 years of nursing experience, is the CEO of the NCBON. Crystal 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, Crystal 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.



Contact hours will be awarded.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Board Updates

### Announcing New Board Members

Lora Bartlett - PN Educator

LaDonna Thomas - APRN

Kimberly McKnight - Staff Nurse

Dianne Layden - Public Member

[Click here](#) to access NCBON governance information.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Official notification for a change of the nursing program director shall be provided to NCBON by the institution administration. This notification shall include a curriculum vitae for the new director and shall be submitted no later than **10 business days** before the effective date of the change. Official notification should also include the effective date and contact information for the new program director. Please send notifications to [education@ncbon.com](mailto:education@ncbon.com).

### 21 NCAC 36 .0323 (f) (3) RECORDS AND REPORTS

(f) The nursing program shall file with the Board records, data, and reports in order to furnish information concerning operation of the program as prescribed in the rules in this Section, including:

(3) notification by institution administration of any change of the nursing program director. This notification shall include a curriculum vitae for the new director and shall be submitted no later than 10 business days before the effective date of the change.