

Promoting Competency Report

Introduction

The Promoting Competency Report reflects learning opportunities offered to further support continued competency for nurses. This Promoting Competency Report includes the various formats Board staff utilizes to reach nurses across the State of Texas.

Workshops

The Texas Board of Nursing jurisprudence and ethics workshop workshop; *“Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice”* was held at The University of Texas at Austin conference center located on the University’s J.J. Pickle Research Campus during the second quarter.

Registration forms are available on the BON website, www.bon.texas.gov, under *About the Board*, then *BON Meetings*. Attendance at the nursing jurisprudence and ethics workshops is not mandatory for licensure renewal. The cost of the workshop is \$109.00. This completed continuing education activity is approved for 7.0 CNEs.

A new workshop, *LVN Scope of Practice: What Every LVN, RN and Employer Should Know*, is under development. This workshop will promote an in-depth understanding regarding the safe and legal scope of practice of the LVN. The new workshop is recommended for LVNs, RNs and their employers and is scheduled for Friday November 2nd at The University of Texas at Austin conference center located on the University’s J.J. Pickle Research Campus. Additional information about this workshop and registration forms will be available on the BON website. Attendance at this workshop is not mandatory for licensure renewal.

<i>Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice</i>	1st Quarter FY 2012	2nd Quarter FY 2012	3rd Quarter FY 2012	4th Quarter FY 2012	TOTAL FY 2012
Houston	513 (9/28 & 29/2011)				513
Austin		13 (2/24/2012)			13
Austin			Scheduled for 4/12/2012		
Austin				Scheduled for 6/22/2012	
Austin				Scheduled for 8/3/2012	

On-Line Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Course

The on-line continuing nursing education jurisprudence course, *“Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice”*, utilizes an interactive format and is designed to promote patient safety. The course provides nurses with an opportunity to keep up-to-date with the laws that surround their practice at their convenience.

Nurses who complete the course and submit their evaluation are awarded 2.0 contact hours. The cost of the on-line course is \$25.00.

<i>Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice</i>	1st Quarter FY 2012	2nd Quarter FY 2012	3rd Quarter FY 2012	4th Quarter FY 2012	TOTAL FY 2012
On-Line CNE paid attendance	99	47			146

Webinars

First introduced in 2010, BON webinars continue to reach nurses in urban and rural areas of Texas. Webinars are a cost-effective way for nurses to obtain in-depth information on specific areas of nursing practice. The cost to attend a webinar, unless otherwise designated, is \$25.00 for individuals, \$200.00 for groups with up to 10 participants, and \$25.00 for each additional participant.

A new webinar, *LVN Scope of Practice: What Every LVN, RN and Employer Should Know*, has been introduced. This new webinar is one hour in length and provides an overview of the safe and legal scope of practice for LVNs in Texas. This webinar is free for participants and does not provide continuing nursing education.

Two additional webinars have been developed: *Medication Safety* will be presented Friday, July 6th (12-1 pm) and *Professional Boundaries* will be presented on Friday September 7th (12-1 pm). The Nursing contact hours have been applied for through the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Additional information about these webinars and registration forms is available on the BON website. Attendance at the webinars is not mandatory for licensure renewal.

Webinar attendance	1st Quarter FY 2012	2nd Quarter FY 2012	3rd Quarter FY 2012	4th Quarter FY 2012	TOTAL FY 2012
<i>Nursing Peer Review: Understanding the Process*</i>		46 (3/19/2012)			46
<i>Safe Harbor: Ensuring Patient Safety*</i>			Scheduled for 5/14/2012		
<i>LVN Scope of Practice: What Every LVN, RN and Employer Should Know</i>		90 (2/17/2012)		Scheduled for 6/29/2012 and 8/24/2012	90
<i>Medication Safety</i>				Scheduled for 7/6/2012	
<i>Professional Boundaries</i> (scheduled for 9/7/2012)					

** This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

On-line Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course

The Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course is an interactive instructional venue and offers an overview of the five subject areas of the jurisprudence exam. Participants are able to complete practice questions, print resources to aid study, and look-up information for further review. The course is not only for exam preparation but also assists nurses in the review of the Nursing Practice Act and Board Rules and Regulations. The cost of the course is \$25.00 and is available to participants for three weeks.

Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course	1st Quarter FY 2012	2nd Quarter FY 2012	3rd Quarter FY 2012	4th Quarter FY 2012	TOTAL FY 2012
On-Line Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course	981	912			1893

On-line Nursing Jurisprudence Exam

The Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam (NJE) is required for nurses who are applying for initial licensure and for individuals who endorse into Texas. The NJE contains 50 items and allows individuals two hours to complete. A passing score is 75%. Individuals taking the exam are permitted to access the BON website and other resource material throughout the exam to locate the answers to questions.

Jurisprudence Exam	1st Quarter FY 2012	2nd Quarter FY 2012	3rd Quarter FY 2012	4th Quarter FY 2012	TOTAL FY 2012
On-Line Jurisprudence Exam	4259	5182			9441

Recommendation

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required. Board Members are invited to attend any of the Promoting Competency opportunities.