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Greetings from the Education Consultants

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Find, Reflect, Organize, & Generate news = **FROG**



The Texas Board of Nursing Education Consultants have prepared this newsletter for information purposes for programs. Please share with the nursing faculty in your school.

Education Rule Revisions are now adopted and became effective August 9, 2018!

The Board adopted amendments to the following Rules:

§§214.2 - 214.4, 214.6 - 214.11, and 214.13 without changes to the proposed text published in the June 1, 2018, issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3544).

§§215.2 - 215.4, 215.6 - 215.11, and 215.13 with non-substantive changes to

references in the proposed text as published in the June 1, 2018, issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3553).

§217.1 without changes to the proposed text published in the June 1, 2018, issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3564).

§217.14 without changes to the proposed text published in the June 1, 2018, issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3565).



NEW §217.23 with changes to the proposed text published in the June 1, 2018, issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3567).

The Education Consultants incorporated these changes to the VN & RN Survey Review Forms distributed after the Deans and Directors Orientation Session and these Forms are available upon request.

Did you know? . . . Approval for Increasing Program Enrollment

Pre-licensure nursing programs that do not have national nursing accreditation and that wish to increase their program enrollment by 25% or more must submit a proposal to be approved by the Board. To determine 25% or more:

- Determine the total program enrollment for the previous year (using NEPIS data).
- Multiply the enrollment for the year by 24%. You may add up to this number without seeking approval.
- You must request approval for a number of new students equal to 25% or above of the previous year's enrollment.



Did you know? . . . Curriculum Changes



Rules 214.9 and 215.9 include some new language about curriculum changes. Most changes to the curriculum are major curriculum changes, requiring Board Staff approval. Minor changes include editorial (grammatical) changes or moving content between courses. The Education Guideline 3.7.1.a. *Proposals for Curriculum Changes* has been simplified and mostly requires side by side tables showing the old and new curriculum plan, objectives, rationale for the changes, effects on the program, syllabi, and other documents related to the change.

Board Staff will review and request additional information, as needed. Programs that are accredited by a national nursing accreditation organization will submit a substantive change report to the accreditation organization. Examples of changes requiring approval are changes in classroom or clinical hours, adding or removing a course, changes in credit hours, adding online education, or adding a new track.

Please call the Education Consultant for questions. An evaluation of an approved curriculum change shall be provided to Board Staff after a cohort completes the program with the changes.

Did you know? . . . Protecting your students' personal and health information

It is recommended that all health information be removed from individual student files and placed in another file since release of health information is a violation of HIPAA. This would include physical exams and immunization records.





New Process for Student Rosters and Criminal Background Checks

By Francely Rogers,
Exam Department

Due to FBI regulations, the Exam Department has created a new student roster. Names of students who will be admitted and ALSO students that MAY be admitted can be added to the roster. This will begin the CBC process earlier – even though some of the students on the list may not begin or will begin later. If they plan admission at a later time, Exam Staff should be notified (via a new roster) so the student names are updated in the RAP BACK system. Otherwise, the earlier process will help eliminate students starting a DO late and perhaps holding up their registering for the NCLEX exam.

Things to remember:

- A correct email for the student is essential since it will be used for contact.
- Students will receive a pre-enrollment email for fingerprinting after the roster is processed.
- The name provided on the roster MUST match the student's ID. (driver's license, passport, etc.).
- Social Security numbers are not necessary on International student applications & can be left blank on the roster.
- Fingerprint cards should not be sent to the BON. They must go through the registration process.
- Morpho Trust sends CBC information to the BON (once students complete fingerprints) and the BON then sends students:
 - Blue card, or
 - Eligibility review outcome letter, or
 - Fingerprint rejection letter.
- If a review is required (i.e. students do not receive the blue card), 30 days should be allowed for the initial review. The outcome of the initial review will be:
 - Operations outcome letter (allowing application to proceed; sent within 30 days), or
 - DO + \$150 outcome letter (In-depth eligibility review is required)
 - These files are forwarded to Enforcement Department for review (once the DO + \$150 is received).
 - Student should allow 90 days before calling the BON. Enforcement will communicate with student on status.
- Note: Please send change in address as soon as possible in order to stay informed.
- An outcome letter with findings will be provided.

Important:

- Answering "yes" to questions 2-5 in the eligibility section of application triggers a DO.
- Some students may need to redo their fingerprints if they are rejected.
- New fingerprints are required for those fingerprinted prior to 2010.
- Board Staff is able to approve more applications than before so students may not need to submit DO.
- Students should wait for the initial outcome letter before filing a DO, but should start collecting official legal documents that may be needed.

2018 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS)

Thanks so much to all the Deans, Directors, and Administrative Staff who participated in completion of the 2018 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and Faculty Profile! The timely submission of data is greatly appreciated by the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Team and Board Staff. As you are aware, the Center is unable to begin data analysis until all nursing education programs have provided complete responses. This year's process appeared to be seamless with very few follow-up telephone calls or e-mail communications required. We are delighted! Thank you!



Policy Reminder

Importance of documenting that students had received a copy of the policy, and to document when policies are not followed and a student is counseled.

A thought-provoking article that Dr. Benton shared with us that is a must-read for all nursing educators!

Nursing Education: Our Iceberg Is Melting

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Upcoming Education Events

Quarterly Board Meeting

The next Quarterly Board Meeting is

January 24 & 25, 2018 at the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas.

Board Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Board of Nursing website under the **News** heading.

Deans & Directors Orientation

February 15, 2019 from 8:00 to 4:00 at the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas

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Task Force Meeting, November 15, 2018

The Task Force (TF) to Study Implications of Growth in Nursing Education Programs in Texas met on November 15, 2018, in the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas, to consider the official Board charge to “create a dialogue between nursing education and clinical partners to facilitate optimal clinical learning experiences for all constituents.” Dr. Pat Yoder-Wise, Chair of the TF, led the group in a positive discussion about the main issues in the “GAP” between education and practice, and the intent of the charge to help bridge the gap. The TF agreed to focus on the “big picture expectations” related to the gap to begin the conversation between nursing education and practice. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019, in Austin, Texas.

Texas Board of Nursing Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Offerings:

Please visit the CNE Course Catalog at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/> for more information regarding continuing education activities.

Upcoming Workshops

Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice, Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics @#

This workshop has been approved for 8.4 contact hours
(\$109 – pre-registration / \$125 – walk-in, if space available)

Wed, Mar 6, 2019	Commons Conference Center	Austin, TX
Wed, Jun 5, 2019	DoubleTree Dallas Campbell Centre	Dallas, TX
Thu, Sep 12, 2019	Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel	El Paso, TX
Thu, Sep 26, 2019	MCM Elegante Hotel	Odessa, TX
Wed, Nov 6, 2019	DoubleTree by Hilton Hobby Airport	Houston, TX

Online Courses

Determining APRN Scope of Practice # – 1.4 contact hour (\$25)

Documentation: So Let It Be Said . . . In Writing That Is # – 1.4 contact hour (\$25)

Nursing Regulation for Safe Practice @# – 2.0 contact hours (\$25)

Prescriptive Authority for APRNs # – 1.2 contact hour (\$25)

Please review our [system requirements](#).

Legend

@ This course meets the 2-Hour CNE requirement for nursing jurisprudence and ethics established during the 2013 Legislative Session.

This continuing nursing education offering was approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. The Texas Board of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing education by the Alabama Board of Nursing, ABNP1509, expiration date August 17, 2020.