

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Updates

Summary:

The following information from the NCSBN website highlights new programs of NCSBN. This is provided for your information.

In addition, this item will provide Board members and staff an opportunity to update the Board regarding activities of the NCSBN committees on which they serve.

2010 NCLEX Pass Rates

NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN testing volume and pass rate data are updated quarterly in mid-January, April, July and October of each year. Below is the summary of NCLEX pass rates from January to December 2010:

- NCLEX-RN pass rate for first-time, U.S.-educated candidates was 87.41%.
- NCLEX-RN pass rate for all candidates was 74.18%.
- NCLEX-PN pass rate for first-time, U.S.-educated candidates was 87.05%
- NCLEX-PN pass rate for all candidates was 78.08%.

Detailed NCLEX pass rate and volume data since 1983 can be found at www.ncsbn.org/1237.htm. In addition to domestic candidate volume, NCSBN also updates testing volume for the top five countries where first-time, international candidates were educated. Data from 2006 to 2010 are available at www.ncsbn.org/534.htm.

NCSBN's Outreach Campaign

As part of its new outreach campaign, NCSBN has created three free brochures that explain the role of boards of nursing (BONs) in safeguarding the

- ***What You Need to Know About Nursing Licensure and Boards of Nursing***. It describes why nurses are required to be licensed; how BONs protect the public by evaluating, issuing and renewing nurse licenses; and how BONs implement their jurisdiction's nurse practice act (NPA).
- ***Your State Board of Nursing Works for You: A Health Care Consumer's Guide*** explains how consumers can file a complaint with a BON, cites examples of what constitutes incompetent, negligent or unsafe behavior, and what consumers can expect when a complaint is being investigated. This brochure also defines various nursing roles and responsibilities in an effort to help consumers understand who is providing care and in what capacity they should be doing so.
- ***State and Territorial Boards of Nursing: What Every Nurse Needs to Know*** offers nurses an explanation of what BONs do for the profession and those who work in it. It specifically addresses the investigation process against violations of a state's NPA; the process for filing a complaint against a nurse who has exhibited unsafe, negligent or incompetent behavior; and what a nurse can expect while a complaint is being investigated.

Electronic and hard copies are available, free of charge. Contact communications@ncsbn.org for more information.

NCSBN Spearheads New National Campaign About Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Regulation

NCSBN has developed a campaign to promote adoption of the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education*, which establishes national standards for uniform regulation of APRNs.

The Model reflects consensus among regulators, nurse educators, APRN certifiers, national nursing program accreditors and representatives of many APRN professional organizations. “The model provides a framework for jurisdictions to implement and oversee the standardized licensure, accreditation, certification and education of APRNs.”

The consensus model recognized the diverse requirements across states that made mobility challenging for APRNs and created barriers to licensure and practice. “The result is confusion for the public, as well as for other health care professionals.”

For more information about the APRN Consensus Model visit NCSBN’s website at www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm.

To view a video on the Consensus Model, see: <https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm>

Recommendation:

No action required.