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Education Communiqué

New at the NCBON

NCBON 9th Annual Education Summit

Don't forget the NCBON Education Summit

March 26, 2012

William and Ida Friday Center in Chapel Hill

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration fee: \$100

Register online at www.ncbon.com

Topics and Speakers

Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF (Keynote Speaker), Director of Nursing,
Collin College in McKinney, TX

Student Success: How to Predict and Facilitate Retention.

Kim Larson, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, East Carolina University

Team Based Learning

Elizabeth Van Horn, PhD, RN, CNE, Assistant Professor, UNC-Greensboro

Podcasting: How to Implement in a Nursing Program/Social

Networking Issues

Effective April 1, 2012: All students will be required to use Live Scan for criminal background checks (CBC). For now it will be available for NCLEX applicants only.

You will receive an email when the information related to Live Scan is posted on our website.

The CBC process is currently a cumbersome process that takes 4 - 6 weeks. Live Scan is digital fingerprinting and transmission of the impressions directly to the SBI for processing. Students will complete CBC forms and pay fees on NCBON website. They will then print, sign, and take forms to law enforcement for fingerprinting via Live Scan. Results of CBC by SBI to NCBON within 3 - 4 business days.

IMPORTANT!

NCLEX Exam Packets: Due to the change in the way we will be processing CBCs, the packets that were going to be mailed out this year will now be sent via email and website links that can then be forwarded to students.

Board Meeting Updates

Nancy Bruton-Maree is now the new Board Chair

Sara Griffith is the new Board Vice Chair

Three new Board members:

Jackie Ring - Administrator

Bobby Lowery - Educator

James Forte - Public Member



North Carolina is one of three states (NC, OH, IL) participating in the NCSBN Transition to Practice study. Phase I has been completed, involving RNs in acute care settings.

The Education & Practice Committee has been charged with two items regarding education.

Issue #1: An NCLEX-RN applicant who fails the NCLEX-RN examination is currently permitted to be licensed as a practical nurse in NC upon passing the NCLEX-PN examination with no specific preparation related to the LPN legal scope of practice.

The Education & Practice Committee has been charged with exploring the advisability of allowing an NCLEX-RN applicant who fails the NCLEX-RN examination to be licensed as a practical nurse in North Carolina upon passing the NCLEX-PN examination with no specific preparation related to the LPN legal scope of practice; and with bringing a recommendation regarding potential changes to 21NCAC 36.0211 (b)(3) - Licensure by Examination to the Full Board.

Issue #2: Currently in NC there is no time limit from the time of graduation to the first attempt to pass the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination. Additionally, an applicant can re-take the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination every 45 days for an unlimited number of times over an unlimited amount of time with no remediation of required.

The Education & Practice Committee has been charged with exploring the advisability of requiring validation of the ongoing clinical competence of NCLEX-PN and NCLEX-RN examination candidates over time, accompanied by mandatory clinical remediation as indicated; of requiring mandatory didactic remediation over time; and with bringing a recommendation regarding potential changes to 21NCAC 36.0213 Reexamination and/or to 21NCAC 36.0211 Licensure by Examination to the Full Board.

Next Board Meeting: May 18, 2012

The Education Communiqué will now be emailed soon after each Board Meeting. This will allow everyone to receive board meeting updates in a timely manner.

Social Media Guidelines for Nurses

NCSBN Social Media Guidelines for Nurses video

<https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>

NCSBN Social Media Guidelines for Nurses website

<https://www.ncsbn.org/2930.htm>

White Paper: Social Media Guidelines for Nurses

https://www.ncsbn.org/Social_Media.pdf

ANA Link

<http://nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/AboutANA/Social-Media/Social-Networking-Principles-Toolkit>



Documentation Required for Testing Accommodations:

- Candidates should request testing accommodations at the time of application for licensure.
- The accommodation must be approved before a candidate can schedule the NCLEX examination.
- Mental impairment includes any mental or psychological disorder, such as organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness and specific learning disabilities, which are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please note test anxiety and English as a second language is not protected under the ADA.
- Items required for an accommodation
 - Documentation from a qualified professional with expertise in the area of the diagnosed disability which must include:
 - Recognized diagnosis found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)
 - Identification of the specific standardized and professionally recognized test/assessments given (e.g., Woodcock-Johnson, Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale)
 - The scores resulting from testing interpretation of the scores and evaluations
 - Recommendations for testing accommodations with a stated rationale as to why the requested accommodation is necessary and appropriate for the diagnosed disability
 - Letter from candidate defining the disability and specific testing accommodations desired
 - Letter from Program Director defining what accommodations the candidate was given during the nursing education program



NCLEX National Pass Rates

For 2009-2011, the *three-year average* RN national pass rate is 87.9%;
95% standard for NC is 84%.

For 2009-2011, the *three-year average* PN national pass rate is 85.3%;
95% standard for NC is 81%.

The three year average pass rate is calculated by dividing the total number of 1st time test passers by the total number of 1st time test takers. (2009-2011)

For 2011, the *current year* pass rate is 87.89% for RN and 84.3% for PN.

NCBON Policy Revision

Twelve nursing education programs were positively impacted by the NCBON policy revisions regarding low NCLEX pass rates. (Ratified at the Board Meeting)

Provision	Program #
When the NCLEX pass rate is below the <i>3-year average</i> standard for the <i>first year</i> a written improvement plan for the next calendar year is required.	0-first year of revised policy
When the NCLEX pass rate is below the <i>3-year average</i> standard for <i>three consecutive years</i> , the program status is changed to a Public Warning and the program's improvement plan will be posted with the Public Warning.	1
When a program has demonstrated <i>significant progress</i> in meeting the NCLEX pass rate standard, it will be returned to or maintained on Full Approval Status. Significant progress is demonstrated by achievement of one of the following:	
A. A <i>3-year average</i> pass rate that is at or within 5% of the standard (that is, at 90% of national 3-year pass rate average). In 2011, 90% of the 3-year national average is 79% .	5
B. <i>Current year</i> pass rate that meets or exceeds 95% of the current year national pass rate. In 2011, 95% of the current year (88%) national pass rate is 84% .	5
2011 pass rate met or exceeded 3-year average standard and returned to Full Approval	1

NCLEX STATS:

Here are the NCLEX statistics from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Applications received to date: 6352

Total of candidates that have tested to date: 6048

Total number of candidates licensed to date: 5154

REMEMBER: the Education Communiqué is archived on the Education page of the NCBON.

Suggestions/Comments/Topics for future newsletters

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