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Education Communiqué

New at the NCBON

NCBON 8th Annual Education Summit

Don't forget the NCBON Education Summit on April 4, 2011 at the William and Ida Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

Register online at www.ncbon.com

Topics and Speakers

Cynthia Clark, RN, PhD, ANEF, Professor of Nursing at Boise State University presenting *Fostering Civility in Nursing Education*.

Patricia Spurr, RN, MSN, EdD, Education Consultant at the KY Board of Nursing presenting *Academic Dishonesty in Nursing Education*.

Barbara Turner, RN, DNSc, FAAN, Professor, Chair, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at Duke University presenting *Innovative Use of Technology in Nursing Education*.

NCBON Takes a Position on the Use of

External Examinations in Nursing Education Programs

NCBON does NOT support the use of any external examination that is used as a gatekeeper for progression or graduation. Schools can include performance on an external exam as part of a final course grade; however, the score should not count as an all-or-none scale for meeting or failing to meet a specific predetermined criterion. If an external exam is utilized in grading, the external exam should count no more than 10% of the grade and the assignment of points is on a sliding scale based on performance on the examination.

Continuing Competence

Effective July 1, 2011, ALL continuing competency requirements must be met before nursing license will be renewed or reinstated. This includes receipt of documentation of completion of continuing competency requirements for those selected for random audit. Individuals are notified with renewal reminder that they have been selected for audit. Failure to receive reminder does not alter the requirements. **License will NOT be renewed and you will not be allowed to practice as a licensed nurse until completed.**

NCLEX[®] Updates

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.

NCBON Exam Department
PO Box 2506
Raleigh, NC 27602
919.782.3211 X 375

This is the most effective communication for issues beyond Exam Status Check online at: <https://www.ncbon.com/ExamStatus/bon001.aspx>

NCLEX[®] Materials

The mail out of 2011 NCLEX[®] materials has been completed. If you have any issues, contact Linda Blain at:

919.783.3211 X 238 or
lindab@ncbon.com

CBC Cards Change

There is a change in instruction sheet for the CBC Cards. They are **not** to be prefilled prior to going to be fingerprinted. The agency will fill in the information at the time of fingerprinting.

NC License by Examination Application Going Paperless, Another Step Closer!

We are excited to announce that we are in the final testing stage for the NCBON to have the capability of E-check (electronic check) available for all applications! This was the final barrier to moving paperless. There will no longer be an opportunity for paper applications. Paper applications had to be hand entered and resulted in slowing the application process. Programs will receive email notification once the process is available.

PLEASE HELP US: Send a list of outside vendors that are currently paying for licensure by examination applications to bknopp@ncbon.com to obtain authorization to use e-checks.



A Rise in the Passing Standard for the NCLEX-PN[®] Examination

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) voted on Dec. 8, 2010, to raise the passing standard for the NCLEX-PN[®] Examination. The passing standard is -0.27 logits on the NCLEX-PN[®] logistic scale. The new passing standard will take effect on April 1, 2011, in conjunction with the 2011 NCLEX-PN[®] Test Plan. The test plan is available at www.ncsbn.org/1287.htm



Proposed Rule Change

At the last Board Meeting in January, a rule change was proposed. Please visit our website for details: www.ncbon.com. In the left hand column, hover over Law and Rules and follow the box over to Law and Rules and again to Proposed Rule Changes.

Maintaining the current requirement for national accreditation by 2015 would result in decreasing the enrollment figures dramatically in a time of pending shortage of nurses. NCBON wants to support qualified nursing faculty to remain in their current roles as educators. NCBON supports the diversity in educational backgrounds for the nursing education programs in NC. NCBON values accreditation and expects all nursing programs to continue to move forward with the national accreditation process in the future.

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.



Faculty Vitae Currency on Annual Report

We will change the requirements for reporting for the 2011 annual report to reflect a point-in-time count. The annual report needs to reflect all faculty employed as of October 1st each year. The only exception is the part-time faculty member who teaches on an ongoing basis but not in the Fall semester.

Faculty Vitae forms are purged based on the current annual report listing. Therefore if someone leaves and returns at a later date, a new faculty vitae form will need to be submitted.

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 they can be approved either in the original setting or in another program.

Suggestions/Comments/Topics for future newsletters

Send to bknopp@ncbon.com