

Promoting Competency Report

The Texas Board of Nursing's (BON or Board) educational offerings and Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) courses provide nurses with an opportunity to increase their knowledge of the laws, rules, and regulations that affect their nursing practice and contribute to their continuing competency. These offerings and CNE courses are a high priority for Board staff and support the Board's mission of patient safety.

Attachment A to this report reflects attendance for educational offerings for the first quarter of FY 2021. Specifically, Attachment A reflects the number of registrants who completed the:

- Online CNE Courses titled,
 - Note: FY 2021 first quarter data unavailable at this time & will be added at a later date;
 - *"Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice"*;
 - *"Documentation: So Let It Be Said...In Writing That Is"*;
 - *"Prescriptive Authority for APRNs"*;
 - *"Determining APRN Scope of Practice"*;
 - *"Delegation: Distribution of the Workload"*;
 - *"Nursing Peer Review: Safe Harbor Nursing Peer Review and Whistleblower Protections"*;
 - *"Nursing Peer Review: Incident-Based Nursing Peer Review and the Minor Incidents Rule"*;
- Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics Workshop, *Protecting Your Patients & Your Practice*.

Attachment B reflects the 2021 Continuing Competency Offerings. Board members are welcome to attend workshops and take any of the online course offerings free of charge.

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 calendar year Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics Workshops were held in a virtual environment with the exception of the Austin workshop in early March. Board staff carefully review all course evaluations in order to determine if learning objectives are being met as well as make course adjustments based on learner's feedback. The virtual workshops' course evaluations demonstrated that course objectives were met and that participants enjoyed the convenience of the virtual format. Examples of participants' statements on their written evaluations include:

- *All of the instructors were very knowledgeable about the board and ensuring that all nurses have a basic understanding of the standards of nursing practice and their ethical duty to all patients.*
- *The interactive questions and answers was a great way to get folks engaged and to evaluate learning. Thanks for the innovation.*
- *Excellent program! Ya'll did a GREAT job! The sound was a little low at times but this was awesome that I could attend remotely. Please do more online offerings in the future.*
- *I really appreciated the virtual application for this course and the rapid response time to questions!*
- *This was my first BON training and I loved it. The presenters were great.*
- *Great Workshop and look forward to doing more in the future. This was my first one and I liked the polling and interactive games that we played.*

The Texas Online Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course was recently revised and is now available.

Future Course Development

Board Staff established an Educational Offerings Division (EOD) within the Nursing Department in August 2016 with the goal of continuing the agency's mission to protect the public by offering organized educational opportunities to enhance nurses' knowledge of the Texas Nursing Practice Act and Board rules. As part of the development of the EOD, the BON became an approved provider of continuing education by the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) on August 17, 2016 (ABNP 1509, expiration date July 28, 2024).

The EOD held its annual CNE Needs Assessment & Planning Meeting on January 4, 2020. The aim of this meeting was to analyze relevant data to identify learning needs among nurses in an effort to develop appropriate continuing education for the next Fiscal Year. Based on the findings from this annual meeting, BON Nursing Consultants develop new and/or continue to provide up-to-date, planned, and organized continuing education offerings pertinent to nursing regulation in the State of Texas.

Recommendation

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

2021 Continuing Competency Offerings		
Workshops	Location	Scheduled Dates
Protecting Your Patients & Your Practice, Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics	Virtual	March 10, 2021
	Virtual	June 16, 2021
	Virtual	September 8, 2021
	Virtual	September 29, 2021
	Corpus Christi	November 9, 2021
Asynchronous Online Course Offerings		
Determining APRN Scope of Practice		
Prescriptive Authority for APRNs		
Delegation: Distribution of the Workload		
Documentation: So Let It Be Said...In Writing That Is		
Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course (does not provide CNE)		
Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice		
Nursing Peer Review: Safe Harbor Nursing Peer Review & Whistleblower Protections		
Nursing Peer Review Evaluation of Practice Breakdown Orientation Module (does not provide CNE)		
Nursing Peer Review: Incident-Based Nursing Peer Review & Minor Incidents Rule		