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Board Meetings

August 14-15, 1997
Regular Meeting

October 14-15, 1997
Regular Meeting

December 11-12, 1997
Regular Meeting

February 12-13, 1998
Regular Meeting

April 6-7, 1998
Regular Meeting

June 11-12, 1998
Annual Meeting

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KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

MISSION . . .

The Kentucky Board of Nursing protects public health and welfare by development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nursing.

CORE VALUES . . .

Excellence — We are committed to quality and consistency in delivering effective and efficient services.

Integrity — We are committed to honesty, fairness, and objectivity in the development and enforcement of laws and regulations.

Responsiveness — We are committed to taking initiative, communicating openly, and demonstrating care and concern in all endeavors.

Collaboration — We are committed to working in a cooperative spirit and promoting teamwork while maintaining respect for individuals.

VISION . . .

We aspire to:

Deliver benchmark quality services in healthcare regulation.

Meet the challenges of a dynamic and ever-changing healthcare environment.

Have an organizational environment that fosters creativity, innovation, and outstanding leadership.

Have a committed and appropriately compensated board and staff who have exceptional knowledge and skills.

Achieve integration of regulatory efforts in the public sector.

Have state-of-the-art technology that promotes effectiveness and efficiency.

Goal 1: *Sound defensible, regulatory practices that protect the public.*

- Create opportunities for interagency policy development and collaboration.
- Develop a plan to enhance disciplinary action processes.
- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of KRS Chapter 314 and attendant administrative regulations.
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the role and purpose of the Board of Nursing.
- Develop a plan for addressing nursing education and competency issues.
- Increase the public's participation in regulatory decision making.
- Develop a plan for implementation of domestic violence training requirement (HB 309).
- Implement prescriptive authority for advanced registered nurse practitioners.
- Establish a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner credentialing program.

Goal 2: *Efficient delivery of services that meets the needs of consumers and regulated entities.*

- Develop organizational structure that promotes effective utilization of agency human and fiscal resources.
- Enhance mechanisms for internal communications.
- Develop a plan to enhance communication with consumers and regulated entities.
- Implement workflow redesign for selected agency services.
- Study the feasibility of implementing an electronic licensure system.
- Expand Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund for Kentucky residents (HB 363).
- Evaluate hearing officer services.
- Establish educational program concerning Board functions and activities for nursing servic administrators.
- Negotiate lease for office space for 1997-2002.
- Implement administrative law changes (HB 363).
- Develop contract for establishment of a Peer Assistance Program for Nurses.

Goal 3: *Optimal use of technology that supports agency services.*

- Continue implementation of the agency Information Resources Plan, 1996-98.
- Develop the agency Information Resources Plan for 1998-2002 and beyond.
- Improve utilization of communications technology.
- Increase staff competency in utilizing agency technology.
- Explore use of teleconferencing to accomplish agency functions.

Goal 4: *An organizational culture that promotes job satisfaction and career development.*

- Increase staff involvement in agency planning and policy implementation.
- Enhance orientation and development programs for members of the board, committees, and councils.
- Implement process for creating individual staff development plans.
- Develop a tuition assistance plan within state employee guidelines, and budget accordingly.
- Develop a plan to increase service recognition of volunteers and Board and staff members.
- Monitor and maintain appropriate compensation for employees and Board members.
- Develop a plan to increase understanding of job functions throughout the agency.

Board of Nursing Statement of Philosophy

It is the philosophy of the Kentucky Board of Nursing that the regulation of the practice of nursing shall achieve public protection by ensuring the competency of licensees who provide nursing care. To that end, the regulation of nursing should be responsive to the changing health application of knowledge, skills, and behavior to meet those needs and priorities. As public protection is the essential role of the Board, the public should have a voice in the action taken to promote its protection.

Licensure establishes an essential level of competency, and indicates that nurses have a common core of knowledge. As such, the purpose of licensure is to set standards for practice and education of individuals in order to protect the public from dishonest and incompetent practitioners. These standards are established in the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 314) and its attendant administrative regulations. Nursing practice and behavior inconsistent with these standards should lead to disciplinary action.

Critical elements of the regulation of nursing practice include a coherent, generally acceptable definition of nursing, as well as definitions of professional scope and accountability. These definitions should make explicit that the nurse is responsible and accountable for the practice of nursing according to individual preparation and experience, with nursing auxiliaries assisting under prescribed conditions. Further, the licensed nurse is responsible and accountable for continued professional learning throughout her/his career continuum.

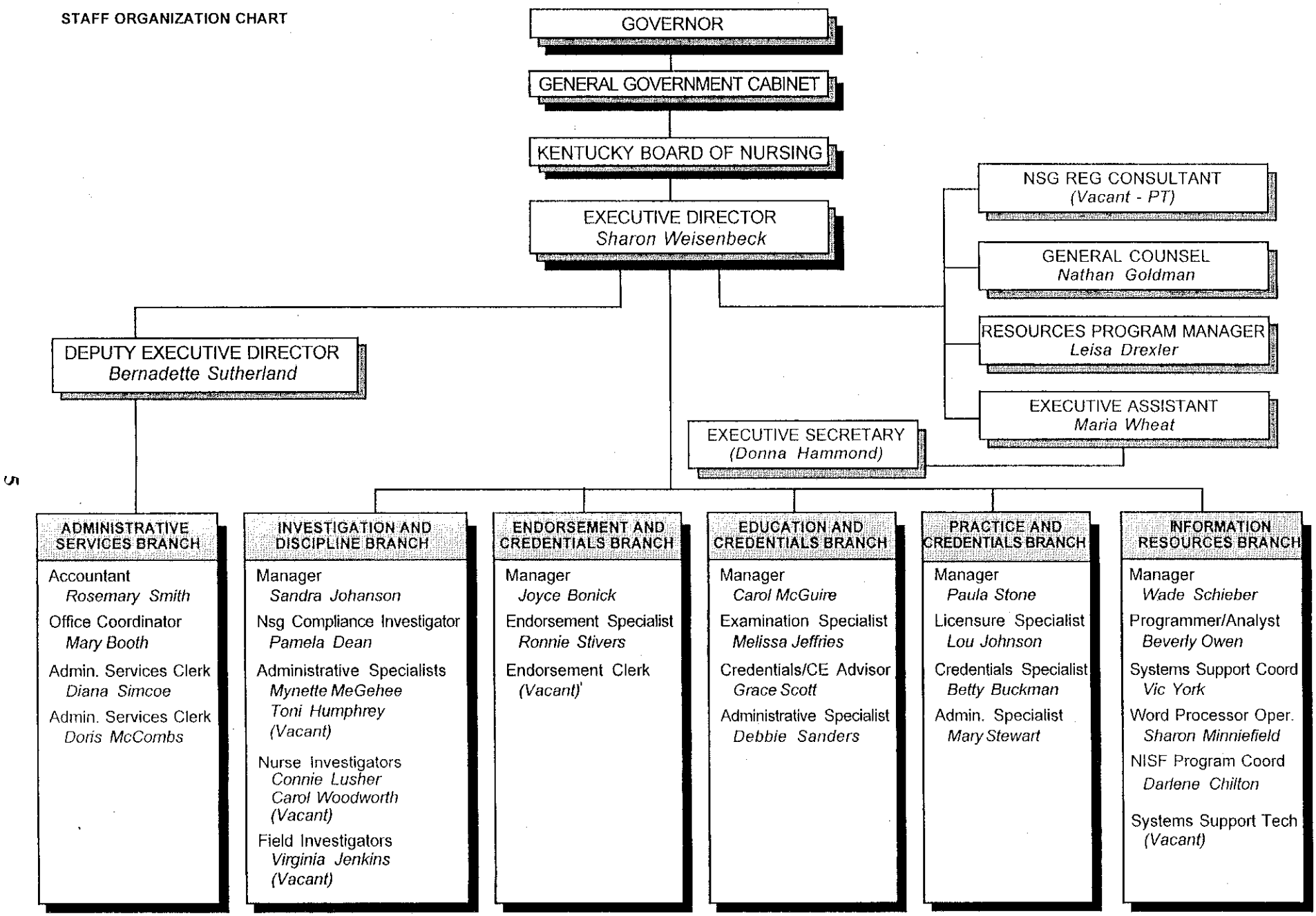
Essential components of the regulation of prelicensure nursing education include sufficient, qualified faculty and appropriate program curricula and clinical practice laboratories. The curricula should reflect the activities, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the practicing nurse. The clinical practice laboratories should allow prelicensure students opportunities to both generate new knowledge and demonstrate their practice abilities.

As the standards governing nursing practice, continuing education, and prelicensure education are established through the legislative process, the Board has a responsibility to maintain ongoing communication with the legislative branch of government. Concurrently, the complex and dynamic changes occurring in the health care delivery system require that effective communication be maintained with licensees and with local, state and national nursing organizations, health care providers and agencies, governmental units, and nursing education programs.

In summary, the Kentucky Board of Nursing believes that the protection of the public can best be accomplished through ensuring the competency of licensees who provide nursing care, and by establishing standards that allow for the fullest development of nursing practice, commensurate with its potential social contribution.

Adopted: August 1990

STAFF ORGANIZATION CHART



Highlights of Board Activities

This Annual Report provides a synopsis of the various activities conducted by this agency to fulfill its charge to regulate the practice of nursing in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky [Reference: KRS 314.021(1)].

Highlights of this years' activities are listed below.

- Directed that work groups be established to address competency issues and strategic planning matters.
- Convened a task force to consider the regulatory implications of non-nurse midwifery certification by the American College of Nurse Midwives Certification Council, upon registration of nurse midwives as advanced registered nurse practitioners.
- Convened a task force to discuss lay midwifery issues.
- Credentialled 11 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.
- Adopted a resolution honoring Sharon M. Weisenbeck, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Nursing, for her 18 years of service to the Commonwealth.
- Began disciplinary option to stay a suspension in Agreed Orders and Decisions.
- Directed general counsel to initiate action to have KBN declared a law enforcement agency for access to criminal records as needed.
- Continued to address continuing competency issues and approved revisions to working document "Accountability and Responsibility of Licensees to Assure Nursing Competence."
- Continued to provide nurse administrators educational programs presented by the Board members and staff.
- Continued work process improvement activities to increase efficiency and utilization of enhanced computerization and imaging technology.
- Added an 800 number with two additional telephone lines.
- During its 1998 session, the General Assembly enacted several revisions to the *Kentucky Nursing Laws*, as follows:

  Senate Bill 28: Amended *KRS 314.011* to include physician assistants in the list of health care providers that can prescribe the administration of medication and treatment to be performed by registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

  House Bill 285: Amended *KRS Chapter 314* relating to emergency medical services.

  House Bill 864: Amended *KRS 314.142* relating to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

Overview

All meetings of the Board and its committees and councils were held in open session as required by the open meetings law.

The commitment of the members of the Board and the dedication of its staff continued in unabated fashion. Appreciation for this service by Board staff and members was expressed through the recognition programs of the agency and executive branch of state government.

Retiring Board members Marcia Stanhope, RN; Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN; Nancy Kloha, ARNP; and Phyllis Morris, RN, were honored and thanked for their substantial contributions to the Board.

Bernadette Sutherland, Deputy Executive Director, was recognized for 15 years of service with the Board. Connie Lusher, Nurse Investigator, was recognized for 10 years of service. The following staff were recipients of the Employee Excellence Award: Mary Stewart, Education/Practice Secretary, and Toni Humphrey, Investigation and Discipline Assistant.

Committee Meetings

1997

Sep 18 ..... Education/Practice Committees
Sep 19 ..... Consumer Protection/Study & Planning Committees
Nov 12 ..... Education/Practice Committees
Nov 13 ..... Consumer Protection/Study & Planning Committees

1998

Mar 12 ..... Education/Practice Committees
Mar 13 ..... Consumer Protection/Study & Planning Committees
May 14 ..... Education/Practice Committees
May 15 ..... Consumer Protection/Study & Planning Committees

Board Officers

Elected April 1998	Immediate Past	Past
President: Susan Hockenberger	Marcia Stanhope	Linda Thomas
President-Elect: June Bell	Susan Hockenberger	Marcia Stanhope
Secretary: Michael Carr	Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly	Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly
Financial Officer: Linda DeVries	Linda DeVries	Linda DeVries

Councils/Committees/Groups/Panels

Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council

Membership	Designation/Organization
Nancy Khola, ARNP	Ky Board of Nursing, Chair
Suvas Desai, MD	Ky Board of Medical Licensure
Melinda Joyce, RPh	Ky Board of Pharmacy
Brenda Farmer, ARNP	ARNP - Anesthetist
Laure Schadler, ARNP	ARNP - Midwife
Roberta Garfield, ARNP	ARNP - Practitioner
Susan Hamilton Smith, ARNP	ARNP - Practitioner
Don Rountree, ARNP	ARNP - Clinical Nurse Specialist
Kathleen Saylor, ARNP	ARNP - Clinical Nurse Specialist

Related organizations nominate representatives for membership on the **Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council**, as an advisory body to the Board of Nursing. The council advises and recommends practice standards regarding the performance of acts relative to nurse anesthesia, nurse-midwifery, nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist practice.

The **Communique' Editorial Panel** considers those matters related to planning for the preparation and publication of the official Board of Nursing newsletter, which is published 3 times annually (fall, winter, and spring).

Communique' Editorial Panel

Phyllis Morris, RN, Chairperson
Michael Carr, RN
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN

Credentials Review Panel

Michael Carr, RN, Chairperson
Nancy Kloha, ARNP
Marcia Stanhope, RN

The **Credentials Review Panel** considers those matters related to licensure and registration credentials and disciplinary investigation and action not otherwise covered by guidelines set by the Board of Nursing and applicable laws.

The **Consumer Protection Committee** considers those matters related to investigation and disciplinary processes and preparation of hearing panel members.

Consumer Protection Committee

June Bell, RN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
Bonnie Cox Bryant, RN
Linda DeVries, RN
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Sharon Ford, RN
Nancy Held, RN
Sue Hockenberger, RN
Tena Payne, RN
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN
Dorothy Thomas, LPN
Judy Williams

Peer Assistance Liaison Group

Linda DeVries, RN, Chairperson
Phyllis Morris, RN
Diane Payne, Citizen-at-Large
Connie Lusher, RN

The **Peer Assistance Liaison Group** considers those matters related to KRS 314.171 which grants authority to the Board to establish, or enter into a contractual agreement for, an impaired nurse committee, Ky Peer Assistance Program for Nurses [KPAPN]. The Liaison Group facilitates communications between the Board and KPAPN, and assures that the contractual terms are met.

Education Committee

Susan Hockenberger, RN, Chairperson
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN
Phyllis Morris, RN
Tena Payne, RN
Marcia Hobbs, RN, BSN Educator
Middy Judd, RN, ADN Educator
Rebecca Forrest, RN, LPN Educator
Sheila Van Vactor, RN, RN Continuing Education
Judy Tomberlin, RN, LPN Continuing Education

The **Education Committee** considers those matters related to mandatory continuing education and prelicensure nursing education in the Commonwealth. An additional membership category was added so that all levels of prelicensure nursing education are now represented on one committee.

The **Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund** was created to increase the number of licensed nurses in medically underserved areas of the state, to decrease the number of vacant licensed nurse positions in all service sectors, and to increase the pool of master's prepared registered nurses for faculty positions.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund Committee

Peggy Fishburn, LPN, Chairperson
June Bell, RN
Dorothy Thomas, LPN
Ann Fultz, LPN
Marjorie Perrin, RN
Deborah Scott, RN

Practice Committee

Nancy Kloha, ARNP, Chairperson
Michael Carr, RN
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Sharon Ford, RN
Nancy Held, RN
Susan Jones, RN, RN Educator
Jane Hudson, RN, LPN Educator
Sylvia Keller, LPN, KSALPN Representative
Diane Enzweiler, ARNP, KNA Representative

The **Practice Committee** considers those matters related to the interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice as defined in *Kentucky Nursing Laws* and Board of Nursing administrative regulations. Committee deliberations may include review of other relevant statutes and regulations as necessary.

The **SANE Program** was created to provide a partnering of nursing, forensic medicine, law enforcement, and victim services across the Commonwealth. It is a statewide commitment to provide compassionate and comprehensive care for individuals 14 years and older who have been the victims of sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Council

Sharon Weisenbeck, RN, Chairperson
Pat Arnold
Peggy Arvin, RN
Margaret Belcher, RN
Carol Goodfleisch, RN
Tamra Gromley
Rice Leach, MD
Phyllis Millspaugh
Capt. Charles Bowman
John Morse
George Nichols, MD
Betty Porter, ARNP
Eileen Recktenwald
Lisa Sampson
Susan Stout Tamme
June Bell, RN (Ex-Officio)

Study & Planning Committee

Susan Hockenberger, RN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
June Bell, RN
Linda DeVries, RN
Nancy Kloha, ARNP
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN
Peggy Fishburn, LPN, Alternate

The **Study and Planning Committee** considers those matters related to the needs of the Board and its operation for enhancement of monitoring statutory and regulatory compliance and in planning for the predictable future.

Board Appointed Representatives

Cabinet for Human Resources
Ky Board of Family Health Care Providers
Annette Castle

Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation
Regulatory Issues Task Force
Nathan Goldman

Emergency Medical Services Council Liaison
Linda DeVries
Mabel Ballinger
Paula Stone

Jefferson County Nurse Day
Recognition Committee
Sharon Weisenbeck

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
Physician Assistant Advisory Council
Ellen Bailey

Kentucky Council of Baccalaureate & Higher Degree Programs
Marcia Stanhope
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Council of Associate Degree Nursing
Tena Payne
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Council of Practical Nursing
Phyllis Morris
Carol McGuire

Nursing Education Planning Group
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Nurses Association
Board of Directors
Marcia Stanhope

Cabinet on Nursing Practice
Michael Carr
Paula Stone

Nurse Day Committee
June Bell
Carol Woodworth

Nursing Education & Research Cabinet
Susan Hockenberger
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Nursing Continuing Education Network
Tena Payne

Kentucky State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Delegate Representatives
Marcia Stanhope
Sharon Weisenbeck

Alternate Delegate Representatives
Susan Hockenberger
Sandy Johanson

Examination Committee
Carol McGuire

Long Range Planning Task Force
Sharon Weisenbeck

Multistate Regulation Task Force
Sharon Weisenbeck

Subcommittee to Revise Model Act
Nathan Goldman

Kentucky Administrative Regulations are enacted to operationalize statutory language and carry force and effect of law. Several regulations were revised during FY 97-98 as indicated by the effective date.

201 Kentucky Administrative Regulation 20:		Effective Date
.056	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Registration	8/94
.057	Scope & Standards of Practice of ARNPs	6/97
.070	Licensure by Examination	4/98
.085	Licensure Periods	2/95
.090	Temporary Work Permit	3/94
.095	Inactive Nurse Licensure Status	2/93
.110	Licensure by Endorsement	4/98
.161	Investigation & Disposition of Complaints	8/93
.162	Procedures for Disciplinary Hearings Pursuant to KRS 314.091	4/98
.200	Definitions for Mandatory Continuing Education	7/92
.215	Contact Hours	3/97
.220	Provider Approval	3/97
.225	Reinstatement of License	2/93
.230	Renewal of Licenses	3/97
.235	The Prevention of Transmission of HIV & HBV by Nurses	9/93
.240	Fees for Applications & for Services	10/97
.250	Definitions for RN & PN Prelicensure Programs of Nursing	2/93
.260	Organization & Administration Standards for Prelicensure Programs of Nursing	8/93
.270	Programs of Nursing Surveys	11/87
.280	Standards for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.290	Standards for Prelicensure RN & PN Extension Programs	11/87
.300	Standards for Prelicensure Experimental Programs of Nursing	6/85
.310	Faculty for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	2/93
.320	Standards for Curriculum of Prelicensure RN Programs	11/87
.330	Standards for Curriculum of Prelicensure PN Programs	3/89
.340	Students in Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.350	Education Facilities & Resources for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.360	Evaluation of Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	11/87
.370	Applications for Licensure & Registration	4/98
.380	Standards for Refresher Course Approval	11/87
.390	Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund	1/98
.400	Delegation of Nursing Tasks to Unlicensed Persons	1/93
.410	Expungement of Records	9/95
.411	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Standards & Credential Requirements	9/97

Continuing Education

As a mechanism to promote continuing competency, the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* (KRS 314.073) mandate that licensees earn a minimum of 30 hours of approved nursing continuing education, including at least two hours of Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources (CHR) approved AIDS education (KRS 214.610). In addition, advanced registered nurse practitioners must earn five contact hours in pharmacology as part of their 30-hour requirement. The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is the Commonwealth agency legally authorized to approve providers of mandatory continuing education (CE).

In 1996, the Kentucky General Assembly mandated that all nurses with active licensure status on July 15, 1996 must earn three hours of KBN approved domestic violence CE before July 1, 1999. This is a one-time earning requirement. Any nurse licensed after July 15, 1996 has three years from the date of initial licensure to earn the one-time three hours of domestic violence CE. Compliance monitoring will include random audits following 1999 license renewals.

Continuing Education Providers By Category

Professional Nursing Organizations	10
Related Nursing Organizations	2
Educational Institutions	28
Health Service Agencies	122
Health Related Organizations	28
Commercial Organizations	11
Other	18
Total	219

The post-renewal audit process is used to verify earning of the required 30 contact hours including the two hours of CHR approved AIDS education. The random audit requires that those persons selected show documented evidence (certificate of attendance, transcript, grade report, etc.) of approved contact hour earning during the applicable licensure period. Of those licensees randomly selected for the audit process, 99% demonstrated compliance with the CE requirements. Those not complying were referred for disciplinary action.

BIENNIAL LICENSURE/CE EARNING SCHEDULE

RN Licensure/Earning Period	Earning Requirement	For License Renewal By
11/1/1996 – 10/31/1998	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1998
11/1/1998 – 10/31/2000	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2000
11/1/2000 – 10/31/2002	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2002
PN Licensure/Earning Period	**Earning Requirement**	**For License Renewal By**
11/1/1995 – 10/31/1997	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1997
11/1/1997 – 10/31/1999	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1999
11/1/1999 – 10/31/2001	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2001

Disciplinary Actions FY 97-98

TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION	RN	PN
Licenses Revoked	1	0
Licenses Suspended	9	13
Immediate Temporary Suspension of Licenses	10	6
Licenses Suspended Followed by Probation	3	2
Licenses Suspended Followed by Limitation/Probation	12	3
Licenses Probated	5	3
Licenses Limited/Probated	20	15
Licenses Continued on Probation or Limitation	1	2
Voluntary Surrender of License	7	5
Requests for Reinstatement of Revoked/Suspended Licenses - Granted on a Probationary or Limited Basis	4	1
Admitted to NCLEX/Licenses Probated/Limited	5	7
Admission to NCLEX/Reprimand	1	4
Licensure Reinstatement Denied	5	22
Reprimand	7	7
Licensure Granted	0	1
Licensure Denied	2	3
Consent Decree/Civil Penalty	44	21

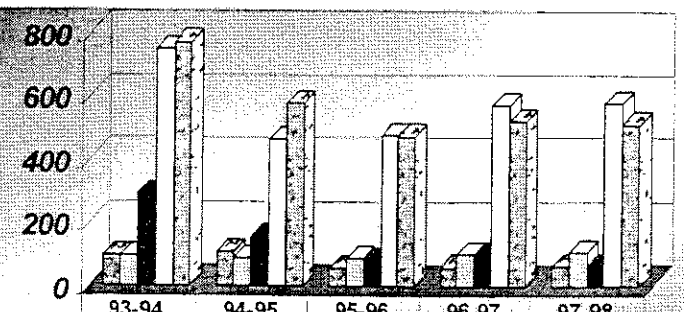
COMPLAINT ACTIVITY

Complaints for Applicants with Conviction Records Reviewed	187
Complaints/No Formal Action Deemed Necessary or Possible	88
Complaints Filed Away in Cases Where Individuals Could Not be Located, Were Deceased, or Criminal Charges Were Dismissed	74
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	575
ACTIVE CASES AS OF JUNE 30, 1998	266

The *Kentucky Nursing Laws* provide that the Board of Nursing may "deny, limit, revoke, probate or suspend any license to practice nursing issued by the Board or applied for . . . or to otherwise discipline a licensee or to deny admission to the licensure examination, or to require evidence of evaluation and therapy . . . . "

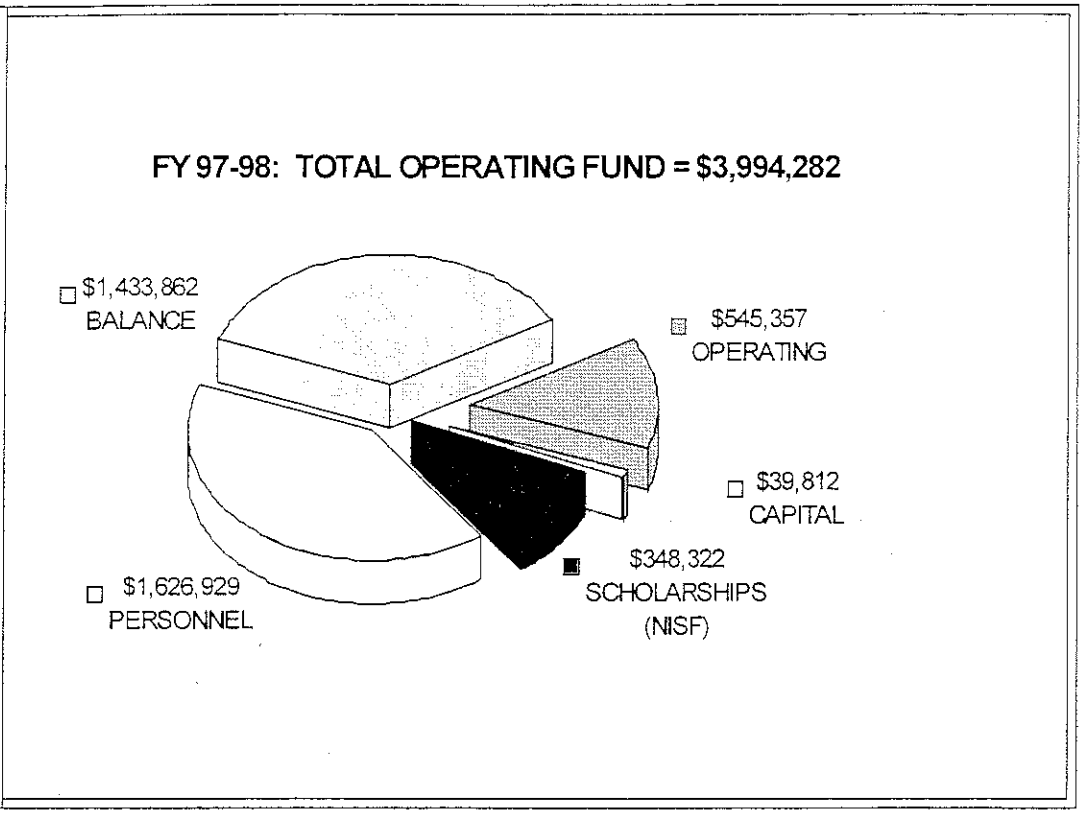
The Board continues its efforts to make the public aware of the investigatory and disciplinary procedures and to emphasize the legal requirement to, and importance of, reporting nurses who are suspected of engaging in unsafe or illegal practices.

Disciplinary Actions Comparative Summary FY 93-98



	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98
Decisions	96	108	57	61	63
Agreed Orders	95	91	88	103	108
Consent Decrees	292	156	85	101	65
Complaints Received	747	464	478	571	575
Complaints Resolved	771	577	473	521	511

Financial Report



The Kentucky Board of Nursing is a fee supported agency. No general revenue tax dollars are expended by the agency. The operating fund for FY 97-98 was $3,994,282 with expenditures totaling $2,560,420. Due to biennial licensure of nurses, funds from the balance are carried forward to meet the FY 99 budget needs.

Various Board of Nursing publications and informational material were offered for a nominal fee that covered duplicating costs. Some of the publications available for purchase were the KBN History, *Kentucky Nursing Laws*, KBN Administrative Regulations, KBN Advisory Opinion Statements, and Disciplinary Process and Procedures for Nursing Licensure. A free brochure on continuing education was also available.

Fee Schedule

Licensure/Registration Application Fees	RN	LPN
Endorsement	$80	$80
Reinstatement	80	80
Active License Renewal *	65	65
Inactive License Renewal *	45	45
Examination		
Licensure	80	80
Retake	40	40
ARNP Registration	80	
ARNP Reinstatement	80	
ARNP Renewal *	55	
SANE Credential	50	
SANE Reinstatement	50	
SANE Renewal	40	
Duplicate License Letter	20	20
Verification to Other States	25	25

Continuing Education Approval Fees	
Initial Provider Approval	$200
Reinstatement of Provider Approval	100
Renewal of Provider Approval *	100
Offering Approval Via Staff Review	10

* Issued for a two-year period

The Board interprets the legal scope of nursing practice according to the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* and Board of Nursing administrative regulations in the determination of safe and effective nursing care for the citizens of the Commonwealth. In response to inquiries requesting interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice, the Board has published formal advisory opinion statements as guidelines for safe practice (see the chart below), as well as issuing other opinions on nursing practice matters.

During FY 97-98, the Board addressed the following inquiries regarding nursing practice: Performance of electrical stimulation for wound care management; responsibility and accountability of licensed nurses functioning in unlicensed assistive personnel roles; performance of episiotomies by RNs; use of "ready to mix" intravenous infusion systems by LPNs; and performance of foot care by nurses.

KBN ADVISORY OPINION STATEMENTS	
83-01	Role of the RN/LPN in Spinal Screening for Detection of Common Abnormal/Curvatures of the Spine
83-02	Role of the ARNP, RN, and LPN in Gynecological Cancer Detection
83/89B-03	Roles of Nurses in Intravenous Therapy Practice
84-04	Roles of RNs and ARNPs in the Administration of Medication per Intraspinal Routes
84-05	The Performance of Advanced Life Support Procedures by RNs
84-06	The Performance of Arterial Puncture by RNs
84-07	The Performance of Stapling and Suturing for Superficial Wound Closure by RNs, and the Removal of Staples and Sutures by Nurses
84-08	Role of the RN First Assistant
95-09	The Performance of Wound Debridement by Nurses
85-10	Roles of Nurses in the Care of Intrapartum Patients
85-11	Roles of Nurses in the Insertion and Removal of a Gastric Tube and in the Reinsertion of a Gastrostomy Tube
85-13	Roles of RNs in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practice
87-14	Roles of Nurses in the Implementation of Patient Care Orders
87-15	Roles of Nurses in the Supervision and Delegation of Nursing Acts to Unlicensed Personnel
87-16	Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes
87-17	Roles of Nurses in the Administration of "PRN" Medication
87-18	Employment of Students in Nursing
88-19	Responsibility and Accountability of Nurses for Patient Care Assignments and Nursing Care Delivery
89-20	Roles of RNs in Invasive Cardiac Procedures
90-21	Roles of Nurses in Dialysis
90-22	Roles of Nurses who Provide "Private Duty" Nursing
90-23	The Application and Removal of a Cast or Splint by Nurses
90-24	Responsibility and Accountability for Assuring Safe Patient Care by Nurses Employed in Health Care Facilities
91-25	Peripheral Insertion of Central and Long Line Intravenous Catheters by Nurses
91-26	Roles of Nurses in the Delivery of Prehospital Emergency Medical Care via Ambulance Services
92-27	Components of LPN Practice
92-28	Roles of Nurses and Unlicensed Nursing Personnel in Endoscopic Procedures
93-29	Cardiopulmonary/Respiratory Nursing Practice
* 93-30	School Nursing Practice
94-31	Removal of Femoral Access Devices (Sheaths) and Use of Mechanical Compression Devices by RNs
95-32	Intravenous Administration of Medications for Conscious Sedation by Nurses

* This advisory opinion statement was revised during FY 97-98.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund

The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF) provides scholarships to Kentucky residents for attending approved prelicensure nursing programs (registered nurse or practical nurse) or graduate nursing programs. Scholarship recipients must work as nurses in Kentucky for one year for each academic year funded. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must have been admitted to a nursing program.

Students in prelicensure and BSN completion nursing programs must complete a minimum of eight (8) credit hours per semester of published requirements for the nursing program, and maintain a minimum grade point average which will allow continuation in the nursing program. For graduate nursing programs, students must complete a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester of published requirements for the nursing program, and maintain a grade point average which will allow continuation in the graduate program.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund
Comparative Summary: FY 91-98

APPLICATION DATA	FY 91-92	FY 92-93	FY 93-94	FY 94-95	FY 95-96	FY 96-97	FY 97-98
Apps Processed:	148	149	120	51	39	332	418
Apps Complete/Not Funded:	49	56	30	2	3	206	232
Apps Incomplete/Not Funded:	41	23	20	9	7	14	12
Applications Funded:	58	70	70	40	29	107	174
(Initial)	58	39	40	21	16	94	118
(Continuation)	–	31	30	19	13	13	56
Recipients Completed: (138)	N/A	12	21	38	19	31	17

NISF AWARD DATA	FY 91-92	FY 92-93	FY 93-94	FY 94-95	FY 95-96	FY 96-97	FY 97-98
NISF Fund Balance:	$152,925	$108,800	$121,100	$133,800	$146,400	$231,120	$340,000
NISF Awards Granted:	$88,050	$96,430	$102,195	$54,040	$40,340	$124,150	$322,300
(Initial)	$88,050	$51,680	$59,325	$28,860	$22,190	$104,490	$232,000
(Continuation)	--	$44,750	$42,870	$25,180	$18,150	$19,660	$90,300

Note: The amount varies each fiscal year due to cancellations, deferments, and defaults.

NCLEX Pass Rates

With the April 1994 implementation of computer adaptive technology, eligible licensure candidates schedule the NCLEX examination at a time of personal perference, within one year of being declared eligible to test by the Board.

Since NCLEX testing is on a demand basis, the reporting of pass rates for first-time candidates by programs of nursing is based upon the numbers of graduates from a program of nursing during a fiscal year (i.e., July 1 through June 30) who test prior to December 31 of the subsequent fiscal year.

First-Time Writers: NCLEX Pass Rates 1997-98

BSN PROGRAMS	GRAD * DATE	# GRADS ** 7/1/97-6/30/98	# TESTED As of 12/31/98	# PASS As of 12/31/98	% PASS	FY 97-98
Bellarmine College	Aug-97	1	0	0		
	Dec-97	1	1	1	100%	
	May-98	70	68	61	90%	
Total		**72**	**69**	**8**		**90%**
Berea College	May-98	**11**	**11**	**9**	82%	**82%**
Eastern Kentucky University	Jul-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Dec-97	46	46	45	98%	
	May-98	44	43	39	91%	
Total		**90**	**90**	**85**		**94%**
Morehead State University	May-98	**27**	**27**	**26**	96%	**96%**
Murray State University	Dec-97	33	30	27	90%	
	May-98	20	20	18	90%	
Total		**53**	**50**	**45**		**90%**
Spalding University	Dec-97	11	11	9	82%	
	May-98	45	45	39	87%	
Total		**56**	**56**	**48**		**86%**
Thomas More College	Dec-97	3	3	2	67%	
	May-98	11	11	9	82%	
Total		**14**	**14**	**11**		**72%**
University of Kentucky	Aug-97	1	1	1	100%	
	Dec-97	8	8	6	75%	
	May-98	71	71	63	89%	
Total		**80**	**80**	**70**		**88%**
University of Louisville	Aug-98	9	2	2	100%	
	Dec-97	16	16	15	94%	
	May-98	69	66	58	88%	
Total		**94**	**84**	**75**		**89%**
Western Kentucky University	May-98	**36**	**36**	**33**	92%	**92%**

* # Graduates Reported by Program of Nursing

** Date of Graduation Reported by Candidate

First-Time Writers: NCLEX Pass Rates 1997-98

ADN PROGRAMS	GRAD * DATE	# GRAD ** 7/1/97-6/30/98	# TESTED As of 12/31/98	# PASS	% PASS	FY 97-98
Ashland Community College	May-98	**51**	**50**	**36**	72%	**72%**
Eastern Kentucky University	Dec-97	42	42	38	91%	
	May-98	52	51	47	92%	
Total		**94**	**93**	**85**		**91%**
Elizabethtown Community College	Dec-97	23	24	24	100%	
	May-98	30	29	25	86%	
Total		**53**	**53**	**49**		**92%**
Hazard Community College	May-98	**67**	**65**	**55**	85%	**85%**
Henderson Community College	Dec-97	14	12	12	100%	
	May-98	30	30	24	80%	
Total		**44**	**42**	**36**		**86%**
Hopkinsville Community College	May-98	**43**	**43**	**39**	91%	**91%**
Jefferson Community College	Dec-97	64	64	55	86%	
	May-98	66	65	49	75%	
Total		**130**	**129**	**104**		**81%**
Kentucky State University	May-98	**46**	**44**	**32**	73%	**73%**
Kentucky Wesleyan College	May-98	**14**	**14**	**13**	93%	**93%**
Lexington Community College	May-98	**76**	**75**	**71**	95%	**95%**
Corbin Ext, Lincoln Memorial University	May-98	**11**	**11**	**9**	82%	**82%**
Madisonville Community College	Dec-97	31	31	24	77%	
	May-98	38	37	34	92%	
Total		**69**	**68**	**58**		**85%**
Maysville Community College	May-98	**15**	**15**	**14**	93%	**93%**
Midway College	Dec-97	30	25	23	92%	
	May-98	56	54	44	81%	
Total		**86**	**79**	**57**		**85%**
Morehead State University	Dec-97	1	1	1	100%	
	May-98	27	27	22	82%	
Total		**28**	**28**	**23**		**81%**
Northern Kentucky University	Aug-97	1	1	0		
	Dec-97	1	1	1	100%	
	May-98	56	56	49	88%	
Total		**58**	**58**	**50**		**86%**
Paducah Community College	Dec-97	29	29	27	93%	
	May-98	30	30	27	90%	
Total		**59**	**59**	**54**		**92%**
Pikeville College	May-98	**22**	**21**	**19**	91%	**91%**
Prestonsburg Community College	Dec-97	**22**	**22**	**21**	96%	**96%**
Somerset Community College	May-98	32	32	30	94%	
	Aug-98	1	1	0		
Total		**33**	**33**	**30**		**91%**
Southeast Community College	May-98	**38**	**37**	**30**	81%	**81%**
St. Catharine College	May-98	**28**	**28**	**20**	71%	**71%**
Western Kentucky University	Dec-97	27	26	20	77%	
	May-98	44	42	35	83%	
Total		**71**	**68**	**55**		**81%**

* # Graduates Reported by Program of Nursing

** Date of Graduation Reported by Candidate

First Time Writers: NCLEX Pass Rates 1997-98

PN PROGRAMS	GRAD * DATE	# GRADS ** 7/1/97-6/30/98	# TESTED As of 12/31/98	# PASS	% PASS	FY 97-98
Ashland Technical College	Apr-98	**20**	**18**	**14**	78%	**78%**
Central Ky Technical College - Lexington	Dec-97	19	17	11	65%	
	Jun-98	11	12	9	80%	
Total		**30**	**29**	**20**		**69%**
Cumberland Valley Technical College	Oct-97	24	24	24	100%	
	Jan-98	16	14	12	86%	
Total		**40**	**38**	**36**		**95%**
Central Ky Technical College - Danville	Aug-97	0	2	1	50%	
	Dec-97	22	23	20	87%	
	Jun-98	17	15	14	88%	
Total		**39**	**40**	**35**		**88%**
Elizabethtown Technical College	Jun-98	**19**	**19**	**19**	100%	**100%**
Bowling Green Technical College - Glasgow	Oct-97	**46**	**46**	**46**	100%	**100%**
Hazard Technical College	Oct-97	15	17	15	88%	
	Nov-97	3	2	2	100%	
	Jan-98	1	0	0		
	Mar-98	0	13	12	92%	
	Apr-98	0	1	1	100%	
	Jun-98	11	13	12	92%	
Total		**30**	**46**	**42**		**91%**
Health Institute of Louisville	Jul-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Aug-97	29	27	25	90%	
	Oct-97	0	14	11	79%	
	Nov-97	14	0	0		
	Jan-98	0	13	13	100%	
	Feb-98	27	12	12	100%	
	May-98	8	9	9	100%	
Total		**78**	**76**	**71**		**93%**
Jeffferson Technical College	Jul-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Aug-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Oct-97	12	12	12	100%	
	Dec-97	15	8	7	88%	
	Jan-98	0	6	6	100%	
	Mar-98	10	10	10	100%	
	May-98	6	5	5	100%	
	Jun-98	8	7	7	100%	
Total		**51**	**50**	**49**		**98%**
Madisonville Technical College	Aug-97	0	1	1		
	Jun-98	27	26	24	92%	
Total		**27**	**27**	**25**		**93%**
Mayo Technical College	May-98	0	1	1	100%	
	Jun-98	20	20	19	95%	
Total		**20**	**21**	**20**		**95%**

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PN PROGRAMS (Continued)	GRAD * DATE	# GRADS ** 7/1/97-6/30/98	# TESTED As of 12/31/98	# PASS	% PASS	FY 97-98
Murray	Jul-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Sep-97	0	2	2	100%	
	Jun-98	12	10	8	80%	
Total		**12**	**13**	**11**		**85%**
Northern Ky Technical College	Oct-97	29	27	19	70%	
	Jan-98	0	1	1	100%	
	Jun-98	23	17	12	71%	
		52	**45**	**32**		**71%**
Ow ensboro Technical College	Jul-97	0	1	0	0%	
	Jun-98	19	20	19	95%	
Total		**19**	**21**	**19**		**90%**
Row an Technical College	Mar-98	13	13	12	92%	
	Jun-98	17	17	14	82%	
Total		**30**	**30**	**26**		**87%**
Somerset Technical College	Oct-97	20	21	19	91%	
	Jan-98	1	0	0		
	Apr-98	31	34	31	91%	
	May-98	3	0	0		
Total		**55**	**55**	**50**		**91%**
Spencerian College	Oct-97	0	1	1	100%	
	Dec-97	31	26	23	86%	
	Mar-98	19	16	12	75%	
	Apr-98	0	1	1	100%	
	Jun-98	35	31	25	81%	
	Aug-98	28	29	24	85%	
Total		**113**	**104**	**86**		**83%**
West Ky Technical College	Jun-98	**9**	**9**	**9**	100%	**100%**

* # Graduates Reported by Program of Nursing

** Date of Graduation Reported by Candidate

Prelicensure Programs of Nursing

The Kentucky Board of Nursing is the legally authorized body in the Commonwealth to approve programs of nursing preparing persons for eligibility for licensure as nurses. Through the provisions of the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* (KRS 314.011, 314.031, 314.111 and 314.131) and applicable *Kentucky Administrative Regulations* (201 KAR 20:250-360), the Board prescribes standards for educational institutions offering programs preparing candidates for licensure as nurses. All programs of nursing listed on the three previous pages have full approval status **except** for the following programs which have initial or conditional approval status, as noted below:

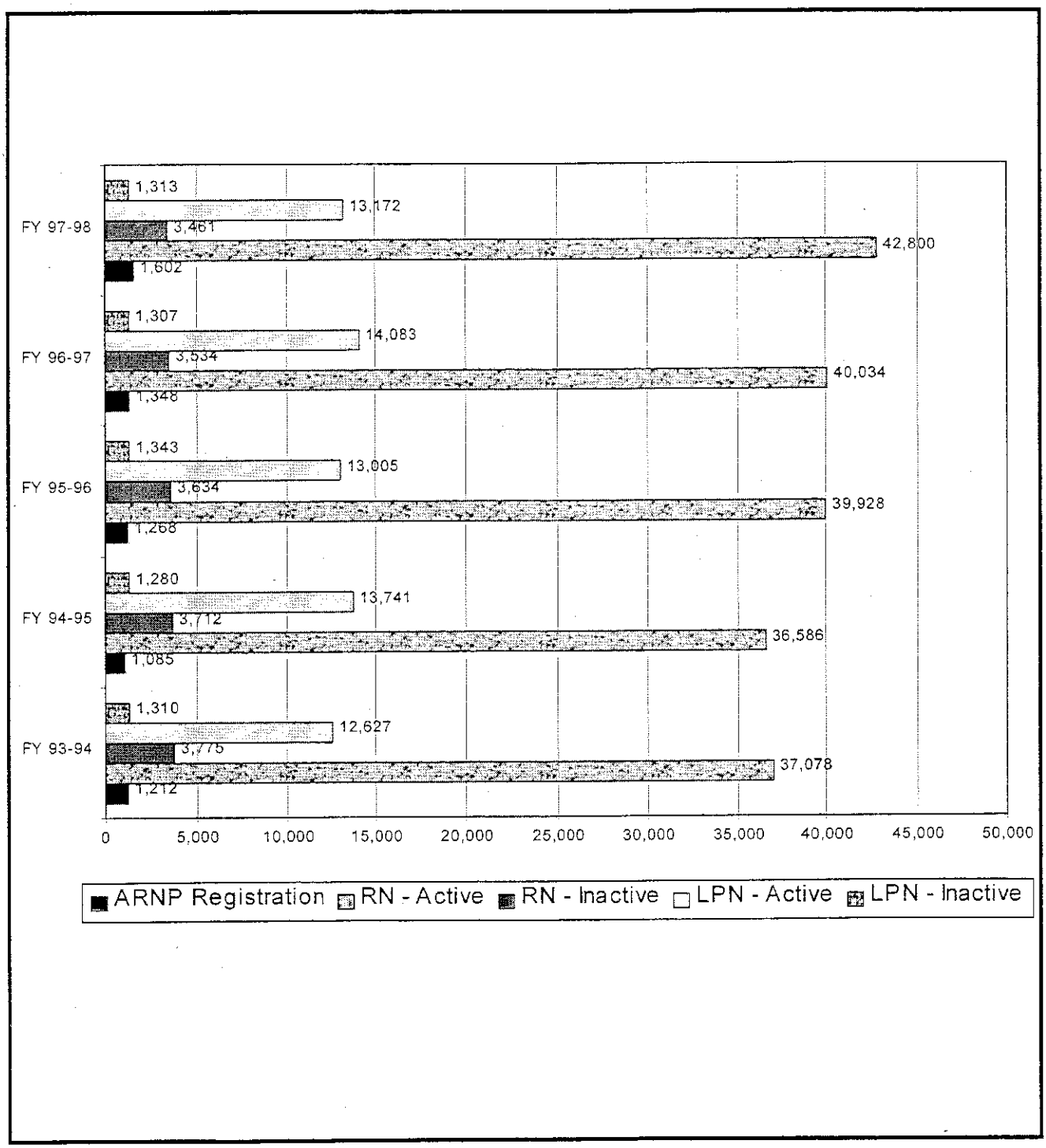
Initial Approval Status:

Associate Degree Nursing Program, St. Catharine College, St. Catharine

Conditional Approval Status:

Associate Degree Nursing Program, Madisonville Community College, Madisonville
Associate Degree Nursing Program, Lees College Extension, Hazard Community College, Jackson
Practical Nursing Program, The Health Institute of Louisville, Louisville

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurse & Practical Nurse Licensees Comparative Summary FY 93-98



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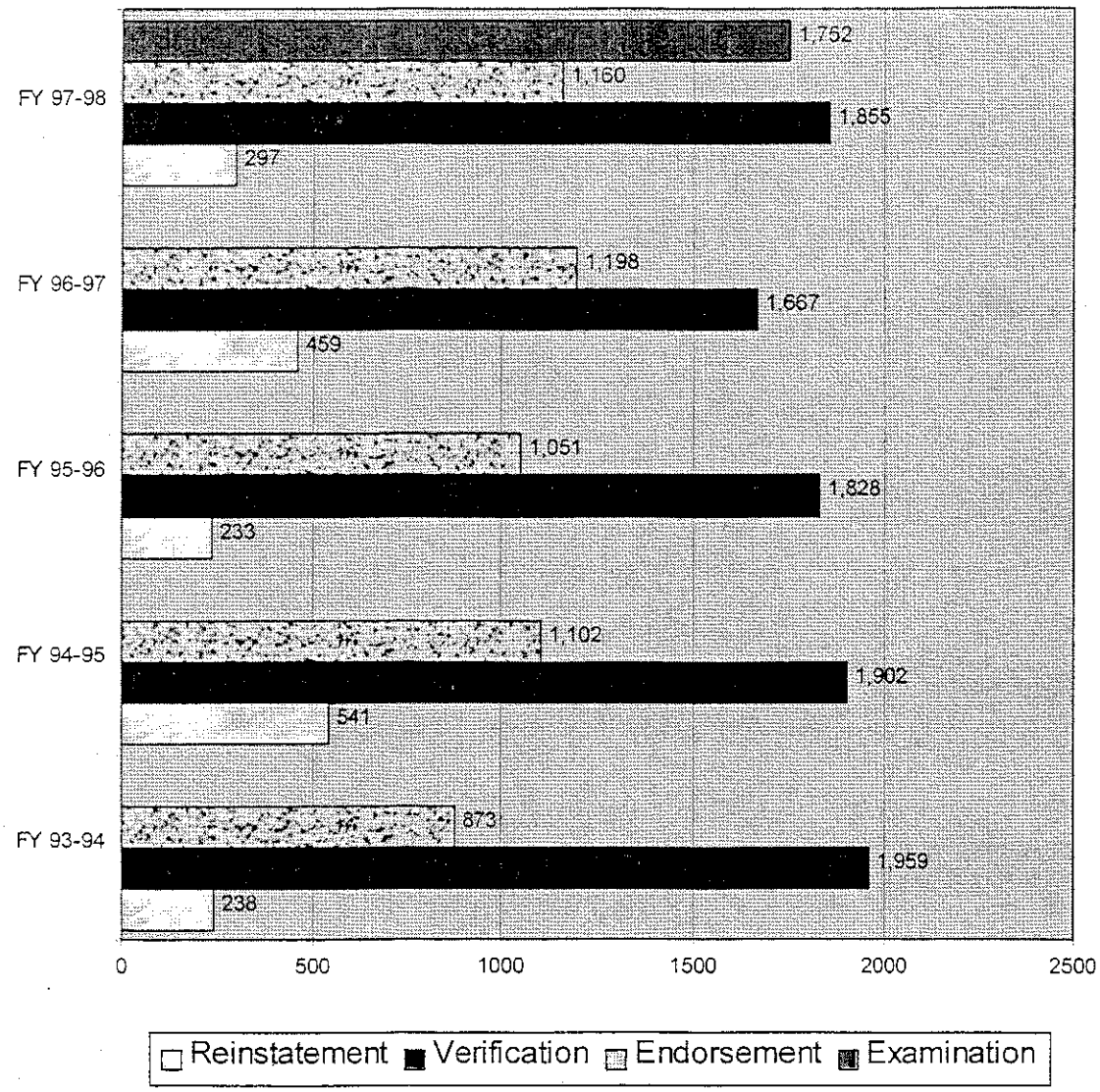
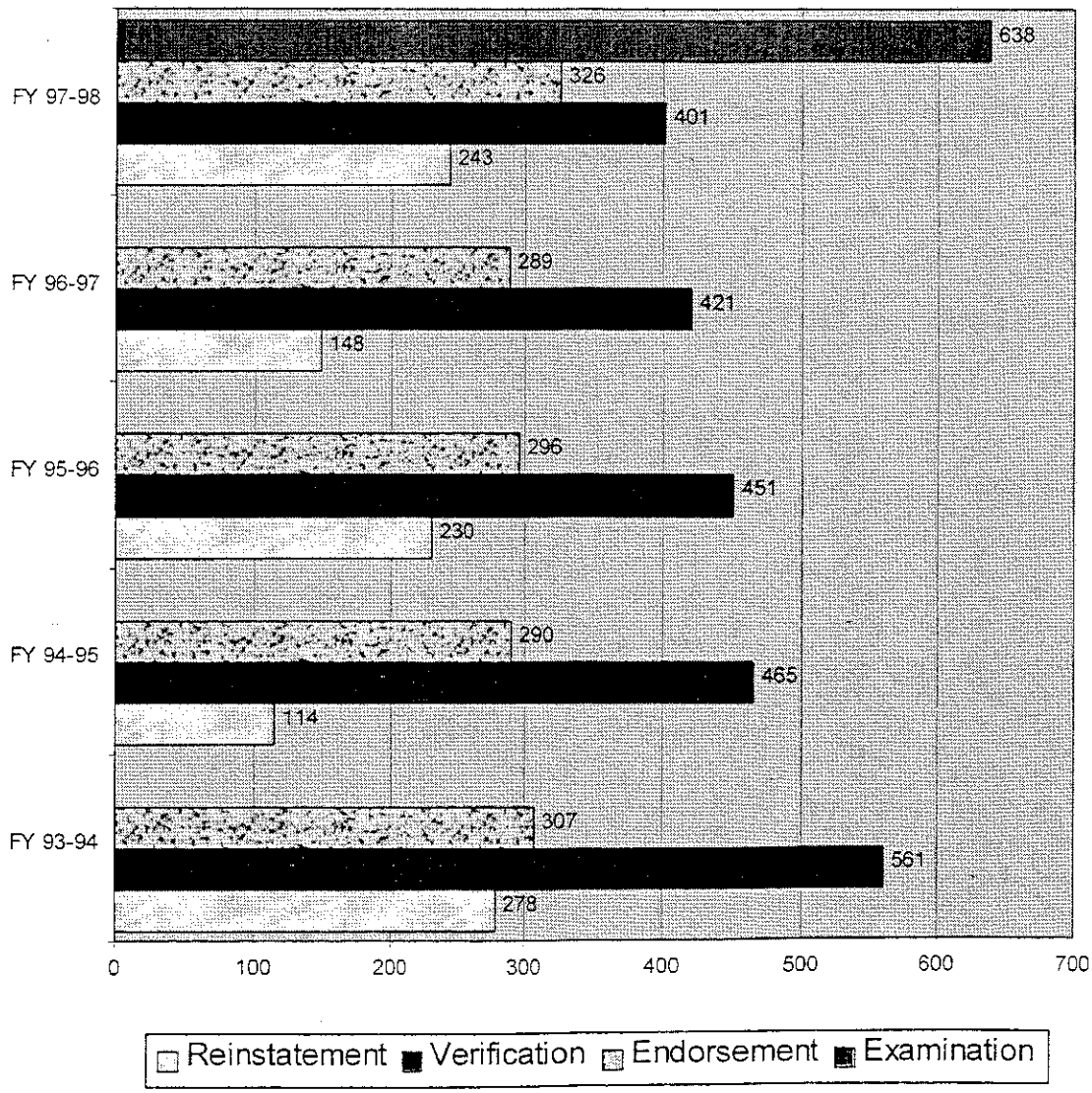
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