

Report on Communication Activities with Nursing Education Programs

Overview:

During the past quarter, Texas BON Education Consultants have been involved in two formal communication activities to the Texas-approved nursing programs. Consultants presented at The Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators (TAVNE) annual conference; and piloted a webinar directed to the nursing education programs. A summary is provided.

TAVNE Presentation:

On October 29, 2010, Education Consultants provided an education update to attendees at the TAVNE conference held in Austin at the Omni Hotel. The conference was attended by vocational nursing educators from across the state. Board staff addressed items in the following agenda:

- Introductions and Updates from Board - Mary Beth Thomas, Director of Nursing
- Report of proposed new vocational nursing programs in Texas
- Status of fraudulent nursing programs in Texas
- The new online module to orient new directors
- New Education Guideline 3.7.4.a. Using Standardized Examinations
- New Position Statement 15.26 Simulation in Prelicensure Education
- Facilitating good clinical learning experiences (including using of lab assistants, and developing emergency plans for supervising clinical students when clinical plans change);
- Data from a survey conducted regarding the availability of clinical sites for nursing programs
- A brief Q&A session

Audience response to the presentation was very positive, and many attendees expressed appreciation for the relevance of the topics as well as the opportunity to dialogue with board staff.

Nursing Education Webinar:

On December 3, 2010, Texas BON Education Consultants conducted their first education webinar for nursing programs across the state. The purpose of the webinar was to provide education updates and other helpful information to programs. Over fifty (50) deans, directors, coordinators and faculty from professional and vocational nursing education programs participated. Consultants provided information on the following topics:

- Plan and purpose of the nursing education webinar concept
- Fraudulent nursing programs in Texas
- Updates on the BON process for disseminating NCLEX information and pass rates
- New continuing competency rules
- Recently approved Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) and implications for the future

Participants were provided an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar and the consultants addressed the questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Participants were also requested to submit written feedback about the webinar via email to their assigned Education Consultant. Responses were overwhelmingly positive, and the Education Consultants plan to host webinars twice a year. These webinars provide an efficient format to maintain open communications for education updates and other relevant, helpful information for nursing educators in the state. Power point presentations of the webinar are posted on the BON website.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information report. No action is recommended.