

Promoting Competency Report

Introduction

The Promoting Competency Report reflects learning opportunities offered by Board staff to further promote 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 Board workshop; *“Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice”*, was held at the Houston Medical Center Marriott in September 2011, with 513 nurses attending.

In 2012, the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) staff will present four nursing jurisprudence and ethics workshops. These one-day workshops will be offered at The University of Texas at Austin conference center located on the university’s J.J. Pickle Research Campus. The dates for 2012 are Friday Feb 24th, Thursday April 12th, Friday June 22nd, and Friday August 3rd.

Registration forms will be 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 for 2012 is under development and is called *The LVN Scope of Practice: What Every LVN, RN and Employer Should Know*. 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.

On-Line Jurisprudence CNE Course

The on-line jurisprudence course, *“Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice”*, designed to promote patient safety, provides nurses with an opportunity to keep up-to-date with the laws that surround their practice. The on-line course utilizes an interactive format. 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. During the 1st Quarter FY2012, the on-line attendance was 99.

Webinars

BON Webinars were first introduced in 2010 and due to the success have continued through 2011. Nurses from urban and rural areas of Texas attend. 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 is \$25.00 for individuals, \$200.00 for groups with up to 10 participants, and \$25.00 for each additional participant. Each activity awards 1.0 contact hour. In 2012, BON staff will again offer webinars on *Nursing Peer Review: Understanding the Process* Monday, March 19th (4-5pm) and *Safe Harbor: Ensuring Patient Safety* on Monday May 14th (4-5pm).

New 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 (12-1pm). The cost for each of these webinars will be \$25.00.

An additional new webinar currently being developed is *The LVN Scope of Practice: What Every LVN, RN and Employer Should Know*. This new webinar will be one hour in length and will provide an overview of the safe and legal scope of practice for LVNs in Texas. The webinar is recommended for all LVNs. RNs, APRNs and their employers are welcome to attend. The dates for the webinar are: Friday Feb 17th (11-12pm); Friday June 29th (11-12pm); Friday August 24th (11-12pm) ; and Friday October 5th (11-12pm). This webinar is free for participants.

On-line Jurisprudence 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. The Jurisprudence Prep Course had 4,259 participants for September, 2011 to November, 2011.

Recommendation

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