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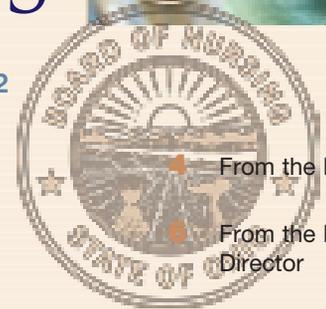
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Board President

Greetings from the Ohio Board of Nursing! As we celebrate spring and summer in Ohio, we also celebrate a new member appointed to the Board and recognize the tenure of a previous Board member. The new Board member is Delphenia Gilbert, RN, M.Ed., LSN, who attended her first Board meeting in March. Delphenia is employed as a school nurse for the Cleveland Municipal School District. In the past, she worked as a multi-specialty nurse for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. We are pleased to welcome her to the Board!

The Board also wants to recognize the work and tenure of Cindy Krueger, RN, MSN, as a Board member. For the past two years, Cindy provided leadership to the Board as the President. Cindy is currently Interim Vice-President for Academics and Dean of Allied Professions at Northwest State Community College. The Board thanks Cindy for her expertise and wishes her well!

We are pleased to recognize that Janet Boeckman, RN, MSN, CPNP, a current Board member, was appointed to a committee convened by the legislature (as authorized by the state budget bill, HB 119) known as the Nursing Education Study Committee (Committee). Janet serves with representatives from the General Assembly, educators, and nursing organizations. The charge of the Committee is to

review issues associated with the nurse faculty shortage and clinical placement site limitations in nursing education programs. The Committee is to issue a report by December of 2008.

Janet currently is the Board Education Liaison, and in this role, she works with Board staff to review nursing education programs prior to the programs being presented to the full Board for approval or re-approval. Janet is a Professor and Director of Nursing Programs at North Central State College.

This year is shaping up to be a busy year at the Board, and we are working to become more efficient and effective during this year's renewal period with the use of technology! The Board is encouraging LPNs to renew their licenses on-line. LPNs were mailed a renewal notification with instructions about how to renew on-line this year. If LPNs choose not to renew on-line, they will need to contact the Board to request a paper application. (E-mail renewal@nursing.ohio.gov, fax at (614) 466-0388, or request by mail.) The Board anticipates using the same process during next year's RN renewal.

Lastly, congratulations to all nurses as we recognize the nursing profession during National Nurses Week this year!

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I am pleased to have been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) as the Area II Director. I was elected at the NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly in August of 2007 after presenting information about the Ohio Board of Nursing and my qualifications during the “Candidate Forum.” It is my honor to have this opportunity!

As the Area II Director, in addition to Ohio, I represent the state boards of nursing in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia (RN and PN), and Wisconsin.

As I begin my two-year term, I find that the NCSBN Board is hard working and committed to the mission of NCSBN, which is to provide leadership to advance regulatory excellence for public protection.

The Board appoints numerous committees to assist in the accomplishment of the work of the Board. Some of the committees include:

- **Advanced Practice Committee-** The charge of this committee is to communicate and collaborate with APRN stakeholders regarding APRN issues and develop APRN regulatory model language.
- **Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence-** This committee’s charge is to identify indicators of regulatory excellence.
- **Continued Competence Committee-** This committee met previously to look at various methods of assuring the continued competency of nurses. Currently, boards

are being asked to examine various methods of “licensure maintenance.”

- **NCLEX Examination Committee-** This group provides general oversight for the NCLEX examination processes and recommends test plans.
- **Transition to Practice Committee-** This committee is exploring the feasibility of a transition regulatory model, i.e., internships or residency models.
- **Faculty Qualifications Committee-** The charge of this committee is to review and present innovative regulatory models for the utilization of nursing faculty.

Another committee is known as TERCAP and is chaired by Lisa Emrich, RN, MSN, who is a Program Manager for the Ohio Board of Nursing. TERCAP stands for Taxonomy of Error, Root Cause Analysis and Practice-responsibility. The TERCAP is a data instrument that collects information about practice breakdown, including system, licensee and healthcare team contributions to the practice breakdown. The present charge of the Committee is to provide resources to promote the use of TERCAP, facilitate a TERCAP roundtable conference and to analyze the aggregate data collected by boards of nursing.

Another Ohio Board of Nursing staff member serves on the Disciplinary Resources Committee. We are proud that Emily Brown, Esq., an Ohio Board Supervising Attorney, has served on this committee for two years. Prior to Emily’s service, Bette Horst, RN, MSN, and Ohio Board Investigator, served on



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this committee. This committee facilitates an annual Investigator and Attorney Seminar and identifies and reviews existing disciplinary resources. Lastly, Ohio Board Compliance/Discipline Program Manager, Lisa Ferguson-Ramos, RN, JD, previously served on the Nursys™ Committee that examined the development and use of this nursing license verification and discipline database system used by boards of nursing.

As a result of recent NCSBN Board discussions, a new committee is being formed, The Chemical Dependency Program Review Committee. The Committee’s charge will be to review discipline and alternative programs and provide recommended regulatory practices for chemically dependent licensees.

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QUESTION: Can an Ohio Certified Dialysis Technician (OCDT) perform hemodialysis through a central line in an acute care setting?

ANSWER: Yes. At the delegation and under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse, an OCDT may perform hemodialysis through a central line access. Section 4723.72(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code (ORC), provides that a dialysis technician may engage in dialysis care by doing the following: performing and monitoring dialysis procedures, including initiating, monitoring, and discontinuing dialysis. Further, Section 4723.72(B), ORC, provides that the dialysis technician may provide this care only if the care has been delegated to the technician by a physician or registered nurse and the technician is under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse. Supervision requires that the dialysis technician be in the immediate presence of a physician or registered nurse.

QUESTION: Can a Registered Nurse delegate the pre-dialysis setup and priming of a dialysis machine to an individual who does not hold a certificate issued by the Board to engage in dialysis care?

ANSWER: No. The priming of a dialysis machine with normal saline and the setting up of intermittent Heparin infusions or preparation is a part of medication administration. For example, a licensed nurse may not allow an unlicensed assistive person to draw up a prescribed injectable medication into a syringe for the nurse to administer. An individual who holds a certificate issued by the Board authorizing them to engage in dialysis care as delegated by a registered nurse or physician has authority under 4723.72 ORC to administer limited medications in the provision of dialysis care.

QUESTION: Can a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) administer IV medications to a patient receiving hemodialysis?

ANSWER: Yes. Section 4723.17(E), ORC, sets forth the hemodialysis activities in which an IV therapy certified LPN may engage, as directed by a registered nurse or physician. These include: the routine administration and regulation of saline solution for the purpose of maintaining an established fluid plan; the administration of a heparin dose intravenously; the administration of a heparin dose peripherally via a fistula needle; the loading and activation of a constant infusion pump or the intermittent injection of a dose of medication prescribed by a licensed physician for dialysis.

QUESTION: Can a registered nurse working on a Med/Surg unit supervise an OCDT?

ANSWER: Yes. An OCDT provides dialysis care at the delegation of a physician or registered nurse and works under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse.

When a registered nurse delegates dialysis care to an OCDT and supervises that care, the registered nurse shall determine the following:

- That the nursing task, dialysis care, is within his/her scope of practice as defined in Section 4723.01(B), ORC;
- That the nursing task, dialysis care, is within the knowledge, skill and ability of his/her practice as provided in Rule 4723-4-03(D), OAC; and
- That the nursing task, dialysis care, is within the training, skills and ability of the OCDT as described in Section 4723.72, ORC.

Section 4723.01 (B), ORC provides that the practice of nursing

as a registered nurse means providing to individuals and groups nursing care requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived from the principles of biological, physical, behavioral, social, and nursing sciences. Such nursing care includes: identifying patterns of human responses to actual or potential health problems amenable to a nursing regimen; executing a nursing regimen through the selection, performance, management, and evaluation of nursing actions; assessing health status for the purpose of providing nursing care, providing health counseling and health teaching; administering medications, treatments, and executing regimens authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice; teaching, administering, supervising, delegating, and evaluating nursing practice.

Rule 4723-4-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code provides the standards relating to competent practice as a registered nurse. Specifically, Rule 4723-4-03(D), OAC, discusses providing nursing care which is beyond basic nursing preparation. The RN would have to obtain appropriate education from a recognized body of knowledge, demonstrate appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities, maintain documented competency, have a specific current order from an individual authorized to practice in this state acting within their scope and the nursing care is not prohibited by any other law or rule.

Each individual licensee and certificate holder is accountable for his/her practice. The "Scope of Practice Decision Making Model" can be a very helpful tool for determining scope of practice questions. The tool addresses five elements when clarifying scope of practice: definition/description of an activity/task, legal issues, competency issues, safety issues and accountability issues. The tool can be found on our Web site: www.nursing.ohio.gov on the "Publications" link page.

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*Claire Young, MSN, MBA, RN
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Update for

Ohio Nursing Education Programs

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The Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with this update regarding the Board's regulation of pre-licensure nursing education programs (Programs). Included is information about changes in regulations and the education program review process. Look for further education updates in future issues of Momentum. Please share this information with your faculty and staff.

WEB SITE CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Last year, the Board made some changes to the Education page of its Web site to increase what information is readily available to the public about pre-licensure nursing education programs. This included a listing of all the Programs in the state and the current type of Board approval for each Program. This list is updated following each Board meeting when the Board takes action concerning a Program's approval status.

In addition, this year, all information regarding the Survey Visit Process and related forms for Programs can be found on the Education page of the Web site. This includes information regarding the Survey Process as well as complete instructions and forms necessary for the Pre-Survey Visit Report. New Program proposal packets have also been added to the Education page on the Web site. These packets include the instructions for submitting a new Program proposal to the Board.

RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Changes were made to Chapter 4723-5 Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) that became effective February 1, 2008. Although some of the revisions to this Chapter clarified existing language, there are several new requirements. This update will serve to highlight **some** of the new requirements; however, please remember it is **each Program Administrator's responsibility to review the Chapter in its entirety and incorporate the rules as revised into their**

Programs. The rules are available for review/download on the Board's Web site at: <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/>.

Rule 4723-5-01 OAC Definitions

"Advanced Standing" means academic credit awarded by a program for a student's prior clinical experience and coursework, in accordance with the policy required by paragraph (A)(3) of rule 4723-5-12 of the Administrative Code.

"Current, active licensure" means, for the period from February 1, 2007, through February 1, 2008, an individual holds a license that is not currently subject to any restrictions on practice, suspension, or probationary terms in any jurisdiction.

"Current, valid license" and "current, valid licensure" mean an individual holds a license to practice nursing issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code that is not inactive, suspended, revoked, or subject to restrictions, and for which the individual continues to meet all of the requirements for issuance.

"Program" means an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure to practice as a nurse that issues a program completion letter to the board.

"Provisional approval" means the approval status granted in accordance with this chapter to a program that was previously granted full approval but fails to meet and maintain the requirements of this chapter. Provisional approval is granted for a specific time period.

Rule 4723-5-03 OAC Change of control of a program (note name change)

Paragraph (B) requires the chief officer or designee of the receiving agency provide to the board at least thirty days prior to the effective date of change of control the following information: (6) whether any curriculum changes *will be proposed* as a result of the change in control.

Rule 4723-5-05 OAC Program reports to the board

The previously existing paragraph (C) pertaining to notifying the Board of a change in control of a program was deleted from this rule as it repeated the requirements contained in rule 4723-5-03 OAC, Change in control of a program.

Rule 4723-5-06 OAC Survey visits, reports, and response by the administrator of a program to a survey visit report

Paragraph (A) (3) discusses a proposed program seeking conditional approval.

- The Board has discretion to conduct a site visit of the facilities "after" the program is conditionally approved rather than "before."
- If the survey visit is conducted after the program is approved, it must be done within eight (8) months of the beginning of the program's formal instruction.
 - This particular visit may be conducted in conjunction with the conditional to full approval survey visit as determined appropriate for a PN program.

Rule 4723-5-08 OAC Requirements for seeking conditional approval

Several revisions/additions have been made to this rule.

Paragraph (C) requires proposals to be submitted within eighteen (18) months after the Board gives notification that the administrator meets the requirements of paragraph (B) (1) (c).

Paragraph (D) requires the proposal to include the following information:

- Defined target region from which the student population will be drawn.
- Strategy for establishing the proposed program in the target region that includes the documentation with referenced data addressing nurse shortage or surplus and clinical site availability.

Paragraph (E) incorporates new language which speaks to the Board's discretion to conduct the initial survey after the program is grant-

ed conditional approval or within the first eight (8) months of the program's operations.

Paragraph (J) states that a proposed program shall not accept students into the program until the Board grants conditional approval to the program.

Paragraph (P) pertains to expansions of an existing program. It states that the program is required to submit to the Board the same information and documentation required by paragraph (D) (2), e.g., target area, shortage/surplus, and clinical site availability, for the location for which the expansion is planned.

Rule 4723-5-09 OAC Organization and administration of the program

Deleted the words "registered nurse" that preceded "program administrator."

Requires provision of official transcripts for the registered nurse designated as Interim Administrator and for the individual who is newly appointed as Program Administrator.

Rule 4723-5-10 OAC Qualifications of administrative, faculty, and instructional personnel for a registered nursing education program & Rule 4723-5-11 OAC Qualifications of administrative, faculty, and instructional personnel for a practical nursing education program

Deleted references to dates of appointments.

Rule 4723-5-10 OAC Qualifications of administrative, faculty, and instructional personnel for a registered nursing education program & Rule 4723-5-11 OAC Qualifications of administrative, faculty, and instructional personnel for a practical nursing education program

Recognizes individuals appointed to positions prior to the effective date of this rule, will have to meet the rule requirements that were in effect at the time of appointment to the position.

Paragraph (A) (6) recognizes qualifications of other licensed health care providers to be utilized in classroom instruction. It states the following:

(A) The minimum qualifications and academic preparation for administrative, faculty, and instructional personnel appointments for a registered (or practical) nursing education program are as follows:

(6) A nurse or other health care professional who is not eligible to serve as a faculty member under the provisions of this rule may be utilized to provide instruction in

a registered (or practical) nursing education program if the individual:

- (a) Holds a current, valid license or certificate to practice issued by the state of Ohio;
- (b) Teaches at the direction of a registered nurse faculty member; and
- (c) Provides information that is consistent with the educational preparation and scope of practice of the health care professional.

The following are just a few examples of proper application of this rule.

- Use of a licensed dietician who specializes in therapeutic diets to teach nursing students about dietary management of renal insufficiency and diabetes within the appropriate nursing course.
- Use of licensed pharmacist specializing in infectious disease to teach a portion of a nursing based pharmacology course on the topic of treatment of infectious disease, such as antibiotic use.
- Use of an associate degree prepared registered nurse who is a certified wound care specialist to present the theory portion of wound staging and treatment to baccalaureate nursing students.

Rule 4723-5-12 OAC Program Policies

Clarifications were made to the following existing policies:

(2) Student readmission includes a requirement that the readmitted student meet the curriculum requirements effective at the time of readmission; and

(3) The process for determining the amount of credit to be granted to an applicant for advanced standing in the program.

Rule 4723-5-13 OAC Curriculum for a registered nursing education program

There have been significant changes made this to rule. New language speaks to the use of "clinical judgment, using evidence based practice"; the role of "Manager of care"; "Professionalism and acting as a mentor"; and "Reduction of risk", to highlight a few.

The changes within this rule will require all programs to assess their individual curriculums and update the curriculum as needed to meet the new law and rule.

Again, please refer to the law and rule on the Board's Web site to view this rule in its entirety.

Rule 4723-5-14 OAC Curriculum for a prac-

tical nursing education program

There have been significant changes made to this rule. New language speaks to "documentation of nursing care within various health information systems"; "Information management"; "Professionalism and acting as a mentor"; and "reduction of risk", to highlight a few.

The changes within this rule will require all programs to assess their individual curriculums and update the curriculum as needed to meet the new law and rule.

Again, please refer to the law and rule on the Board's Web site to view this rule in its entirety.

Rule 4723-5-16 OAC Board approval of curriculum revision

(B) (4) In referring to the course syllabus, this paragraph now includes "clinical" in addition to the number of theory and laboratory hours. This is consistent with revisions made last year.

Rule 4723-5-17 OAC Program contractual relationships

Paragraph (A) (2) clarifies that contracts are to be signed by representatives of both the program and the entity or division with which it has entered into a cooperative relationship.

Paragraph (C) (1) clarifies that when utilizing a clinical site in another jurisdiction or foreign country, the Program has to "document compliance" with the requirements of that jurisdiction's or foreign country's requirements.

Rule 4723-5-21 OAC Program records

Paragraph (D) (1) clarifies that "copies" of official academic transcripts are to be maintained for all faculty and teaching assistants.

Paragraph (D) (3) clarifies that verification of current valid licensure as a registered nurse in Ohio will be done at the time the individual is appointed and at each license renewal. The verification is to be kept on file for a minimum of five years from the date of verification.

Rule 4723-5-23 OAC Program NCLEX rates

The Board is required to conduct a survey visit after the third year of a program's low NCLEX pass rates.

The Board has discretion in conducting a survey visit after the fourth year of a program's low NCLEX pass rates, but is required to place the Program on provisional approval.

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Identity Theft and Fraud:

Risks Associated with Paper Wallet Cards

Historically, the Ohio Board of Nursing has issued initial paper wallet cards to designate an individual's licensure credentials as well as to indicate the license expiration date. Each year when a license is renewed, the Board issues a new wallet card indicating the current expiration date. In the past, the wallet card was the only mechanism available to employers to verify an employee or applicant's licensure status. Today, many employers prefer to verify licensure online through the Ohio License Center Web site (<https://license.ohio.gov>). This provides a quick, easy and accurate method to insure that an employee's license is valid and current in the state of Ohio.

Another reason online verification is replacing reliance on the wallet card is the fraud and identity theft potential inherent in paper licenses. Each year, the Board investigates situations in which an individual has altered either the credentials or the expiration date on a wallet card and presented the card to an employer or potential employer. Fraudulent alteration cases date back many years. The following are some examples from Board cases:

- 1996: The Board permanently revoked the license of PN #1 for holding himself out as an RN and submitting a falsified copy of a New Jersey wallet card indicating the individual was an RN;
- 1997: The Board permanently revoked the license of PN #2 for presenting a wallet

card in which the “PN” credentials were removed with white-out and “RN” was typed in;

- 2003: The Board entered a settlement agreement with an applicant who had altered his Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification card in another state and consequently was disciplined in that state prior to applying in Ohio;
- 2004: The Board permanently revoked the license of nurse #3, who allowed his license to lapse, and presented a wallet card to his employer with the year of expiration altered;
- 2006: The Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to nurse #4 who allowed her license lapse and presented a falsified renewal card to her employer.

With the availability of online license verification, the benefit of retaining wallet cards as primary source verification has substantially diminished. Other states have moved toward elimination of wallet cards altogether. The Texas Board of Nursing, for example, will discontinue issuing paper wallet cards for nurses renewing their licenses after September 1, 2008. The Texas Board indicated that it decided to move in this direction because paper licenses can be stolen, lost and/or altered. Many of the nurse imposters featured in the Texas version of *Momentum (the Texas Board of Nursing Bulletin)* stole nurse licenses and used the stolen identify information to secure employment as nurses.

Over the next several months, the Ohio Board of Nursing will be reviewing the relative pros and cons of discontinuing paper wallet cards. Any reader input is appreciated and may be directed by e-mail to walletcards@nursing.ohio.gov, or in writing to Lesleigh Robinson, Manager, Licensure, Certification, and Continuing Education, Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-7410.

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If you are interested, please contact Lesleigh Robinson, Manager: Licensure, Certification and Continuing Education by mail at the Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 South High Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email at nclexreader@nursing.ohio.gov, or by fax at 614-466-0388. Please include your address so that the Board can send you information about NCLEX Readers.

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NCSBN develops two licensure examinations, the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) that are used by member boards of nursing to assist in making licensure decisions. In order to obtain a license to practice nursing in the U.S. and its jurisdictions, each candidate must pass the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® Examination.

NCLEX CONFIDENTIALITY

Before a candidate begins the NCLEX examination, he/she must agree to NCSBN’s terms of confidentiality. The “NCLEX Confidentiality Agreement” states that a candidate “agrees that he/she will not divulge any items, including response options, on this examination to any individual or entity.” Additionally, the candidate must understand that the unauthorized possession, reproduction, or disclosure of any examination materials, including the nature or content of examination items, before, during, or after the examination is in violation of law. In brief, each candidate must agree that he/she will not disclose the content of examination items before, during, or after the examination. It is possible that a candidate might disclose examination content and ultimately violate their “NCLEX Confidentiality Agreement” by talking with classmates about examination content, sharing examination content with faculty members and test prepa-

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In addition to the above violation of confidentiality, in the *2008 NCLEX® Candidate Bulletin*, there is a list of “Grounds for Dismissal or Cancellation of Results” with a definition of behaviors that are considered to be “irregular” and may constitute cancellation of exam results. Some of these rules include: not bringing any study aids (textbooks, notebooks, review course notes, etc.) to the exam; accessing study aids or seeking assistance of a third party in answering items, in person or by any electronic devices (i.e. cell phone) after the exam has begun; copying, removing, or attempting to remove exam items/responses or notes about the exam. For additional information about candidate behaviors to be avoided, visit www.ncsbn.org, and click on the *2008 NCLEX® Candidate Bulletin*.

Moreover, the NCLEX Security tip line telephone number is located in the *2008 NCLEX® Candidate Bulletin*. Suspicious or unprofessional behavior may be reported at 1.866.496.2539 or by e-mail at pvtestsecurity@pearsonvue.com.

Sharing NCLEX examination content is illegal, unethical and unprofessional. It is critical that nurse educators model the appropriate professional and ethical behavior by not asking students about their examination content, and, if students volunteer information, ask them to stop. You can assist NCSBN in defending the integrity of nursing licenses by making your students and colleagues aware of the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of the NCLEX examination.

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QUESTION: *I am certified as a family nurse practitioner. Can my collaborating physician be a pediatrician?*

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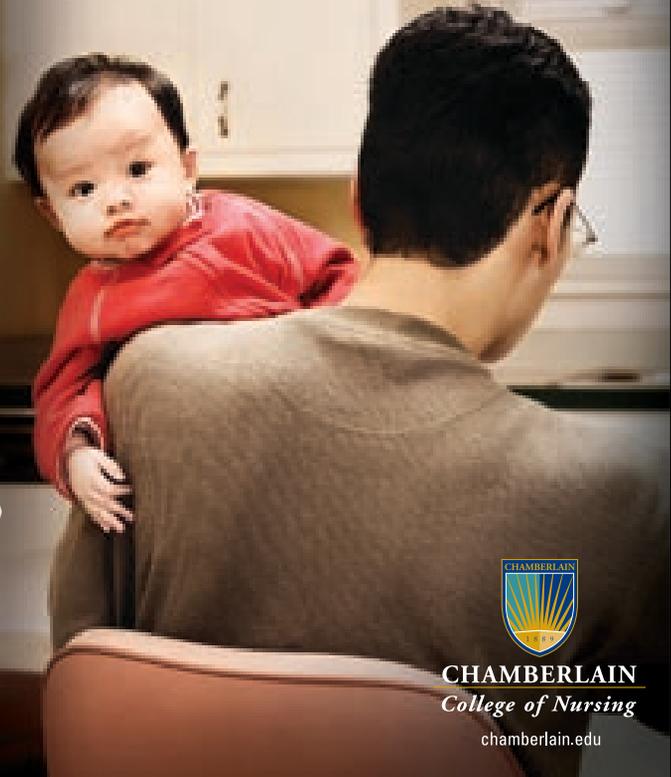
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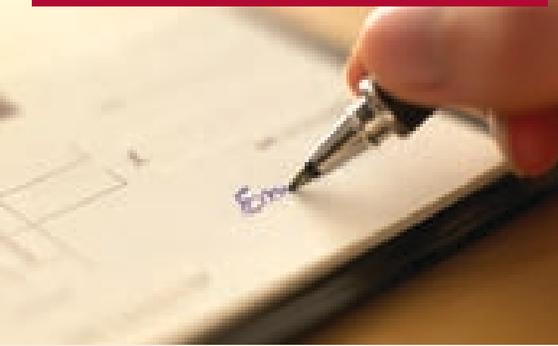
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NURSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM (NEALP)

Funding for Nurses Who Intend to Serve as Instructors

WHAT IS IT?

The Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) provides at least \$5,000 or more (depending on the number of eligible applicants) per year to qualifying Ohio applicants enrolled in approved Ohio post licensure nurse education programs for at least half-time study (or accepted for enrollment). In exchange, to qualify for loan cancellation, recipients must be employed as a faculty member instructing licensed practical nursing and/or registered nursing course work to future nurses in the State of Ohio for a minimum of four years after graduation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students who intend to serve as nurse instructors in the State of Ohio are encouraged to apply for NEALP. These applicants must be a registered nurse, must have 2 years of clinical experience in nursing prior to graduation, and must submit a letter of intent along with the application stating how they intend to practice as a faculty member at a pre-licensure or post-licensure program for the state of Ohio upon completion of the academic program. NEALP awarding will be made on the basis of:

- Information submitted on the NEALP application
- Information submitted by the institution, and
- Relative financial need as indicated by an applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). (The EFC amount is provided after the FAFSA is completed.)

The EFC is used to rank eligible NEALP applicants however, awarding is not based solely on EFC. In addition to EFC, awarding is based on the cost of education, institutional eligibility and the amount of additional financial aid that an applicant will receive. **If sufficient funds are available, as determined by the Ohio Board of Regents, loan assistance will be awarded to all eligible applicants.**

HOW DO I APPLY?

Students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Once the FAFSA is completed, please allow 14



days to pass before applying for NEALP. Once 14 days pass, you may go to the Ohio Board of Regent's website at: <http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/nealp/instructors.php> to apply online for NEALP.

WHERE DO I GET THE FAFSA?

Go to: <http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/nealp/instructors.php> for links to the FAFSA. The FAFSA is also available from your college **Financial Aid Office**.

IS THERE A DEADLINE?

Students may apply after January 1 and before July 15th of each year. Notification of acceptance or denial for NEALP funding will be sent by September 1.

NEW LICENSURE RENEWAL PROCESS

If you are a licensed practical nurse in Ohio, your license will expire after August 31, 2008. Beginning with the 2008 LPN Renewal, the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) will utilize a new licensure renewal process. This new process promotes the utilization of online renewal and will increase efficiency by reducing costs and potential errors, and will expedite the processing of renewal applications!

All LPNs who are eligible to renew their license this year received a renewal notice through the mail (during the month of April) with a personal ID, password, and instructions on how to renew your license online. When renewing online, you can pay the required application fee using Master Card or VISA credit cards, or debit cards with a MC or VISA logo. By utilizing the online renewal process, you may be able to verify the renewal of your license through the Board's Web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov in as little as three business days after completing the online renewal application. LPNs who do not

want to renew their license online must submit a written request for a paper renewal application by e-mail at renewal@nursing.ohio.gov, fax at (614) 466-0388, or by mailing the request to the Board.

It is strongly recommended that you renew your license as soon as you receive your renewal notice. Incomplete applications may result in late or lapsed fee charges and delays in receiving your license. The fees for licensure renewals are as follows:

- Before July 1, 2008 - **\$65**
- July 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 (includes late application fee) - **\$115**
- After August 31, 2008 (reinstate a lapsed license) - **\$165**

The Board audits thousands of nurses each year to determine compliance with continuing education requirements. If you were notified of an audit of your continuing education for the licensed practical nurse licensing period of September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2006, and

have not completed that audit by submitting the information required by the Board, you will not receive your renewal notice for 2008-2010 until you complete the audit requirements. Board staff is available to assist you in taking the necessary steps to renew your license. If you have questions about the renewal process, please contact the Board at (614) 995-5420 or by e-mail at renewal@nursing.ohio.gov.

It is extremely important to notify the Board of any name and/or address changes immediately. An incorrect name and/or address may delay the renewal of your license. Please note that for a change in name, a court certified copy of the document indicating the change in name is required. This certified document may be obtained from the court where the original record was filed. If you have not yet notified the Board of any changes, please do so immediately. A form for making the change may be obtained through the Board Web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov under FORMS, nurse license renewal.



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