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ON THE COVER:

THE WHITE HEART WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED AS A UNIVERSAL SYMBOL FOR NURSING IN 1999, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES. THE SYMBOL IS MEANT TO CHARACTERIZE THE CARING, KNOWLEDGE AND HUMANITY THAT INFUSE THE WORK AND SPIRIT OF NURSING. WHITE REPRESENTS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL COLORS AND IS A UNIFYING COLOR FOR NURSES GLOBALLY.



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Nurse licensed in West Virginia.



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

MISSION

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses established to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of registered professional nurses and dialysis technicians

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with WV Code §30-7-1 et seq., the Board will:

1. Function according to the Code of Conduct;
2. Be accessible to the public;
3. Assure the quality of the basic education process for registered professional nurses;
4. Assure the quality of the basic education process for the dialysis technician;
5. Assure initial and continuing competence of the registered professional nurse;
6. Assure initial and continuing competence of the dialysis technician;
7. Define the scope of practice for registered professional nursing;
8. Define the scope of practice for the dialysis technician;
9. Provide a disciplinary process;
10. Review issues related to the nursing shortage;
11. Support the mission of the West Virginia Center for Nursing.

STATUTORY HISTORY

The Board of Nursing is mandated under Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code to:

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Review and evaluate National Council of State Boards of Nursing registered nurse licensure examination scores of each program in relation to the standard;
2. Conduct on-site visits to at least two nursing education programs annually;
3. Issue licenses to qualified persons in a timely fashion;
4. Provide educational information to registered nurses, dialysis technicians, and the public related to:
 - a. Discipline
 - b. Orientation to the Board
 - c. Advanced Practice
 - d. Licensure
 - e. Practice Issues;
5. Process complaints from health care professionals and the public in a timely fashion;
6. Expediently respond to requests related to:
 - a. Verification of licenses and certification
 - b. Discipline cases
 - c. The function of the Board
 - d. Patients' rights information;
7. Continue the review and evaluation of multi-state regulation;
8. Provide and evaluate the effectiveness of the impaired nurse treatment program;
9. Provide multiple modes of communication opportunities with the Board;
10. Implement the rules relative to the regulation of dialysis technicians.

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Continue updating computer equipment and database program. Evaluate and provide personnel, equipment, and database programs. Evaluate and provide personnel, equipment, and space needs for the regulation of dialysis technicians.

Reviewed and revised by the Board 6/14/1999, 6/13/2000, 6/13/2001, 6/12/2002; reaffirmed 6/12/2003; Reviewed and revised by the Board 6/15/2004; Reviewed and revised by the Board 6/15/2005; Reviewed and revised by the Board 6/14/2006.



From the President



Dear West Virginia Registered Professional Nurse,

On July 1, 1907 the West Virginia Legislature approved a bill requiring state registration of all nurses. Individuals could register as a nurse, without taking an examination, by providing proper affidavits and recommendations by January 1, 1908. There were fifty-one nurses who received State Registration Certificates by waiver.

The first examination for nurses in West Virginia was held on June 12, 1908 in the Chamber of Commerce room in Wheeling. There were thirty applicants that took the examination. An average score of 65% was required in order to pass the exam.

Most nursing graduates in the early 20th century received their education from hospital schools of nursing. Student nurses generally worked ten to twelve hour shifts, seven days a week, with only a few hours of classroom instruction. New nursing students, who were known as probationers, usually worked as a maid. Probationers were to adhere to a strict code of etiquette that required complete deference to physicians and supervisors. If found worthy by the physicians and supervisors, students then progressed to more patient centered duties. These duties included sterilization of equipment, administration of leeches, rolling and making up bandages, and keeping instruments bright and clean.

Upon graduating a new nurse in the early 1900's usually went to work as a private duty nurse in a patient's home or as a superintendent in a hospital. Private duty nurses earned an average of \$5 per week according to the US Department of Labor.

Spring forward 100 years. We now have almost 23,000 licensed Registered Professional Nurses in West Virginia. Students attend colleges and universities throughout the state.

The nurse collaborates with other healthcare providers to plan care for patients and their families. Wages are good, as are working conditions.

As we celebrate 100 years of nursing in West Virginia let us all take a moment to reflect on the changes we have seen during our career. Then let us imagine how nursing will change over the next 100 years.

I hope to see each of you at our 100 Year Gala Celebration of Nursing on October 18, 2007 at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

Pamela Alderman, MSN, RN
Board President



GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Laura Skidmore Rhodes,
MSN, RN
Executive Director

Nursing has been in West Virginia much longer than 100 years! The upcoming celebration is for 100 years of existence for the West Virginia Nurses Association and the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses. The West Virginia Center for Nursing is joining in and will be presenting the first Nursing Excellence Awards during the October 18th evening Gala. A variety of events are planned to celebrate Nursing. A calendar of events is provided so you can mark your calendar and begin making plans to be part of the historical events in October.

We know there is a nursing shortage and many challenges facing nursing that give us concern. Sometimes these concerns weigh heavy on our minds and interfere with our ability to see the great things that come from nursing. During the Gala Events, we invite you to focus on the accomplishments of those who have gone before us, those who currently make a difference in the lives of millions through their nursing care and services, and those who come after us, whose path we will work to make smoother. Come celebrate with us!

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Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Event Sponsored by the West Virginia Center for Nursing
Lost Knowledge: The Threat of an Aging Workforce – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. University of Charleston. Please visit www.wvcenterfornursing.org for more information.

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Event Sponsored by the West Virginia

WVBON Meetings

Board Meeting Dates 2007 and 2008

October 25 – 26, 2007

February 15, 2008
(Tentative Date)

March 20 – 21, 2008

June 11 – 13, 2008

RN/LPN Joint Meeting
June 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses and the West Virginia Center for Nursing 100 Year Gala Celebration! 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cultural Center at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, WV. This event will include nursing history, presentation of regulatory awards, presentation of nursing excellence awards, and time to celebrate with others. For more information, visit www.wvnrnboard.com

Friday, October 19, 2007

Event sponsored by West Virginia Nurses Association West Virginia Nurses Foundation Gala Dinner will be at the Marriott in Charleston, WV.

Registration begins September 3, 2007, online or call the Central Office at 1-800-400-1226.

Additional information is provided in this news magazine or you may visit www.wvnurses.org

Saturday, October 20, 2007

Event sponsored by West Virginia Nurses Association Annual Conference at the Marriott in Charleston, WV Additional information is provided in this news magazine or you may visit www.wvnurses.org

From NCSBN

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant Program recently awarded grants totaling almost \$2.4 million to eight U.S. organizations and one international organization.

The Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant Program funds innovative projects that can have measurable impact on nursing regulation and can create meaningful change. The Center's research priorities include continuing competence, patient safety, licensure, discipline, regulation of nursing education, integration of the internationally educated nurse into the U.S. workforce and nursing regulation issues outside the U.S. Projects selected in this funding cycle focused on these priorities and had sound scientific merit.

Grants were awarded to the following institutions, organizations and programs:

- Northwestern University for "*NP CAPS Study: Nurse Practitioner Certification and Practice Setting Study.*"
- Rush University Medical Center for "*Effect of Mindfulness Training on Reduction of Nurse Errors in Simulated Clinical Scenarios.*"
- Indiana University for "*Teaching Patient Safety and Clinical Judgment Using Multiple-Patient Simulation Experiences.*"
- Missouri Center for Patient Safety for "*Establishing a statewide "Just Culture" for patient safety between healthcare providers and regulators.*"
- North Dakota Board of Nursing for a "*Nurse Faculty Intern Pilot Study.*"
- Research Foundation of CUNY and Queens College of CUNY for "*The Role of Nurses' Education in Shaping Patient Outcomes.*"
- Vermont Nurse Internship Project for the "*Vermont Nurse Internship Project Research Plan.*"
- The International Council of Nurses Foundation (ICNF) and International Council of Nurses (ICN) for "*The Role and Identity of the Regulator: an International Comparative Study.*"
- National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) for "*Clarification of Nurse Practitioner Specialty and Subspecialty Clinical Track Titles, Hours, and Credentialing.*"

NCSBN believes that the knowledge gained from these evidence-based research studies will aid boards of nursing in setting regulatory standards that will continue to safeguard the public welfare in the 21st century. For additional information on the grant program please go to, www.ncsbn.org.



License Renewal

Renewal Season is upon us! The online renewal will be available by the time you receive this publication. So, you should be able to renew online by going to www.wvrnboard.com <<http://www.wvrnboard.com>> and following the link to the online renewal page.

To renew online, you will need your license number, last four digits of your social security number, and a credit card.

THE FEE IS PRORATED THIS YEAR TO THIRTY ONE DOLLARS (\$31.00). This fee is lower as the license expiration date beginning in 2008 will be October 31 of each year. The 2008 license you receive will show an expiration date of October 31, 2008. Because the date is less than twelve (12) months, the fee was lowered accordingly.

A paper renewal is in the middle of this magazine. You may remove the middle pages, complete the renewal, and return it to the RN Board within thirty (30) days of receipt. For a speedier renewal process, RENEW ONLINE at www.wvrnboard.com.

The renewal may also be downloaded from the web site for those preferring to submit a paper renewal and lost the renewal in this magazine.

You will not be able to renew online if you have a complaint that has not previously been reported to the Board.

If you have a name change, you can renew online **only after** you have sent in the required name change form. A link to this form is located on the web site home page at www.wvrnboard.com.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to rnboard@state.wv.us. Please note the word RENEWAL in the subject line.

REMEMBER: An active license is required to practice as a registered professional nurse in West Virginia. Practicing without an active license will result in a fine and related administrative costs and could include disciplinary action.



“100 YEARS OF NURSING GALA CELEBRATION”

An evening with the
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
and the WEST VIRGINIA CENTER FOR NURSING

West Virginia Capitol Cultural Center
Thursday, October 18, 2007
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Program

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(Cultural Center Lobby)

Meet and Greet
Hors' d'oeuvres' served

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Main Auditorium)

West Virginia Air National Guard
Presenting the Colors

Welcome by
Pamela Alderman, President of the
West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

Recognition of Special Guests

History

Regulatory Recognition

Center for Nursing Awards

Closing Remarks

Cake Cutting Ceremony and Refreshments

Come Celebrate With Us

Seating is limited. Let us know you are coming by e-mailing nursinggala@state.wv.us



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

P.O. Box 5337, CHARLESTON, WV 25361-0337
304-558-3596 OR 1-877-743-6877 VOICE MAIL SYSTEM
Web: www.wvrnboard.com E-mail: rnboard@state.wv.us

Save time. . . Renew Online www.wvrnboard.com through December 30, 2007

RENEWAL INFORMATION: Your RN license expires December 31, 2007. You must renew the license to continue working or identifying yourself as an RN.

PLEASE READ QUESTIONS CAREFULLY COMPLETE ALL PAGES OF THE APPLICATION AND SIGN
Incomplete or unsigned applications will be returned unprocessed

Make checks payable to: **WV BD OF EXAM FOR RN. Place your license number on your check. There is a \$20.00 fee for returned checks. A license becomes invalid upon failure to redeem a check after notification.** Online credit card payment is available at www.wvrnboard.com . Faxed applications are not accepted.

RENEWAL APPLICATION **MUST BE RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 14, 2007** TO BE ASSURED OF RECEIPT OF YOUR LICENSE BY DECEMBER 30, 2007
MAIL TO: WV RN Board, PO Box 5337, Charleston, WV 25361-0337
Board Office closes for the New Year at 12:00 Noon December 31, 2007

Name _____ License Number (if known) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ SSN: _____ - -

E-mail Address _____

READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY: CHECK OR CIRCLE THE CORRECT RESPONSE

1. A. **RENEWAL FEE = \$31.00** This is a pro-rated fee due to the change in expiration date from 12/31/08 to 10/31/08. The RN Board receives \$21.00 and the Center for Nursing receives \$10.00.
B. **Renewal Fee with Name Change** = \$36.00 and requires a certified copy of the legal document changing your name or a signed and notarized affidavit. The affidavit is on the web site at www.wvrnboard.com
C. **Inactive Status Request** = No fee. No license issued. Must sign back of renewal form. May not be placed on inactive status if discipline is pending or there is currently action against your license.
D. **Retired Status Request** = No Fee. **Must be unemployed.** May not practice or identify yourself as a licensed registered nurse. A special RETIRED NURSE license will be issued.

2. Marital Status: (S) - Single (M) - Married (W) - Widowed (D) - Divorced

3. To which racial/ethnic group do you belong (check only one)?
 White, not of Hispanic origin Black, not of Hispanic origin Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Asian/Pacific Islander Multi-racial Other racial/ethnic group

4. Check the degrees you hold **other than your original nursing degree** and provide the year obtained. All Diploma Degrees are currently in the database:

- Associate, nursing _____ Baccalaureate, nursing _____ Masters, nursing _____ Doctoral, nursing _____
 Associate, other field _____ Baccalaureate, other field _____ Masters, other _____ Doctoral, other _____

YES* answers for 5 - 11 require additional information: an explanation and certified copies of court related documents

5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony that **has NOT been previously reported to the Board?** Yes* send additional information No

6. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, or plead nolo contendere or deferred prosecution or been pardoned in relation to any crime that **has NOT been previously reported to the Board?** (Any conviction exclusive of minor traffic violations such as speeding or parking violations must be reported.) Yes* No

7. Do you have any criminal charges currently pending in any state, territory or country that **have NOT been previously reported to the Board?** Yes* No

8. Has a complaint ever been filed against your RN license in West Virginia that **has NOT been dismissed**? Yes* No
9. Has a complaint ever been filed against your RN license in any other state, territory or country that **has NOT been previously reported to the WV RN Board**? Yes* No
10. Are disciplinary charges pending against ANY license in this state or any other state, territory or country that **have NOT been previously reported to the Board**? Yes* No
11. Has your nursing practice ever been monitored for any reason, disciplinary action or otherwise, by any facility, board or group that **has NOT been previously reported to the Board**? (Action includes monetary assessments or fines) Yes* No
12. Do you currently possess any condition which may affect your ability to safely and effectively practice registered professional nursing? Yes** No
YES If you answer "yes" please provide a written explanation.**
13. Do you have a court ordered child support obligation? Yes No
 A. Does the amount of any unpaid obligation equal or exceed the amount of child support payable for six (6) months? Yes No
 B. Are you currently the subject of a child-support or paternity subpoena? Yes No
14. Do you own all or part of a business that operates within West Virginia? Yes*** No

***If yes, please enter the FEIN number of your business _____

WV§21A-6(18) provides that a board may not issue or renew a license for you to engage in the practice of a profession if you are in default under either the unemployment or workers compensation laws, or both laws of the state.

15. Are you currently employed in a paid position?

- YES, check one below NO, check the reason below
- In nursing Full time paid position Part time paid position Per Diem paid position
- In healthcare but not nursing Full time paid position Part time paid position Per Diem paid position
- NOT in nursing or healthcare Full time paid position Part time paid position Per Diem paid position
- Working in nursing ONLY as an unpaid volunteer
 Salary inadequate
 Home responsibilities
 Caring for elderly parents
 Disabled
 Seeking work as a nurse
 Seeking work in another field
 Seeking work but no job available
 Retired
 Other

IF EMPLOYED PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Employment as a nurse means any job that requires you to hold an active license to practice as a nurse. PRIMARY NURSING POSITION is the nursing position in which you spend the most time each month.

Employer: _____
 Name

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County of Employment: _____ Employer Phone Number: _____

Number of hours Worked per week: _____ Number of weeks worked per year: _____

- SETTING OF EMPLOYMENT:**
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. CLINIC/AMBULATORY CARE | I. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH |
| B. COMMUNITY/PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY | J. OFFICE |
| C. CORRECTIONS | K. PRIVATE PRACTICE/SELF EMPLOYED |
| D. HOME HEALTH AGENCY/HOSPICE | L. SCHOOL/COLLEGE HEALTH |
| E. HOSPITAL | M. SCHOOL OF NURSING |
| F. INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS | N. STATE INSTITUTION |
| G. MILITARY INSTALLATION | O. TEMP. AGENCY/NURSING POOL |
| H. NURSING HOME/EXTENDED CARE | P. OTHER |

- TYPE OF POSITION: PRIMARY NURSING POSITION**
- A. ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGER/DIRECTOR
 - B. DISCHARGE PLANNER/CASE MNGR
 - C. FACULTY/EDUCATOR (includes in-service)
 - D. HEAD NURSE/CHARGE/TEAM LDR
 - E. INFECTION CONTROL
 - F. NURSE PRACTITIONER, CNM, CNS, CRNA
 - G. QLTY ASSURANCE/RISK MGNT
 - H. RESEARCHER/CONSULTANT
 - I. SCHOOL NURSE
 - K. STAFF NURSE/GENERAL DUTY
 - L. UTILIZATION REVIEW/ OUTCOMES MNGMT/ OTHER INSURANCE RELATED
 - M. OTHER

MAJOR CLINICAL TEACHING OR PRACTICE AREA: PRIMARY NURSING POSITION

- A. ANESTHESIA
- B. COMMUNITY/PUBLIC HEALTH
- C. EMERGENCY CARE
- D. GENERAL PRACTICE
- E. GERIATRIC
- F. HOME HEALTH
- G. INTENSIVE /CRITICAL CARE
- H. IV THERAPY
- I. MEDICAL SURGICAL
- J. NEONATOLOGY
- K. OBSTETRICS
- L. ONCOLOGY
- M. OPERATING/POST-ANESTHESIA RECOVERY
- N. PEDIATRIC
- O. PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HLTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- P. QUALITY ASSURANCE/RISK MGNT
- Q. REHABILITATION
- R. OTHER: _____

16. Do you hold any of the following certifications?

- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL - CARE NURSES**
- Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist

AMERICAN NURSES' CREDENTIALING CENTER

- Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Specialist in Community Health Nursing
- Clinical Specialist Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing Administration, Advanced
- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
- School Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Specialist in Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Clinical Specialist in Gerontological Nursing
- Clinical Specialist in Child and Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING PRACTITIONERS

- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION CORPORATION FOR THE OBSTETRIC, GYNECOLOGIC AND NEONATAL NURSING

- Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

PEDIATRIC NURSING CERTIFICATION BOARD (PNCB)

- Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Associate

COUNCIL ON CERTIFICATION/RE-CERTIFICATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Answer the following questions if you work in a paid nursing position or as an unpaid nurse volunteer. If you work in more than one nursing position, answer the following questions related to the PRIMARY NURSING POSITION which is the nursing position in which you spend the most time each month.

17. Does your **primary nursing position** involve providing direct care services to patients/families? YES NO

18. How many hours did you work last week in your **primary nursing position**? (Do not count on-call hours, vacation or sick leave hours if they were paid). _____

19. If you work as a nurse in a second job, how many hours per week do you work? _____

20. Please list all states in which you hold an ACTIVE license as an RN. _____

21. Please list all states in which you are currently practicing as an RN. _____

22. How long do you **expect to stay** in your **primary nursing position**?

- 3 years or less 4 to 10 years more than 10 years Not Applicable

23. How many years have you been in your current **primary nursing position**?

- 1 - 5 years 11 - 15 years 21 - 25 years 31 or more years
- 6 - 10 years 16 - 20 years 26 - 30 years Not applicable

24. How long do you expect to provide **direct patient care**?

- 3 years or less 4 - 10 years more than 10 years not applicable

25. If you are planning to leave your current **primary nursing position**, for what reason(s) would you be leaving? (Mark all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE | <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNING TO SCHOOL | <input type="checkbox"/> CARING FOR ELDERLY/DISABLED FAMILY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELOCATING | <input type="checkbox"/> WORKING ENVIRONMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> STARTING/RAISING A FAMILY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SALARY/PAY | <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGING SPECIALTY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRING | | |

26. What age were you when you graduated from your original nursing program? _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

By signing this application, I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is complete and true and that I have met one of the continuing education requirements below:

I was initially licensed in WV before January 1, 2006 and have satisfactorily completed thirty (30) required hours of CE; **or**

I was initially licensed in WV on or after January 1, 2006 and have satisfactorily completed twelve (12) required hours of CE including two (2) hours in "End of Life Care Including Pain Management"; **or**

I was initially licensed in WV on or after January 1, 2007 and have completed the required two (2) hours in "End of Life Care Including Pain Management". If you have not completed the required course, a license will not be issued to you.

There is a one time two (2) hour requirement for "End of Life Care Including Pain Management". If you completed a course in "End of Life Care Including Pain Management" at anytime after you were initially licensed, you have met this requirement.

I understand that supplying false information is a violation of WV Code §30-7-1 et seq. And subjects me to the full range of disciplinary action described therein. If I fail to renew my license, my license will lapse and I may not work or represent myself as an RN until I have met the reinstatement requirements. If I do work or represent myself as an RN while my license is lapsed, I am subject to fines, administrative costs and disciplinary action, as defined in WV Code §30-7-1 et seq., and related laws and rules.

Your Daytime Phone Number: () _____ Home Phone Number: () _____

LICENSEE SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Before Mailing Your Application:

1. Consider renewing Online at www.wvrnboard.com **Save Time Renew Online**
2. Answer all questions and fill in all blanks
3. Provide supporting documentation if needed (Yes answer to questions 5 - 12)
4. Include a check or money order for the required fee
5. Sign the renewal certifying that all information is correct

Failure to complete steps 2 - 5 above will result in a delay in the processing of the renewal application. The incomplete application will be returned to you to complete and send back to the Board office. If the application is not returned to the Board office prior to the 12/31/07 deadline, the license will lapse and a reinstatement fee and application will be required to obtain an active license. There is a monetary penalty for practicing without a current active license. Fine and administrative costs of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for practicing without a valid license from the date the license lapsed up to thirty (30) days or any portion thereof. One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each additional thirty (30) days or any portion thereof. Disciplinary action may be taken for other violations of the law and for practicing without a license for six (6) months or more.

If you have any questions about the renewal process please send an e-mail to: rnboard@state.wv.us and reference 2008 Renewal in the subject line.

Nursing Excellence Award Recipients

Advanced Practice:



Linda Gillet, MSN, RN
Clinical Director,
Women's Services
Shenandoah Valley
Medical System

Linda is a caring, compassionate role model with unparalleled devotion to her patients, to advancing the nursing profession, and to creating an environment that yields the highest quality care.



Pamela Maddox, RN, APRN, BC
Women's Health
Center

Pamela is an outstanding mentor to students. Effective at outreach-health education, both to lay and professional audiences.

Clinical Practice:



Denise Ohlsen Koster, RN, BSN, NCSN
School Nurse, Kanawha County Schools

Denise is a caring and compassionate professional who truly understands that every child should be healthy in mind, body, and soul. She works tirelessly with school faculty, students, parents, colleagues, and community leaders toward that goal.



Randal E. Conrad, RN, BA, CEN
Emergency Room
Nurse, Safety Officer
Braxton County Memorial Hospital

Randal is compassionate and caring, serves as a mentor and portrays a commitment to the nursing profession through the mission of caring for others.



Deborah Toney, RN
Staff Nurse
CAMC, General
Hospital

Deborah improves the outcomes of each and every patient she encounters each and every day.



Christina Frame, RN
Staff Nurse
CAMC, Memorial
Hospital

Christina is respected and well liked by her co-workers. She has a warm smile and caring attitude toward staff, patients, and physicians. Her work is always at the highest standards.

Gail Craft, RN
Staff Nurse
Greenbrier Valley
Medical Center



Gail has a wonderful sense of human compassion, intelligence, dedication, and is an absolute inspiration to those who may by chance cross her path.



Molly Scarborough, RN, BSN, IBCLC, CCE, CPST
Women's Health
Education
Coordinator
Greenbrier Valley
Medical Center

Molly is passionate about women and children's health issues. She never tires in her efforts to improve the health of women of all ages and their children.

Nursing Education:



Kelli Elaine Turner Kirk, MSN, RN, APRN, BC, NCSN
Clinical Instructor
West Virginia University
Institute of Technology

Kelli is determined, compassionate, and caring. Her devotion to excellence in nursing education extends to her own personal growth and development. But also by sharing her knowledge and expertise with others, she helps them develop to their full potential.



Laura H. Clayton, Ph.D., RN
Associate Professor of
Nursing
Shepherd University

Laura is a highly competent, motivated, tireless, and innovative leader dedicated to excellence in nursing and the optimization of patient care outcomes.

Nurse Leader



Diana Riddle, RN, MSN, CFNP
Administrator
Mason County Health
Department

Diana is well educated and knowledgeable about the public health system. She is efficient and dedicated to the advancement of public health through the provision of quality patient care.



Martha Cook Carter, RN, BA, CNM
Chief Executive Officer
Family Care, Inc.

Martha has made it her mission to bring access to quality health care services to people regardless of their ability to pay. Her organization serves 20,000 patients annually who might not have health-care options otherwise.



Nursing Excellence Award Recipients



**Kay Shamblin, RN,
BSN**
Director, Department
of Health and Human
Resources, Bureau for
Public Health
Office of Community

Health System, Division of Local Health

Kay was born to be a nurse. She embodies the spirit of nursing in every aspect of her life, in her approach to management, and in her leadership style.



**Madonna Roach, RN,
MSN**
Chief Nurse
Executive
William R. Sharpe, Jr.
Hospital

Madonna is the epitome of nursing excellence and the embodiment of loving care.



**Teresa (Tracy)
Wilson, RN**
Chief Executive
Officer
Worthington Center,
Inc.

Tracy's career is about commitment to service and advancement to the disenfranchised and the hopeless.



Sandra Knotts, RN
Vice-President of
Clinical Services
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Buckhannon

Sandy takes nursing leadership to a new level and shows us what kind of nurse we all should strive to be.



**Mary E. (Betsy)
Hart, RN, CNOR,
CNIV**
Surgery Charge
Nurse
CAMC, General
Hospital

Mary's clinical skills, leadership, organization, and a deep sense of caring make her an outstanding nurse.



**Deborah L. Carte,
RN
Nurse Manager
CAMC Health
Systems, Women and
Children's Hospital**

Deborah is a nurse in every sense of the word. She is caring, compassionate, driven, and motivated to provide what is the best for the patient.



**Ruth Walsh, RN,
BSN
Clinical Research
Associate
WVU School of
Medicine**

Ruth is truly an unsung hero. She has been recognized for the contributions as a practicing nurse leader, amateur politician, and a rich historian for a tradition in midwifery.



Roots and Roads

by Laura Skidmore Rhodes

The roots of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) and the West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA) are entwined. The destination for each group is the same. . . safe, quality patient care. The roads taken to reach the destination are different. The Board protects the public through the regulation of the practice of registered professional nurses. WVNA promotes safe patient care by supporting and promoting nursing professionalism through legislative action, education, position statements and other activities.

A History of Nursing in West Virginia by Miss Mary E. Reid, RN and Mrs. Margaret J. Steele, RN tell us much about our "roots". Miss Reid began the book, however passed away January 7, 1939 before it was completed. In October 1939, Mrs. Steele began completing the book for publication. Most of the information in this article is taken directly from this publication.

The relationship between the Board and WVNA began over 100 years ago. In 1903 Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbery, Miss Emma Auhring, and Mrs. Margaret J. Steele met to talk about establishing a state nurses association and the need for a legislative enactment creating a State Board of Nurse Examiners. This group met several times between 1903 and 1906 studying other state associations and gathering support from other nurses in West Virginia. On October 10, 1906 the group held the first meeting to organize an association. Among the items of business was the design of a state pin. The pin was a white enameled Greek cross with a superimposed green enameled cloverleaf. At the first state meeting the group drafted a bill to be presented to the Legislature for the organization of a State Board of Nurse Examiners.

The initial bill to establish the State Board of Nurse Examiners was introduced during the 1907 legislative session by the newly organized State Nurses' Association. It passed March 1, 1907.

Though the clause "two of whom may be women" was included in the original law, the Governor, as was customary prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920,



Reading from top to bottom: Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbery, Miss Emma Auhring, Mrs. Margaret J. Steele.

appointed men as members of State Boards and, therefore appointed five doctors as members. The appointees were: Dr. George Lounsbery, Charleston; Dr. Thomas Haskins, Wheeling; Dr. Alonzo Andrews, Martinsburg; Dr. C.M. Scott, Bluefield; and Dr. L.V. Guthrie, Huntington. Currently, Board members are registered professional nurses and public members. The members are appointed by the Governor. The registered nurse members are selected from a list provided to the Governor by the West Virginia Nurses Association. Current Board Members are: Pamela Alderman, President (Logan Co.); Cynthia Persily, Secretary (Kanawha Co.); Diana Boyle (Marion Co.); Linda Williams (Fayette Co.); Robin Walton (Cabell Co.); and Judy Nystrom, Public Member (McDowell Co.).

Though the legislation passed in March, it was approved July 1, 1907. At that time all nurses were notified that they could register without examination if they supplied proper affidavits and recommendations

by January 1, 1908. Fifty-one nurses received State Registration Certificates by this method, Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbery being the first nurse to register by waiver.

The first meeting of the Board was held December 30, 1907 in the Governor's reception room at the Capitol building. Dr. Lounsbery was elected secretary.

Thirty applicants took the first examination held in Wheeling in the Chamber of Commerce room on June 12, 1908. The required passing average was 65%. The required average was raised to 75% in 1927.

The Board has issued over 71,515 licenses to registered nurses since 1907. Today over 23,000 nurses hold an active West Virginia license. The exam is computerized and over 800 individuals take the exam to obtain a license in West Virginia each year.

After 100 years, the Board and WVNA are still working to assure the public receives the best possible nursing care. How that is accomplished may be different but remains as important as it was 100 years ago.



FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has requested the WV RN Board share information about the growing number of electronic tools available from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for accessing important safety information on the medical products nurses use and authorized nurses prescribe. As the FDA moves from a paper-based to an electronic-based environment, they are providing new ways to offer timely, science-based, and clinically relevant safety information directly to providers and their patients at the point of care. Healthcare practitioners can now receive clinically useful safety information on medical

products from the FDA by:

- Subscribing to FDA's Med-Watch listserv notification or RSS news feeds (<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/elist.htm>)
- Bookmarking FDA's Med-Watch Web site (<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety.htm>)
- Downloading audio broadcasts (podcasts) (<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov>)

During the past several years, the FDA has been working to *harness informatics* with the goal of achieving an electronic environment for all of their regulatory activities, including

communicating timely safety information to providers and patients. For example, in March 2007, the FDA hosted a public meeting to explore opportunities for collaborations with private healthcare organizations to develop a nationwide electronic network supporting rapid access to and analysis of medical product adverse events and the dissemination of timely risk communications.

Drug and device manufacturers are also turning to electronic methods to disseminate safety information to healthcare professionals in a timely, targeted, and secure manner. The FDA supports the use of electronic methods to disseminate medical product safety information, whether by industry or by the FDA (<http://www.fda.gov/oc/guidance/electornic.html>).

The FDA wants to work with healthcare organizations and regulatory agencies to expand their risk communication activities as part of the FDA's larger patient safety effort. If you have suggestions or comments about ways the FDA can reach health care professionals electronically, or if you would like additional information about FDA activities in this area, please contact Dr. Norman Marks at safetyinformation@fda.hhs.gov.

The information for this article is taken directly from a correspondence from Dr. Janet Woodcock, M.D. to the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses dated August 13, 2007.



**WVSNA CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION**



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CONFERENCE**



**Co-sponsored by University of Charleston
University of Charleston Campus
October 19, 2007, 8:30 – 4pm**

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON CAMPUS

Riggleman Hall Building, The Erma Byrd Gallery

2300 MacCorkle Ave SE

Charleston, WV 25304

Lisa Blankenship, VP/Event Chair 304-255-9052

Dr. Sheila Kyle, MSN, EdD, RN, St Mary's School of Nursing 304-526-1416

Directions:

From the South: Take I-77 to exit 95 to MacCorkle Ave. SE (WV 61N)
From North or East: Take I-64 to exit 58A Oakwood/MacCorkle Ave, Right
on MacCorkle
University of Charleston, The Erma Byrd Gallery located in the Riggleman
Hall Building

Schedule of Events

8:30-9:00	Registration Meet and Greet/light breakfast
9:00-9:15	Welcome Address
9:15-10:15	WV Center for Nursing
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Spirituality in Nursing today
11:30-12:45	Lunch and Exhibitors
12:45-1:45	Test taking tips and tricks
1:45-2:00	Break
2:00-3:00	Domestic Violence and Health Care
3:00-4:00	Business Meeting and BOD Election/Scholarship Awards

Don't miss this fun informative opportunity to meet others from nursing programs throughout the state.

Exhibitors/prospective employers will be there also and want to meet You!!!!

Want to become more involved with the WVSNA? Become a WVSNA board of directors member.

More information and elections held at conference.

Scholarships to be Awarded: (6) \$300.00 Awards

See attachment Scholarship application or contact Nursing office at your school.

Applications due by October 5, 2007. You must attend conference to qualify for scholarship.

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

ALTERNATE PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

CURRENT NSNA MEMBER \$25

(INCLUDES BUFFET LUNCH)

NSNA # _____

NON NSNA MEMBER \$65

(INCLUDES NSNA MEMBERSHIP AND LUNCH)

\$5.00 DISCOUNT PER REGISTRATION FOR GROUP

REGISTRATIONS OF 15 OR MORE. REGISTRATIONS

MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.

ON SITE OR LATE REGISTRATIONS AFTER OCTOBER

5TH, INCLUDE ADDITIONAL \$10.00 FEE.

