



Education Communiqué

Greetings Program Directors

Thank you for your continued efforts to adhere to standards that lead to excellence in nursing education. The Education Department would like to share key items that can offer assistance to you in the role of program directors.

Please share pertinent information with your faculty members.

A special thanks to the program directors who recently attended the Education Program Director Orientation (EPDO). The program directors in attendance received pertinent information on laws and rules governing pre-licensure nursing education programs. The next EPDO will be offered virtually on February 26, 2025. All newly appointed program directors will receive a formal invitation and registration information.



**Click here to view
NCLEX Pass Rates**

NCLEX Candidate Reports

NCLEX candidate reports are distributed via email within six weeks of the candidate's examination date. Program directors are automatically copied on the email distribution. A detailed program performance report can also be provided upon request. The report includes first time and repeat test takers identifying pass or fail candidate status. Contact the Exam Department at examdept@ncbon.com for assistance.

NCLEX Pass Rates

The NCLEX pass rates are sent directly to program directors from NCSBN as an encrypted email message. This report will be sent on the 10th day of the month following each quarter.

Please ensure your IT department has whitelisted emails from:

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The NCBON will continue to post quarterly reports on our website. Contact education@ncbon.com or (919) 782-3211 with any questions.

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NCBON Nursing Education Program Types

The NCBON approves nursing education programs leading to initial Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse licensure. The NCBON maintains a list of currently approved nursing education programs by law on our website under [Approved Nursing Programs](#).

The type of programs approved by NCBON are defined in law and rules and are provided below.

21 NCAC 36.0120 defines “Program” as a means of study that prepares an individual to function as an entry-level practitioner of nursing. There are four types of programs defined in rule. The North Carolina (NC) legislature enacts authority for oversight of these programs to the Board of Nursing (NCBON). The types of programs are as follows:

- (a) **Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN)** – Curriculum components for the BSN provide for the attainment of knowledge and skill sets in the current practice in nursing, nursing theory, nursing research, community and public health, health care policy, health care delivery and finance, communications, therapeutic interventions, and current trends in health care. For this program type, the client is the individual, family, group, and community;
- (b) **Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)** – Curriculum components for the ADN provide for the attainment of knowledge and skill sets in the current practice in nursing, community concepts, health care delivery, communications, therapeutic interventions, and current trends in health care. For this program type, client is the individual, group of individuals, and family;
- (c) **Practical Nurse Diploma (PN)** – Curriculum components for the PN diploma prepare for providing direct nursing care under the supervision of a registered nurse or other health care provider as defined by the Nursing Practice Act. Curriculum components provide for the attainment of knowledge and skill sets in the current practice of practical nursing, communications, therapeutic interventions, including pharmacology, growth and development, and current trends in health care. For this program type client is the individual or group of individuals;
- (d) **Direct Master's Entry (DME)** – Curriculum components for a DME provide for the attainment of knowledge and skill sets in the current practice in nursing, nursing theory, nursing research, community and public health, health care policy, health care delivery and finance, communications, therapeutic interventions, and current trends in health care. For this program type, the client is the individual, family, group, and community. The DME will provide additional education for strengthened competencies in organizational and systems thinking, quality improvement and safety, care coordination, interprofessional communication, and team-based care and leadership for students with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree.

NCBON Event Calendar

Hearing Committee

October 30 – 31

Education & Practice Committee Meeting

November 7

Joint Subcommittee/Midwifery Joint Committee

November 19

Administrative Hearing

December 11

Office Closures

Veterans Day

November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28 – 29

Christmas Holiday

December 24 – December 26

New Year's Day Holiday

January 1

Programs interested in establishing a new pre-licensure nursing program should first discuss the intent with the assigned consultant. An Application to Establish a Nursing Program must be completed and submitted by the program director when the establishment of a new program is deemed appropriate.

NCBON Program Status – Initial Approval

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 36 .0302 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSING PROGRAM – INITIAL APPROVAL

- (o) The program shall be granted full approval status provided:
- (1) the Board finds that the program has complied with Section .0300 of this chapter while on initial approval status;
 - (2) an on-site survey is completed during the final term of curriculum implementation; and
 - (3) the program demonstrates an NCLEX® examination pass rate that meets or exceeds 90 percent of the national pass rate for licensure level on first writing of the licensure examination for calendar years ending December 31.

The NCBON will review approved nursing programs with full approval status every 10 years. Programs may be reviewed earlier than 10 years as deemed necessary in accordance with § 90-171.40 Ongoing approval.

The NCLEX® pass rates will be reviewed in January of each year. The program will remain on initial approval status until all the above-stated criteria are met.

Electronic Document Submission

Program Directors can submit documentation to the Education Department by clicking [here](#).



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Annual Report

In collaboration with NCBON, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing assist with administering the Annual Report for pre-licensure nursing education programs. All program directors can access pertinent information located in the Resources and Downloads section of the Program Director Portal. Consistent with 21 NCAC 36 .0323(e), the Annual Report was disseminated **October 1** and is due on **October 31**.



Department Spotlight

Congratulations Terry Ward, PhD, MSN, CNE, ANEF

Dr. Terry Ward, Education Consultant with the NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) was inducted into the NLN Academy of Nursing Education on September 20, 2024. The NLN Academy of Nursing Education fosters excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding individuals in and outside the profession who have contributed to nursing education in sustained and significant ways. Fellows in the NLN Academy of Nursing Education are individuals who have made enduring and substantial contributions to nursing education as teachers, mentors, scholars, public policy advocates, practice partners and administrators. The NCBON congratulates Dr. Ward on her esteemed accomplishment!



Pictured Dr. Beverly Malone, NLN President & CEO (left), Dr. Terry Ward, Fellow Inductee (center), and Dr. Patricia Sharpnack, NLN Chair (right)

REGISTER NOW

NCSBN NCLEX Regional Workshop

Hosted by the NCBON at no cost to registrants.

The goal of the workshop is to provide information to new educators who prepare students to take the NCLEX® examination.

WHEN: March 21, 2025

TIME: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Wake Technical Community College - Perry Health Sciences Campus

Lunch will be provided and seating is limited. CEs will not be offered.

[Register here](#) before it's too late!

Hurricane Helene Emergency Waivers

Effective October 3, 2024, NCBON implemented waivers in an effort to increase the workforce in Western North Carolina specifically addressing:

1. Emergency Temporary Reinstatement of Inactive and Retired RNs and LPNs
2. Emergency Temporary Reinstatement of Expired License
3. Emergency Licensure by Endorsement

The waivers will expire on December 31, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.



Save the Date

21st Annual Academic Progression Conference: Integrating Innovation: Advancing Nursing Practice Through AI and Academic Partnerships

February 7, 2025

**The NC AHEC Nurse Council and the NC Community College System
invite you to join us for a Full Day Live Webinar!**

This webinar features content experts who will teach us about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what it means for the nursing profession in both the academic and clinical settings.

The Keynote will be presented by Kay Lytle, DNP, RN, NI-BC, NEA-BC, CPHIMS, ACHIP, FHIMSS, FAMIA, Chief Nursing Information Officer of Duke University Health System.

This year's event is supported by the NC AHEC Nurse Council, the NC Community College System, Duke AHEC, and the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

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