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New at the NCBON

Updates

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) will no longer accept paper applications for renewal or reinstatement of RN and LPN licenses.
- The NCBON will no longer issue licenses to nurses who cannot attest to meeting the continuing competence requirements at the time of license renewal or to those who do not submit evidence of meeting the requirements when audited. If licensees fail to meet continuing competence requirements by the end of their renewal month, their license will be automatically placed on IN-ACTIVE status at midnight on the final day of the month. Immediately upon license inactivation, the nurse is no longer licensed and may not practice under any circumstances.

In the latest Nursing Bulletin (Summer Edition) p. 12-13 are the amended rules regarding accreditation and faculty. Please review the changes.

Coming up:

Board Meeting - September 15-16

Agenda will be on our website on September 12

Alert!

NA II Listing

The NAII application and verification are going electronic soon! More information to follow.

Focus Groups

Thank you to everyone participating in one of the three focus groups across North Carolina. The feedback received from the programs will be very helpful in planning for the future of the Education Department. The information will be sent to all program directors once it is reviewed.

Thank you again for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate and share your expertise.

Going to the Rules for Answers

21 NCAC 36 .0320 STUDENTS

(c) The number of students enrolled in nursing course shall not exceed the maximum number approved by the Board as define in 21 NCAC 36 .0302(f) and 21 NCAC 36 .0321(k) by more than 10 students.

This rule was created so program directors have the ability to add up to 10 additional students during a semester without asking for a program expansion. The number 10 was selected because this is the maximum number for a clinical group. It applies to each semester, and is in addition to the Board approved number. This allows the program directors flexibility each semester. Program directors do not need to contact the Education Consultant if you are using part or all of the extra 10 slots. If you find you are using all 10 of the extra slots each semester, then a program expansion request will be necessary. The program expansion form is located on the NCBON website at: www.ncbon.com > Publications/Forms > Education Forms > Nursing Program Application for Expansion. If you would like a copy in Word, please contact Linda Blain at lindab@ncbon.com.

For example: If a program has been approved for a maximum of 150 students, then 160 students could be accepted if needed for a particular semester. This does not mean your permanent total approved number is now 160, it will still remain at 150, unless you complete a program expansion form for a permanent number change.

Remember from:

21 NCAC 36 .032 CURRICULUM

(k) Requests for approval of changes in, or expansion of, the program accompanied by all required documentation shall be submitted on the form provided by the Board at least 30 days prior to implementation for approval by the Board. Criteria for approval include the availability of classrooms, laboratories, clinical placements, equipment and supplies and faculty sufficient to implement the curriculum to an increased number of students. Approval is required: for any increase in enrollment that exceeds, by more than 10 students, the maximum number approved by the Board. Requests for expansion are considered only for programs with Full Approval status that demonstrate at least a three-year average student retention rate equal to or higher than the state average retention rate for program type.

Teaching and Learning Requirement (21 NCAC 36.0318 Faculty—(e) (3)

The teaching and learning requirement does not re-start with new employment setting.

Every individual employed as nurse faculty in a pre-licensure program anywhere in NC on July 1, 2006 had to meet faculty teaching learning requirements by December 31, 2010.

This requirement must be met before the faculty can be approved either in the original setting or in another program.

Submitting NCBON Education Forms

IMPORTANT! NEW FORMS!

The *Faculty Vitae* and the *Notification of New Clinical Resources* forms have both been updated. Please be sure to use the ones dated 0811 at the bottom of the forms. We no longer have the ability to post the WORD versions on our website. The forms will be emailed to you or they can be requested from Linda Blain at lindab@ncbon.com.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Having a MSN Meets the Teaching/Learning Requirement

Answer: That depends!

If the faculty member has a MSN and it's not in Education, he/she needs to have had nine semester hours of course work in education during the Masters program to meet the requirement.

For example: a Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist more than likely will not have had this component and they will need to meet it in one of the following ways:

- (A) completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education courses;
- (B) completion of a certificate program in nursing education;
- (C) nine semester hours of education course work;
- (D) national certification in nursing education; or
- (E) documentation of successful completion of structured, individualized development activities of at least 45 contact hours approved by the Board. Criteria for approval include content in the faculty role within the curriculum implementation, objectives to be met and evaluated, review of strategies for identified student population and expectations of student and faculty performance;

For more information see 21NCAC 36.0318 Faculty which can be found by going to our website at www.ncbon.com, in the left hand column hover over Law and Rules and follow the boxes > Law and Rules > Administrative Code (Rules).

FACULTY PRACTICING WITH A COMPACT LICENSE

Remember the following:

RN/LVN/LPN NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT MODEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2 (c) A nurse changing primary state of residence, from one party state to another party state, may continue to practice under the former home state license and multi-state licensure privilege during the processing of the nurse's licensure application in the new home state for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. (Statutory basis: Articles 48, 4C, and 4D[1])

KEEPING FACULTY VITAE INFORMATION CURRENT

Please notify us of any name changes or change in status (PT to FT, etc.) at the time of the change.

It is very important for our record keeping that the name listed on the faculty vitae form is the name that appears on the faculty member's RN license.

In the case of hyphenated last names, be sure the license includes the hyphen before submitting forms using it.

Who Do I Contact?

Name	Email	Phone	Responsibilities
Crystal Harris Education Consultant	charris@ncbon.com	919.782.3211 X 263	General questions regarding programs, rules, survey visits or Board meetings.
Linda Blain Education Coordinator	lindab@ncbon.com	919.782.3211 X 238	General questions regarding faculty vitae, passwords/codes, conferences, refresher courses.
Candice Moore NCLEX Coordinator	candicem@ncbon.com	919.782.3211 X 270	General questions regarding the NCLEX process, ATT numbers, applications.
Dina Persons	cpersons@ncbon.com	919.782.3211 X 239	Support for the NCLEX department.
Exam Department	examdept@ncbon.com	919.782.3211 X 375	Answers various calls for NCLEX applicants.

Dedicated Voice Mail for Examination Candidates

There is now a dedicated voicemail for Examination applicants. The messages will be returned within three business days. Please encourage all applicants to leave only **one** message. Multiple messages will not hasten a return call to the applicant.

This is the most effective communication for issues beyond Exam Status Check online at:

<https://www.ncbon.com/ExamStatus/bon001.aspx>

Crystal's Corner:

The best way to reach me is via email. If I am traveling I will be checking my mobile device periodically. Certainly email is only good for easy, quick questions and has its limitations. Many times a phone conversation is needed to resolve the issue/question. If you need to contact me, please email and state you need me to call you at this number xxx-xxx-xxxx. Also, please don't hesitate to call Linda Blain, many questions she may be able to answer or she will be able to track me down if I am traveling. I also welcome any suggestions/feedback for improvement of the education department.

In the event that I cannot be reached, you can contact Joyce Roth at joycer@ncbon.com or Linda Burhans at lburhans@ncbon.com.

Linda's Corner:

I'm hoping that everyone's semester has gotten off to a good start. Remember: Contact me with ANY questions you have and I will be sure you get an answer!

Candice's Corner:

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

Applications received to date: 4671

Total of candidates that have tested to date: 4451

Total number of candidates licensed to date: 3,881

Suggestions/Comments/Topics for future newsletters

Send to charris@ncbon.com