

**Summary of Request:**

This is an informational report on the Texas Board of Nursing 2013 Tour of Texas to 21 sites to speak to schools of Nursing staff, faculty, directors, their clinical affiliates and other interested parties regarding the mandatory implementation of criminal background checks for student prior to enrolling into a school of nursing.

**Historical Perspective:**

Staff have conducted three “Tour of Texas” speaking engagements to inform deans, directors, staff, clinical partners and other interested parties about criminal background checks on students prior to entering a school of nursing. With the passage of senate bill 1058, this process became mandatory.

Twenty-one sessions were conducted in Dallas (2), Houston (2), El Paso, Midland, San Antonio, Texarkana, Galveston, Beaumont, Tyler, Abilene, Amarillo, Waco, Harlingen, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Longview and Austin. Over 650 attendees registered with many more who came to observe. The estimated cost of the Third Tour of Texas was approximately \$5,500.

Attached is the feedback from a survey that staff sent to the registered attendees. Approximately 45% of the registered attendees responded to the survey.

**Pros:** Texas schools of nursing had the opportunity to bring staff, faculty and clinical partners to hear the most current information on the new and accepted student criminal background check process which became mandatory on September 1, 2013.

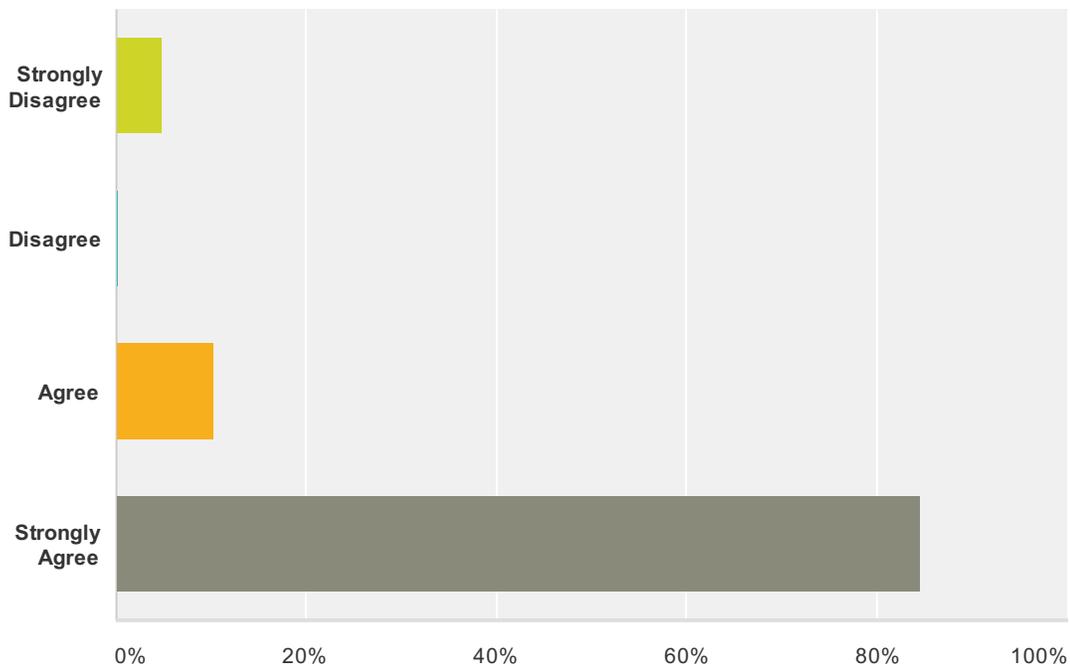
**Cons:** None

**Staff Recommendation:**

Board Action: No action is necessary.

**Q1 The speaker's organization, knowledge of topic, and style of presentation of the material presented at this workshop was effective.**

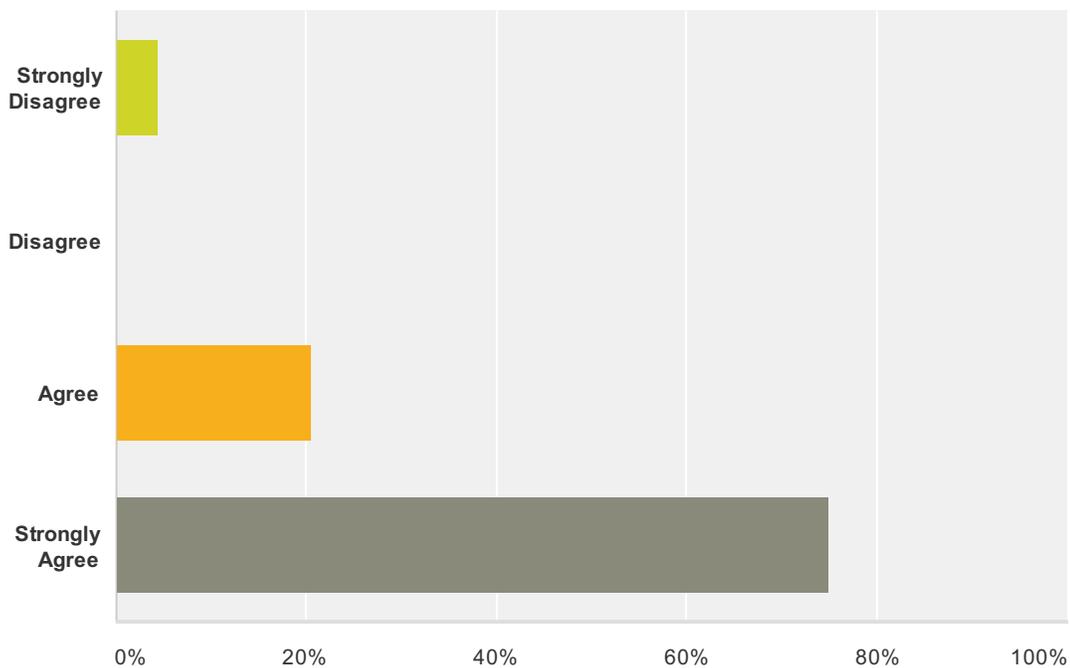
Answered: 291 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	4.81% 14
Disagree	0.34% 1
Agree	10.31% 30
Strongly Agree	84.54% 246
<b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>

**Q2 The program helped you to understand the new/accepted student criminal background check process.**

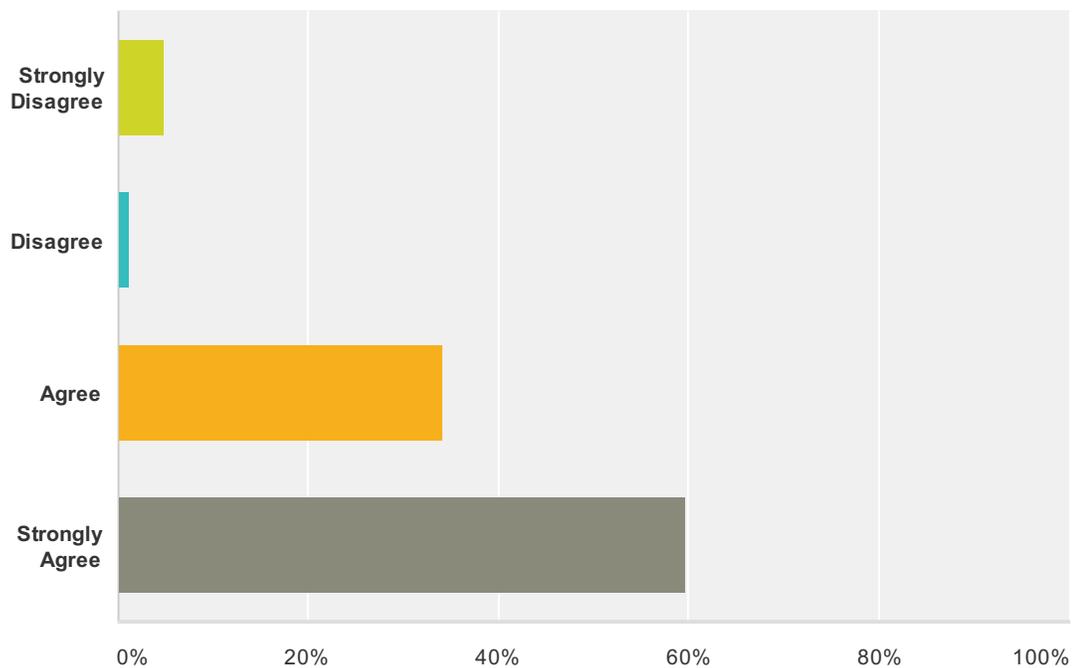
Answered: 291 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Disagree	4.47%	13
Disagree	0%	0
Agree	20.62%	60
Strongly Agree	74.91%	218
<b>Total</b>		<b>291</b>

### Q3 This program helped you to understand the process for implementing the Online Affidavit of Graduation.

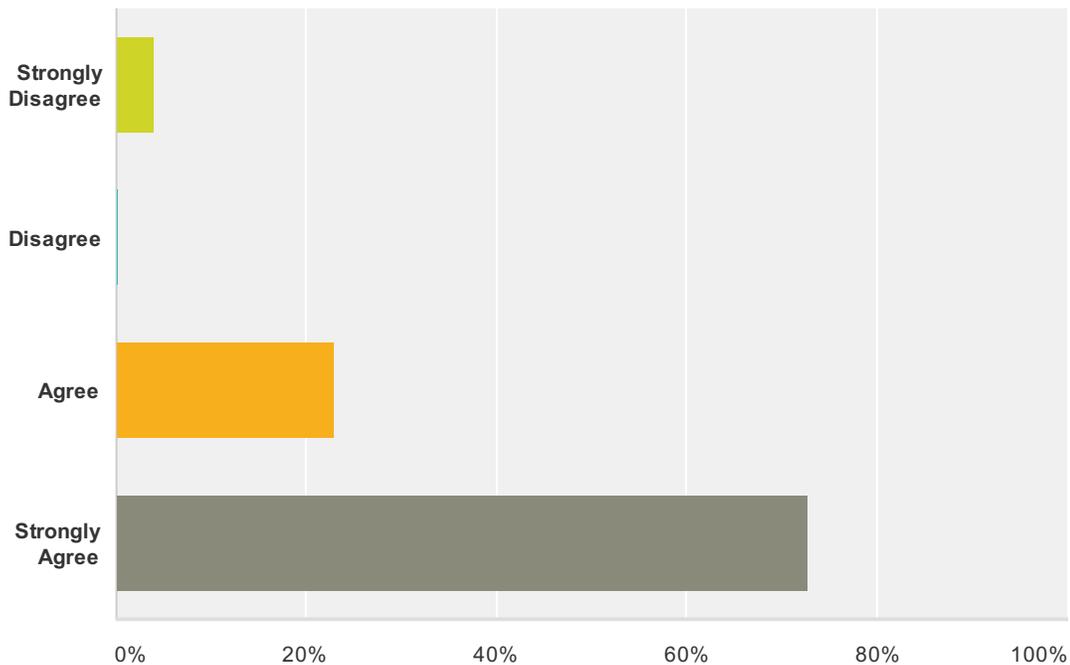
Answered: 290 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	4.83% 14
Disagree	1.38% 4
Agree	34.14% 99
Strongly Agree	59.66% 173
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>

### Q4 The handouts conveyed course content.

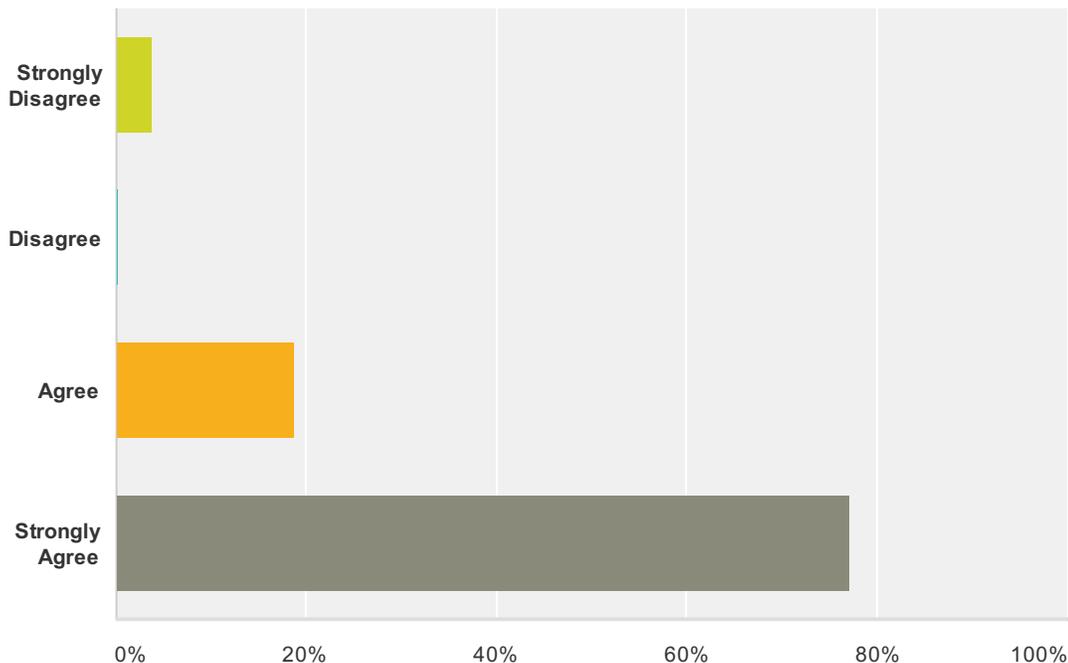
Answered: 289 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	4.15% 12
Disagree	0.35% 1
Agree	22.84% 66
Strongly Agree	72.66% 210
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>

**Q5 The objectives were relevant to the overall purpose/goal of the meeting.**

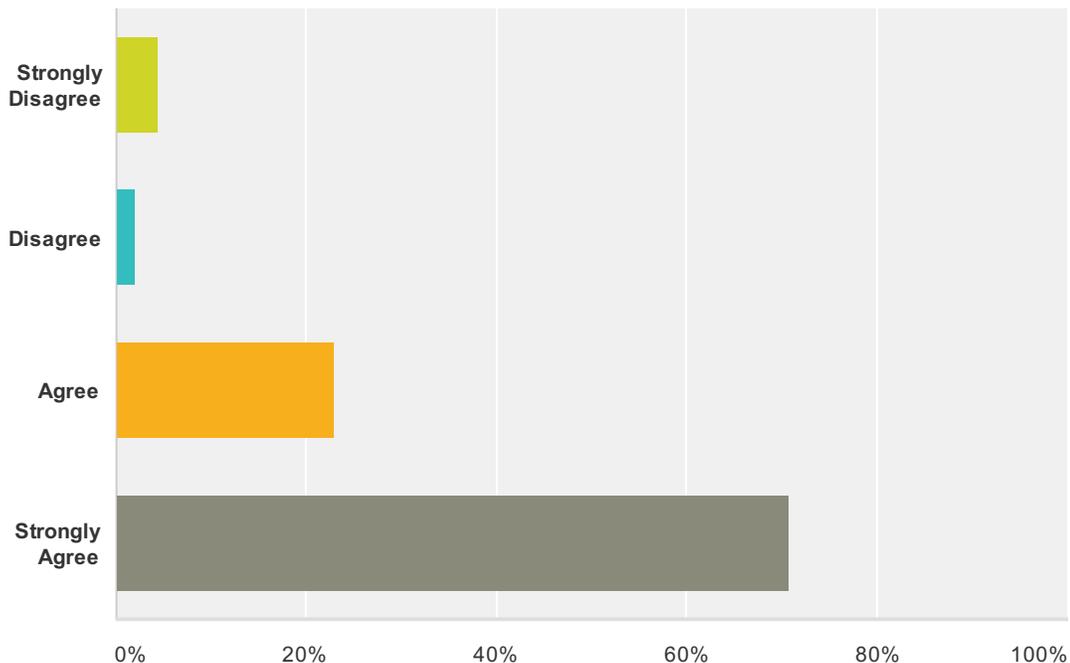
Answered: 284 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.87% 11
Disagree	0.35% 1
Agree	18.66% 53
Strongly Agree	77.11% 219
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>

### Q6 The physical facilities were conducive to learning.

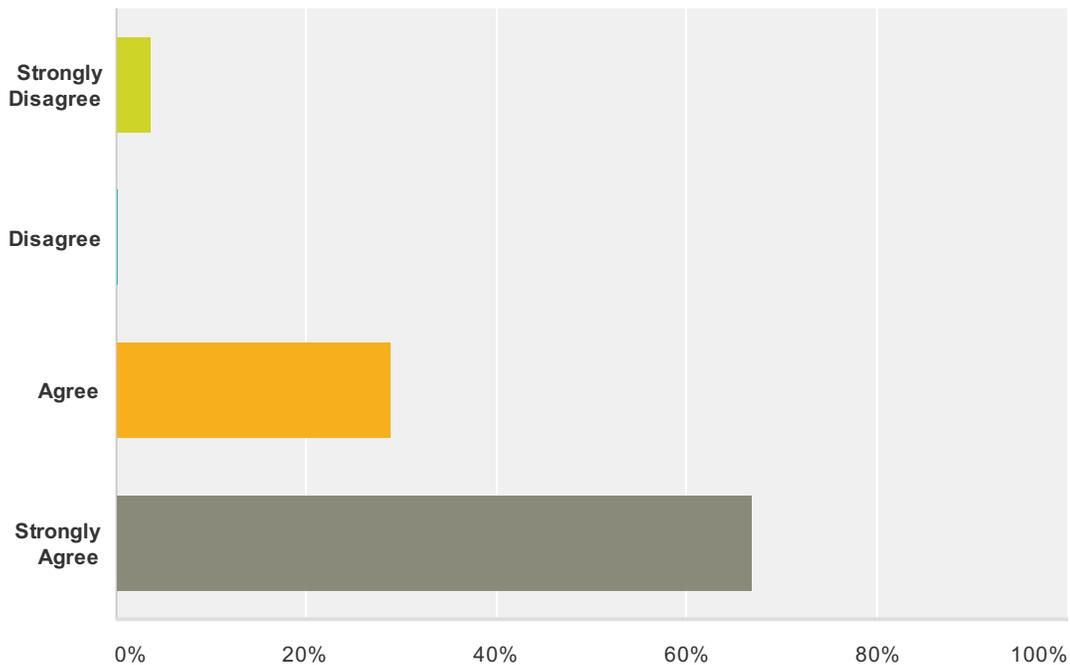
Answered: 289 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	4.50% 13
Disagree	2.08% 6
Agree	22.84% 66
Strongly Agree	70.59% 204
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>

### Q7 The workshop fulfilled my personal objectives.

Answered: 290 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.79% 11
Disagree	0.34% 1
Agree	28.97% 84
Strongly Agree	66.90% 194
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>

**Q8 What suggestions do you have that would assist your school of nursing with student criminal background checks and the examination process?**

Answered: 89 Skipped: 203

#	Responses	Date
1	None at this time	12/18/2013 7:45 AM
2	A clearer explanation of the 3 types of reports: Closed CBC, DO Requested, DO Complete	12/16/2013 8:17 AM
3	on-line tutorial	12/13/2013 4:12 PM
4	A sample or template that can be edited for each school's use.	12/13/2013 3:54 PM
5	N/A	12/13/2013 12:04 PM
6	It is not the BON process, but the additional requirements of the clinical agencies that require our school to conduct two checks.	12/13/2013 11:37 AM
7	VERY helpful, please come back again next year.	12/10/2013 2:29 PM
8	None. Info on CBC and preentrance is on our website.	12/10/2013 8:17 AM
9	none—we have already been doing this but always appreciate hearing from Mark about the process and how we can facilitate this better.	12/9/2013 1:14 PM
10	Please keep us informed of any changes that are needed.	12/9/2013 12:23 PM
11	Let them know up front	12/4/2013 8:08 AM
12	Thanks for doing this.	12/3/2013 9:10 AM
13	None	12/2/2013 4:54 PM
14	An instruction sheet to hand out to faculty and prospective students that bullets and summarizes the process	12/2/2013 1:08 PM
15	N/A	12/2/2013 12:45 PM
16	No	11/25/2013 10:38 AM
17	nothing I can think of	11/25/2013 9:35 AM
18	None at this time.	11/22/2013 6:07 PM
19	None	11/22/2013 1:35 PM
20	Can't think of anything right now.	11/22/2013 8:47 AM
21	none at present	11/22/2013 7:19 AM
22	We plan to require a clear background prior to registration in order to eliminate losing students shortly after registration due to needing DO completed and cleared prior to clinicals.	11/21/2013 5:35 PM
23	A simple handout we could give students	11/21/2013 5:18 PM
24	I think for students making the website clearer. If students have filed a DO they have to file a paper application to sit for the exam. It still asks for fingerprints which is generally not necessary.	11/21/2013 2:09 PM
25	n/a	11/21/2013 2:06 PM
26	Quicker turn around time and better communication about where students are in the process. But some of that will come as we become more comfortable with the process.	11/21/2013 1:56 PM
27	unknown	11/21/2013 1:43 PM
28	We have used the BON process for a few semesters - love it!	11/21/2013 1:06 PM

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29	Flow chart.....	11/21/2013 12:50 PM
30	A more detailed timeline of the rocess. Also, it would be helpful for the website to more straightforward with information for prospective students.	11/21/2013 12:22 PM
31	As for as the NCLEX exam process, I appreciate the on-line speed of the AOG. Our clinical sites are waiting to hire the GN until they have taken their boards. With the quick turn around of AOG & scheduling test, this only helps our sites hire our GN's..If the criminal background check list from Rosemary came maybe 2 times/month or atleast monthly, that would help us tremendously. DO paperwork could be little more user friendly. The cost \$39 isn't there and has that changed?	11/21/2013 12:04 PM
32	none	11/21/2013 11:57 AM
33	None.	11/21/2013 10:24 AM
34	We have been doing this already and the process is working well. No suggestions	11/21/2013 9:42 AM
35	None	11/21/2013 8:58 AM
36	None at this time. Thank you.	11/21/2013 8:30 AM
37	None	11/14/2013 10:38 AM
38	Make an online version of presentation tailored for students	11/13/2013 4:22 PM
39	None	11/13/2013 1:02 PM
40	The only problem we have is the once a month reporting to the school on background checks. Since there are only two months to fill our class of 72 for the following year, it would help to have more frequent reports and to have better access to information from BON.	11/13/2013 12:27 PM
41	NA	11/13/2013 11:47 AM
42	No comments at this time	11/13/2013 11:34 AM
43	Many details were discussed that were not on the handouts. A summary of those details with deadlines, etc. would be helpful	11/13/2013 11:22 AM
44	No suggestions at this time	10/31/2013 7:14 AM
45	Identifying our pre-nursing students may be problematic. We will need to develop a better system to do this.	10/30/2013 3:29 PM
46	Try to make your response time to declaratory orders shorter.	10/29/2013 2:54 PM
47	unknown at this time....	10/29/2013 12:56 PM
48	none the speaker provide tremendous amount of information	10/28/2013 7:24 PM
49	none at this time	10/28/2013 5:08 PM
50	None. All is running smoothly.	10/28/2013 4:59 PM
51	none at this time	10/28/2013 3:19 PM
52	None	10/28/2013 11:24 AM
53	We have already implemented this	10/28/2013 10:25 AM
54	I don't deal with this directly	10/28/2013 10:10 AM
55	None at this time	10/28/2013 9:47 AM
56	n/a we piloted a process 2 years ago	10/28/2013 9:45 AM
57	None at this time	10/28/2013 9:34 AM
58	None	10/28/2013 9:28 AM
59	Ability to go online and view which students have submitted for testing and where they are in the process. Only view the specific school information, not other schools	10/28/2013 9:27 AM
60	Some broad matrix that could give students a general idea of severity of charges so the lower level offenses dont panic them yet the more serious ones are highlighted to anticipate legnthly adjudication. thanks	10/28/2013 8:56 AM

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61	na	10/28/2013 8:43 AM
62	Well I think giving them the outline of all these requirements ahead of time will help to reduce stress and anxiety .that	10/25/2013 7:29 PM
63	process for out of state students	10/25/2013 2:48 PM
64	none at this time	10/25/2013 8:59 AM
65	none	10/25/2013 7:47 AM
66	No Comment	10/24/2013 7:17 PM
67	Make sure you have policies firmly in place and backed by administration as Mark suggested	10/24/2013 3:58 PM
68	I don't have any at this time.	10/24/2013 3:16 PM
69	The application process spelled out on the BON website is complicated and hard to follow. Students say there is too much to read and it is not clearly organized. I have to agree it is cumbersome.	10/24/2013 2:10 PM
70	None at this time. Thank you for coming.	10/24/2013 1:45 PM
71	None	10/24/2013 1:32 PM
72	Font size on Power Point handouts was too small	10/24/2013 1:16 PM
73	None at this time.	10/24/2013 12:16 PM
74	Input and policies from other VN schools that would assist in writing the new policy for my program	10/24/2013 11:55 AM
75	None at this time	10/24/2013 11:54 AM
76	I am still concerned about one area of the criminal background checks. Example: student is not successful in class; therefore, had to withdrawal from the program for that particular year. They apply the following year and are accepted. At the workshop, it was mentioned that this student does not need to be placed on the roster since they were entered the year before. How can the school program be assured that no "hits" were placed on this student during the year while out of the program since a current blue card would not be issued. Am I safe to say that the school program would receive a printout if a declaratory order was in order on this particular student? In our program's case, I do not always receive an end of the month printout even though not all of our roster had been processed. I had to inquire about the printout. I was under the assumption that we would receive one if actions were made during that month. Since the student's record must contain a copy of a Texas BON blue card or letter, I prefer to have a current blue card or letter to place within the student's record for assurance that no "hits" were received during the past year. Please feel free to contact me if you would like: pschwarze@blinn.edu and I would be happy to discuss this further. Thank you for your time and this survey.	10/24/2013 11:13 AM
77	great presentation! Information is really needed to assist students through the process which can seem tedious	10/24/2013 10:22 AM
78	Send each school a step by step process of the criminal background check procedure. To include timelines.	10/24/2013 10:20 AM
79	improving process for expidation	10/24/2013 10:19 AM
80	make sure that you do not think everyone undertands what you are talking about. New programs still trying to understand rules.	10/24/2013 10:09 AM
81	Work with hospitals so they require what you do!	10/24/2013 10:01 AM
82	None at this time	10/24/2013 9:52 AM
83	Good communication	10/24/2013 9:50 AM
84	Annual email updates on the process	10/24/2013 9:49 AM
85	informing students of the process early on to get them started on the process and what to expect	10/18/2013 2:34 PM
86	None.	10/16/2013 1:28 PM
87	Develop a slide that summarized the essential documents that the school will receive during "Due Process" activated	10/16/2013 12:15 PM
88	none at this time	10/16/2013 11:54 AM

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89	Maybe having an example presented from beginning to end	10/16/2013 11:41 AM
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## Q9 Thank you for attending this meeting and providing constructive feedback. Please feel free to add any additional comments.

Answered: 83 Skipped: 209

#	Responses	Date
1	Thank you for the updates and working with schools	12/18/2013 7:45 AM
2	Excellent job of presentation--must be an Outstanding staff in support!	12/13/2013 4:12 PM
3	Provide provide minutes of meeting info to enhance handouts.	12/13/2013 3:54 PM
4	N/A	12/13/2013 12:04 PM
5	I had emailed questions that afternoon and I received immediate responses- thank you.	12/13/2013 11:37 AM
6	Very good presentation. I'm very excited about this new implementation.	12/13/2013 11:31 AM
7	The speaker was wonderful to listen to. He was very informative and kept the attention of his audience.	12/9/2013 2:53 PM
8	Mark is very good at what he does	12/9/2013 1:22 PM
9	I really appreciate Mark and the BON for bringing this to Lubbock.	12/9/2013 1:14 PM
10	Appreciated Mark and his knowledge	12/9/2013 12:41 PM
11	Be safe; we want to hear you again.	12/9/2013 11:54 AM
12	Mark was very informative and well presented.	12/4/2013 1:28 PM
13	Mark is always such a great presenter and overall great person	12/4/2013 10:33 AM
14	Let it be know to high school students.	12/4/2013 8:08 AM
15	Well done and informative	12/3/2013 9:10 AM
16	As always, Mark Majek does a great job in representing Texas BON.	12/2/2013 4:54 PM
17	I am a new instructor/faculty. I would like to know how and where to find out specific information about requirements for schools of nursing and how they may differ from any national organizations. There are many different RN and "transition to RN" programs, some guidance as to what is needed and required vs what "would be nice" to include in these programs would be very helpful to the new kids like me, transitioning from a clinical to a teaching career focus	12/2/2013 1:08 PM
18	I think it would be beneficial for the secretaries/assistants that do the application process, background checks and AOG's to meet and discuss what does and does not work for them. I know that sometimes I would like to have a "network" of people that I could talk to. Thank you	12/2/2013 12:45 PM
19	This is the second time I've heard Mark speak and he is always so informative and never boring. I really learn alot from attending his sessions.	11/25/2013 8:56 AM
20	I found the session to be very informative. Mark speaks with authority and confidence. I offer this feedback: I am new to learning about the BON requirements for pre-licensure students. With this in mind, I had a lot of questions upon leaving. I held my questions to ask at another time because we were over the time and I was uncertain of other's learning needs. It would be helpful if the presenter is able to give a brief history so that everyone in the audience is up to speed about the framework for a change. Also, it would be helpful to provide information bearing in mind that some members of the audience may be completely new to this. Thanks.	11/22/2013 6:07 PM
21	Great speaker! Explains the changes so they can easily be understood	11/22/2013 9:28 AM

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22	I enjoyed the meeting very much and the material covered was great. I like the room layout, however it was very difficult to hear and hard to see the screen (seemed like the overhead lights were the issue and that I needed a visor to cut down on glare.) Thank you for the opportunity to attend.	11/22/2013 8:47 AM
23	Thanks for coming to us!	11/22/2013 7:19 AM
24	Mark Majek is great and the workshop was helpful!	11/21/2013 5:18 PM
25	Excellent speaker: Mark Majek	11/21/2013 3:32 PM
26	Mr. Majek was not only informative but entertaining. Thank you for the presentation	11/21/2013 3:24 PM
27	thanks for coming. i really enjoyed the presentation of the info.	11/21/2013 2:53 PM
28	Great presenter and very knowledgeable	11/21/2013 2:44 PM
29	Mark does a great job.	11/21/2013 2:18 PM
30	n/a	11/21/2013 2:06 PM
31	Thanks to Mark for coming to us.	11/21/2013 1:06 PM
32	I'd be happy if it lasted even an hour longer - the questions were interesting	11/21/2013 1:06 PM
33	Would like the Rosters to be online for students to enter own information to the BON	11/21/2013 12:26 PM
34	We so appreciated Mark and all the information that he provided for us. Since Tyler is such a central site for this area, we may ask Mark and/or others to come and have a Question & Answer time, very informal and maybe serve breakfast items or lunch.	11/21/2013 12:04 PM
35	Very informative.	11/21/2013 11:57 AM
36	The facility room was hard to hear	11/21/2013 11:29 AM
37	The only criticism I have is that we delayed starting the meeting to wait for another group to arrive. I'm a firm believer that if you can't be on time, you miss part of the presentation.	11/21/2013 10:24 AM
38	I think this is great that you bring this to us so we do not have to travel so far and we are up to date with the most current information. Thank you so much and it is a pleasure to listen to Mr. Majek who is so interesting.	11/21/2013 9:42 AM
39	Thank you, Mark, for coming to our campus at McLennan Community College. We were very proud to host the workshop, and hope you will consider having it at MCC in the future.	11/21/2013 8:30 AM
40	Well informed, articulate speaker. Thank you.	11/21/2013 8:22 AM
41	I always enjoy Mark's presentations. He is thorough, engaging, and organized. Very informative.	11/14/2013 4:01 PM
42	Well Done	11/13/2013 4:22 PM
43	Thank you for making confusing information understandable!	11/13/2013 11:47 AM
44	It would have been nice to have the meeting recorded so it could be shared with others who couldn't make it to the meeting.	11/13/2013 11:22 AM
45	Mike as always was terrific	10/31/2013 1:37 PM
46	It was awesome that you came to Texarkana College to present this information and see a face from the Texas Board of Nursing! Thank you!	10/31/2013 8:39 AM
47	Some of what he talked about may not have been as relevant to the educators present who were not also serving in a dean/director role and who had a certain degree of prior knowledge of the affidavit process especially and the CBC process somewhat.	10/30/2013 3:29 PM
48	It was a very effective workshop.	10/29/2013 2:54 PM
49	it was my pleasure	10/29/2013 12:56 PM
50	Very informative!	10/29/2013 10:58 AM
51	This was the first time I had an opportunity to hear this speaker. He was excellent!!	10/28/2013 7:24 PM

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52	Very valuable, meaningful presentation with current, new information. Mark is an outstanding speaker. Thoughtful questions were raised by participants and well answered by Mark. The BON is like a mentor to nursing education programs. Thank-you for traveling all around the state, so we could attend this program close to home.	10/28/2013 4:59 PM
53	Mark was great. Thank you!	10/28/2013 3:34 PM
54	This was fantastic. I would like to see something like this offered one to two times a year even if we traveled to Austin.	10/28/2013 10:25 AM
55	appreciate the convenience of having the program in San Antonio.	10/28/2013 10:10 AM
56	Excellent presentation - thank you for keeping us updated on the school's role in this process.	10/28/2013 9:47 AM
57	Mark did a great job - as usual! Sincerely, Donna Wallis	10/28/2013 9:45 AM
58	Very thorough and open communication! Top quality as always.	10/28/2013 9:34 AM
59	I am new to Nursing School administration and found this to be very informative. Thank you.	10/28/2013 9:28 AM
60	Mark was extremely informative!	10/28/2013 9:27 AM
61	I enjoyed Mark - he was personable and very knowledgeable.	10/28/2013 9:27 AM
62	I hope the BON will continue with this format, reaching out to outlying/rural areas.	10/27/2013 5:21 PM
63	Being that this was entirely new information (for me), I would have liked a review of key terms.	10/25/2013 12:56 PM
64	none	10/25/2013 7:47 AM
65	I truly appreciate Mark taking the time to come and speak to us. I was not able to attend TAVNE this year so it keeps me up with what is new and coming.	10/24/2013 3:58 PM
66	The conference room was awesome and the faculty welcoming and delightful.	10/24/2013 3:16 PM
67	It was very informative!! Thank you so very much!	10/24/2013 2:53 PM
68	Great meeting. Great location. Appreciate the information being brought to us.	10/24/2013 2:10 PM
69	We appreciate you coming and I would like to invite you every time a new Bill comes out to explain it to us (me). Thanks again.	10/24/2013 1:45 PM
70	None	10/24/2013 1:32 PM
71	Excelant and informative!	10/24/2013 1:30 PM
72	None at this time.	10/24/2013 12:16 PM
73	Thank you for the presentation....	10/24/2013 11:55 AM
74	Excellent presentation!	10/24/2013 11:31 AM
75	The new system of FBI background checks before entering the program is an excellent idea. On the most part, it has been wonderful! The only area of clarification needed for myself is the what was mention above. Thank you.	10/24/2013 11:13 AM
76	Always enjoy Mark	10/24/2013 10:01 AM
77	As a new admin assistant to TCCD Nursing Department, this was a very informative meeting. Mark presented the topic in a way that anyone new could pick up on what he was talking about.	10/24/2013 9:52 AM
78	n/a	10/24/2013 9:49 AM
79	I absolutely loved the presentation, I was such an honor!	10/22/2013 2:22 PM
80	excellent speaker, very informative	10/18/2013 2:34 PM
81	Very well done presentation	10/17/2013 8:19 AM
82	It was an enlightening session & would like to see more of these sessions such as specifics on advance practice.	10/16/2013 12:15 PM
83	We had the nursing students attend-it would be helpful to have specific workshops that are directed to them regarding the processes they need to follow and what to expect	10/16/2013 11:41 AM