

Board Development
Current Research and Information Survey Conducted by Board Staff

Summary of Request:

Consider active research projects currently being conducted by board nursing consultants, and review data from recent board survey of clinical availability for nursing programs in the state.

Background:

- Four nursing consultants are presently engaged in research projects and the results from these studies will greatly benefit the work of the consultants and decision-making by the Board.
- In addition, board staff frequently survey nursing education programs and other constituents for data to support the goals of the department and the mission of the Board.
- This report will provide an overview of the current research projects, and a recent important survey of nursing educational programs and clinical affiliating agencies regarding clinical availability for students.

Active Research Projects and Board Survey:

1. Virginia Ayars, a doctoral candidate at Northcentral University in Prescott, Arizona, has begun her research project entitled *A Case Study of Learner Outcomes in a Pre-licensure Nursing Education Program*.
2. Janice Hooper is engaged in a research project as a member of the NCSBN Institute of Regulatory Excellence entitled *The Complementary Relationship Between National Nursing Accreditation and State Board of Nursing Approval of Nursing Education Programs*.
3. Melinda Hester is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Nursing Practice at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas. She is conducting a retrospective secondary data analysis for her capstone project entitled *Texas Registered Nurses with Multiple Disciplinary Actions: A Data Analysis*.
4. Jolene Zych, a doctoral student at Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is presently involved in her doctoral research entitled *An Evaluation of Statutory Limitations of Texas Advanced Practice Registered Nurses' Prescriptive Authority: A Policy Analysis*.
5. Mary Beth Thomas and Paul Waller were involved in a survey of nursing programs and affiliating agencies regarding the availability of clinical experiences for nursing students in the state.

This report and presentation is for information only. No action is required. The consultants will present the results from the research projects at the October 2011 Board meeting.