

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Board Meeting
December 8 and 9, 2005**

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Approved the adoption of proposed legislation, 314.101 Excepted activities and practices – Work permits – Withdrawal of temporary work permits, and directed that a sponsor be sought for introduction in the 2006 session of the General Assembly.

VERIFICATION PROCESS

Accepted Options I, II, and III of the Proposed Changes to the Verification Process Services Provided by KY.gov.

NURSING EDUCATION

Accepted the July 28, 2005 Survey Visit Report for the Baccalaureate Degree Program of Nursing, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky.

Directed that the Baccalaureate Degree Program of Nursing, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky, be granted full approval status.

Approved the new location of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Galen College of Nursing located in Louisville, Kentucky as the location meets all requirements set forth in 201 KAR 20:350, Educational facilities and resources for prelicensure registered nurse and practical nurse programs.

Directed that the recommendation is to be met as stated in the October 5, 2005 Survey Visit Report of the Associate Degree Program, Galen College of Nursing, Louisville.

Accepted the May 26 and November 8, 2005 Survey Visit Report of the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky.

Approved the recommendations and requirements to be as stated in the May 26 and November 8, 2005 Report of the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky.

Directed that a plan of action for the requirements to be met and considerations given to the recommendations in the May 26 and November 8, 2005 Survey Report of the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky, be submitted to the Board by February 1, 2006.

Directed that the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky, be retained on conditional approval status.

Directed that, pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, the nurse administrator and head of the governing institution or designee appear before the Board of Nursing at its December 8, 2005 meeting to show cause that approval of the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky, be continued.

Directed that, based upon the outcome of the December Board Meeting, the Education Consultant should establish a schedule for return visits to the program in Winter/Spring 2006.

Approved the rescheduling of the nurse administrator and head of the governing institution or designee to appear before the Board of Nursing until the February 24, 2006, Board Meeting, due to a request by A.R. Sullivan, President of Spencerian College and the Sullivan University System, dated November 28, 2005.

Accepted the application from ATA Career Education, Louisville, Kentucky, to establish a practical nursing program, with stipulation that no class will be admitted before September 2006.

Approved the new location of the Practical Nursing Program at Brown Mackie College located in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, as it partially meets the requirements set forth in 201 KAR 20:350, Educational facilities and resources for prelicensure registered nurse and practical nurse programs.

Directed Brown Mackie College, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, submit a formal response to each recommendation as listed within the November 17, 2005 Education Committee Meeting Report and within the correspondence sent to the program dated February 25, 2005 and December 20, 2004. This response is required no later than December 22, 2005 for discussion at the February 2006 Education Committee Meeting.

Approved the recommendations as stated in the October 25, 2005 Survey Visit Report of the Practical Nursing Program, Brown Mackie College, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

Accepted the application from Somerset Community College, Albany, Kentucky, to establish a practical nursing program extension.

Approved the new location of the Practical Nursing Program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College - Murray/Calloway County located in Murray, Kentucky as it meets all requirements as set forth in 201 KAR 20:350, Educational facilities and resources for prelicensure registered nurse and practical nurse programs.

Directed that, pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, subsection 4, the following programs of nursing with a pass rate of less than 85 percent for one year shall be issued a letter of concern and the nurse administrator shall be requested to submit an analysis of the cause(s) of the high failure rate on the licensure examination and plans to correct the deficiencies in the future:

Kentucky Christian University	Baccalaureate Program	Grayson
Thomas More College	Baccalaureate Program	Crestview Hills
Lincoln Memorial University	Associate Program	Corbin
Owensboro Community & Technical College	Associate Program	Owensboro
Western Kentucky University	Associate Program	Bowling Green

Directed that, pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, subsection 6, the Associate Degree Nursing Program of Spencerian College, Louisville, having achieved a pass rate of less than 85 percent for three consecutive years, be notified that its nurse administrator and head of the governing institution shall appear before the Board to show cause that approval of the program be continued.

Directed that Gateway Community & Technical College Practical Nursing Program, Edgewood, be continued on Conditional approval status for the immediate future.

Directed that Spencerian College Practical Nursing Program, Louisville, be continued on Conditional approval status for the immediate future.

NURSING PRACTICE

Approved the letter of response to Sherri Shepherd, RN, to the opinion request dated September 15, 2005, from Mark Richardson, RN, HPMP Project Coordinator, Health Care Excel of Kentucky, Louisville, on the role of the registered nurse in assigning patient hospital admission status (observation or inpatient admission) using a case management protocol to reduce unnecessary Medicare admissions.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request dated September 15, 2005, from Pamela Larimore, RN, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Multiplex, Inc., Louisville, on the role of the licensed practical nurse in initial nursing assessment of patients in a wound and hyperbaric outpatient department.

Approved the letters of response, as amended, to the opinion requests dated November 2, 2005, from Trevor Smith, Nashville, Tennessee, and August 30, 2005, from Connie Horstmann, LPN, Paducah, addressing the roles of nurses in businesses offering complementary/alternative or holistic practices.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request dated November 3, 2005, from Sharon Merritt, RN, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, addressing delegation to unlicensed assistive personnel.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Approved the 2005-2006 Consumer Protection Committee Scope and Functions.

Approved the 2005-2006 Consumer Protection Committee Objectives.

Approved the Guidelines for Disciplinary Actions for Licensed Nurses and/or Applicants.

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL

Directed that Shala S. Wilson, MSN, BSN, RN, ARNP, CS be appointed to the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council to replace Patricia Birchfield, ARNP, who was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

NURSING CREDENTIALS

Directed that the issue of reinstatement of nurses' licenses who have been out of practice for an extended period of time be discussed by the full Board at the February 2006 Board Meeting.

Directed that nursing practice activities which include influencing and/or impacting direct patient care be recognized as “nursing practice experiences which involve any component of direct patient care” and therefore meet the requirements for a clinical internship as defined in KRS 314.011(20).

GOVERNANCE PANEL

Approved Executive Branch Guidelines 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Directed that Executive Branch Guideline 5 be deleted.

Directed that the photograph and notary requirements of any application for licensure be deleted.

CLINICAL INTERNSHIP

Directed that out-of-state applicants/graduates who have been unsuccessful taking the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) shall take and pass NCLEX prior to completing the post-graduation clinical internship in Kentucky.

Directed that the Board establish research/outcomes assessment for the evaluation of the clinical internship.

Directed that an Advisory Board be established to evaluate the outcomes assessment of the clinical internship.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved twelve (12) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of thirty-one (31) Agreed Orders, twelve (12) Consent Decrees, and two (2) Removal of Licenses from Probation.