

Report on Communication Activities by the Texas Board of Nursing Consultants for Education

SUMMARY:

This report describes participation of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) education consultants in activities to promote communication and share information with the Texas nursing programs.

NCLEX Regional Workshop

On November 8 and 9, 2012, a NCLEX Regional Workshop for Educators was held at the J.J. Pickle Research Center in Austin, Texas. Two one (1) day workshops were offered to faculty, deans and directors of Texas Professional and Vocational Nursing Education Programs. The agenda for each workshop included explanation of the NCSBN Practice Analysis process and how the results are applied to updating the NCLEX test plans; explanation of the steps of the NCLEX item development process; and illustration of the basic principles of Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT). The afternoon portion of the day long workshop was devoted to item writing, including discussion of the NCLEX alternate item formats. Participants had the opportunity to work in small groups, formulating test questions using alternate formats and principles of item writing. Each day the workshop concluded with an explanation of the various NCLEX reports available to nursing education programs and a discussion of how these can be used for program and student development.

The Austin workshop was well attended, with over 100 faculty and program deans, directors, and/or coordinators, of professional and vocational nursing education programs throughout the state participating over the two days.. The three (3) NCSBN workshop presenters, Katherine Carlson, MSN, MHA, RN, Lattice Johnson, MSN, RN, and Melissa Franke, Administrative Manager, were enthusiastically received by the participants.

The workshop evaluations, informal and anecdotal, were extremely positive. Attendees came away from the day long workshop with a greater understanding of the NCLEX process and how best to incorporate the test plan in student testing. Many attendees thanked the Nursing Consultants for Education for bringing this opportunity to Texas nursing educators.

Informal Informational Session:

An informational session for individuals interested in starting a nursing program in Texas will be held on January 29, 2013 in room 225 of the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas. The informal session is the first step in the process for individuals interested in starting a nursing education program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

These are information reports. No action is recommended.