



Education Communiqué

Greetings Program Directors

As the season of reflection unfolds, we take this opportunity to celebrate the dedication and leadership of nursing education program directors across the state. Just as winter invites us to pause and prepare for what lies ahead, your unwavering commitment to excellence continues to shape the future of nursing and inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The Education Department is here to support you throughout this season and beyond, providing timely updates, resources, and guidance to strengthen your programs. We encourage you to share this information with your faculty and reach out to us with any questions. Together, let's ensure a strong finish to the academic year and a bright start to the year ahead.

Education Program Director Orientation

Newly appointed program directors, as well as those seeking a refresher, can engage in real-time learning by completing the Education Program Director Orientation modules. These modules provide a comprehensive overview of the North Carolina Administrative Code, with a focus on identifying standards for nursing education programs. Upon completion, participants will earn 3.66 CE contact hours and gain valuable insights to enhance effectiveness in the program director role. To access the modules:

- ▶ Log in to your **Nurse Portal**.
- ▶ Hover over the **Applications** tab in the top menu.
- ▶ Select **Workshops**, then choose Education Program Director Orientation.
- ▶ Follow the on-screen prompts to begin.

Change in Program Director

In accordance with 21 NCAC 36 .0323(i), the program shall notify the NCBON of any changes in the program director role at least 10 business days prior to the change. Programs must report any changes that affects the program director's ability to fulfill their duties.

Examples include: Extended Absence (e.g., medical, sick, or educational leave), Retirement, Promotion, Termination, and Extended Vacation

Timely communication ensures continuity of leadership and supports overall program quality. If your program anticipates or experiences a change in the program director role, please notify us at education@ncbon.com.

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NCLEX Pass Rates

The NCLEX pass rates are sent directly to program directors from NCSBN as an encrypted email message on the 10th day of the month following each quarter. Please ensure your IT department has whitelisted emails from: pearsonvuebidistribution@pearson.com. NCBON will continue to post quarterly reports on our website. Contact education@ncbon.com or (919) 782-3211 with any questions.

NCLEX Standard – Single Year

All NCBON approved pre-licensure nursing education programs will be reviewed in 2025 pursuant to 21 NCAC 36 .0320(c), a program shall maintain 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. If you have questions, contact your assigned consultant.

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.

NCSBN NCLEX Examinations

NCSBN hosts a variety of resources to assist candidates prepare for the NCLEX exam. [Click here](#) to view the resources.

NCSBN – NCLEX Resources

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- ▶ [View resources on the Next Generation NCLEX.](#)

Test Plans and Passing Standards

- ▶ [View in-depth exam content and other areas.](#)

NCLEX Online

- ▶ [View information on NCSBN's efforts to develop an online experience.](#)

NCSBN Call for Abstracts

- ▶ The NCSBN invites educators, researchers, and assessment professionals to submit abstracts for presentations at the 2026 NCLEX Virtual Conference. [View abstract guidelines.](#)

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Board Update

North Carolina is the only state in the nation that elects the majority of nurses to its Board. Each year the Board conducts an election to fill open seats and here are the 2026 elected officers and new members.

2026 Board Leadership



**Dr. Racquel
Ingram, RN**
BSN/Higher Degree
Nurse Educator
Chair



**Dr. LaDonna
Thomas, RN**
APRN
Vice-Chair

Newly Elected Members



**Kelly
Dahl, RN**
PN Nurse Educator



**Christopher
Burr, RN**
RN At-Large



**Dachia
Thompson, LPN**
Licensed Practical Nurse

New term began January 2026

[Click here](#) for more information on NCBON Board governance

Applicants for Licensure in North Carolina and Pre-Licensure Nursing Education Programs

Program directors, please advise students on the following information.

On October 6, 2025, the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted [Session Law 2025-94](#). The NCBON is now required to verify the authenticity of an applicant's Social Security number. Applicants for licensure, must log into the Nurse Portal and upload a signed copy of their social security card. If you have additional questions about this new law, please use the [Contact Us](#) form located on the NCBON website.

REQUIRE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO VERIFY APPLICANTS' SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

SECTION 27. G.S. 93B-14 reads as rewritten:

"§ 93B-14. Information on applicants for licensure.

Every occupational licensing board shall require applicants for licensure to provide to the Board the applicant's social security ~~number~~ number, and the Board shall verify the authenticity of the applicant's social security number. This information shall be treated as confidential and may be released only as follows:

- (1) To the State Child Support Enforcement Program of the Department of Health and Human Services upon its request and for the purpose of enforcing a child support order.
- (2) To the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering the State's tax laws.
- (3) To the Social Security Administration for the purpose of verifying the authenticity of the applicant's social security number."

Regulatory Education - Legal Scope of Practice

The purpose of this course is to provide information and clarification about the legal scope of practice for nurses in North Carolina. It offers a foundational understanding of nursing regulation and outlines the parameters of practice for all levels of nursing personnel. The course also contrasts the scopes of practice for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses, and includes examples of actions that constitute "exceeding" one's scope.

Nursing programs that wish to share the video and handouts from this course with their students should email practice@ncbon.com. Please note that nursing students are not eligible to receive contact hours for this offering.



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