

Report on Communication Activities With Nursing Education Programs

This agenda item is reserved to report the formal communication activities of the Nursing Consultants for Education with Texas pre-licensure nursing education programs and stakeholders.

Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs (TADDPNP)
Board Staff attended the fall meeting of TADDPNP which was a virtual event on October 9, 2020. Kristin Benton provided a legislative update from the Board of Nursing; Jan Hooper presented current NCLEX data and information; Mark Majek provided an update of the newly inaugurated ORBS licensing system. Board Staff attended the other sessions of the meeting for information provided by other organizations and state regulating agencies.

Nursing Education Newsletter

A Nursing Education Newsletter was released electronically to all nursing education programs in September 2020 (See Attachment #1). This regular newsletter is prepared and submitted to programs at least twice each year and provides updates and educational information to directors and nursing faculty.

Deans, Directors, and Coordinators Orientation

The Education Consultants provided a second virtual New Director Orientation Workshop on September 10, 2020. Mark Majek and Tony Diggs joined the presentation and offered guidance for programs as they access the new online licensing system on the BON web site. The webinar was attended by over 51 program representatives. Board Staff presented an abbreviated version of the regular orientation meetings that included a Board overview, review of education rules and processes, a tool box of documents and ideas to help new program directors to assess and evaluate the status of their programs, and tips for successful leadership of the program.

The next new director orientation workshop will be scheduled for Spring 2021.

Informal Information Session for Entities Interested in Starting a Nursing Program

Virginia D. Ayars, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE presented a virtual webinar was provided on October 6, 2020, for educational entities who wish to develop a proposal to establish a new nursing education program in Texas.

COVID-19 Webpage Resources for Education Programs

Throughout the pandemic the education team has provided information relevant to education programs frequently. In addition, information and resources have been posted on the agency [COVID-19 Education webpage](#) including videos, useful links, frequently asked questions and other helps.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational report. No action is required.