

## **National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Updates**

### **Summary:**

The following information from the NCSBN website highlights new products and decisions of NCSBN. It is provided for your information.

In addition, this item will provide Board members and staff an opportunity to update the Board regarding activities of the NCSBN committees on which they serve.

### **New Products and Services:**

**A new video *Board of Nursing Complaint Process: Investigation to Resolution* has just been released.**

You can access the video at: <https://www.ncsbn.org/2105.htm> Staff will create a link on the Board's website to this video for nurses under investigation to view.

### **NCSBN Board of Directors Approves Passing Standard for Pearson Test of English Academic**

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Board of Directors approved an overall passing standard of 55, with no individual section of the test at a scoring level below 50, for the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic). This decision is consistent with the previous passing standards recommended for other English language tests and the level of English proficiency needed to perform entry-level nursing safely and effectively. This recommendation also supports the NCSBN policy position on international nurse immigration, which states that "domestic and international nurses need to be proficient in written and spoken English skills."

**NCSBN recently added to its body of research the publication of two new briefs entitled, *Report of Findings from the 2009 LPN/VN Nursing Knowledge Survey* and *2009 LPN/VN Practice Analysis: Linking the NCLEX-PN Examination to Practice*.**

*Report of Findings from the 2009 LPN/VN Nursing Knowledge Survey* identifies the knowledge needed by newly licensed LPN/VNs. The results of this study (i.e., the important knowledge statements) will be used to inform NCLEX-PN item development.

*2009 LPN/VN Practice Analysis: Linking the NCLEX-PN Examination to Practice* describes LPN/VN practice to assist NCSBN in evaluating the validity of the test plan that guides content distribution of the licensure examination.

### **Recommendation:**

No action required.