

February 20, 2025 Board Meeting

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 20, 2025
AGENDA

Place: Louisiana State Board of Nursing
17373 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes December 5, 2024

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on PICC Insertion & Removal Task Force: Teresita McNabb, Dr. Monique Calmes

Rule Change for LAC.46.XLVII.3515.B.9: Dr. Lyon

Dr. Priola Training, April 29, 2025: Dr. Lyon

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda Motions

- a. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 - i. NCLEX Reports
- b. Education Announcements
 - i. Change in Midwifery Program- LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans
 - ii. Change in Dean of Nursing- Southern University New Orleans
 - iii. Change in Chief Nursing Administrator- Chamberlain University
 - iv. Change in Program Director- LSU Eunice
 - v. Change in Administration- Dillard University
 - vi. Change in Curriculum (Minor Updates) - Chamberlain University
 - vii. ACEN Approval for Enrollment Increase- LSU Alexandria
 - viii. Change in Administration - United States University
 - ix. Change in Curriculum- LSU Health New Orleans
 - x. Change in Curriculum- Nicholls State University
 - xi. CCNE Acceptance of Substantive Change- William Carey University
 - xii. Change in Administration- Southern University New Orleans
 - xiii. Change in Department Title- St. Tammany Hospital (Continuing Education Provider)
 - xiv. CCNE Continued Accreditation- Chamberlain University
 - xv. ACEN review of Candidacy Eligibility- Northshore Technical Eligibility
 - xvi. Change in Administration- Louisiana Tech University
- c. Continuing Education Providers -Reapproval
 - i. Louisiana Hospital Association

2. Division Reports

- a. Division of Nursing Practice
 - i. Chief Credentialing Officer - **Dr. Monique Calmes**
 - ii. Education and Examination - **Chancellor Fontenot**
 1. Probationary Status Report
 - a. Louisiana Christian University School of Nursing
 2. Removal of Probationary Status
 - a. Herzing University
 3. Major Substantive Change
 - a. William Carey University
- b. Compliance Division
 - i. Chief Regulatory Officer - **Alicia Wheeler**
- c. Division of Administration
 - i. Chief Administrative Officer - **Ms. Isonel Brown**
 1. FY 2025 Amended Annual Budget
- d. Division of Legal Affairs
 - i. Chief Legal Officer
- e. Office of Executive Counsel – **Alicia Wheeler**
 - i. Proposed RNP Financial Assistance Program

3. Office of the Executive Director/CEO

- a. Appointment of CRNA Replacement for Mimi Primeaux - **Dr. Karen Lyon**

- b. Thank you to Stacy Jones from Danielle Miller - **Dr. Karen Lyon**
- c. LCN Update - **Sarah Luneau**
 - i. National Forum Conference
 - ii. SON Annual Reports
 - iii. LSBN 2024 Annual Reports
 - iv. Newly Licensed RN Survey, Fall 2025
- d. Notification from SONs R/T Student Dismissals
- 4. **Reports**
 - a. Report of President
 - b. Report of Vice-President
 - c. Report of Executive Director
- 5. **Professional Development**
- 6. **Strategic Plan**
 - a. Strategic Plan Update
- 7. **National Council State Boards of Nursing**
- 8. **Public Comments**
- 9. **Executive Session**
 - a. Report on Litigation
 - b. Personnel Issues

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Adjournment

NOTE: This agenda is tentative until 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at which time the most recent revision becomes official.
Effective: Revised:

MISSION: To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe.

VISION: LSBN will be a leader in regulatory excellence that advances nursing workforce, education, and practice.

1.a.i - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.a.i

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: NCLEX PASS RATES

Action Requested

That the board accept the NCLEX-RN pass rate report for 2024 all quarters.

Summary/Background

On February 12, 2025, LSBN staff acquired the educational program report statistics provided for Louisiana nursing education degree programs regarding the NCLEX-RN pass rates from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

The following programs reflect a less than 80 percent pass rate for first time test takers:

Dillard University

Jan – December 2024: *15 testers*

11 passed (73.33% passage rate)

Louisiana Christian University

Jan – December 2024: *23 testers*

16 passed (69.57% passage rate)

Southern University at Shreveport

Jan – December 2024: *30 testers*

22 passed (73.33% passage rate)

The following programs were placed on probation for 2023 pass rates that reflect less than 80 percent, but now reflect a current pass rate of more than 80 percent:

Herzing University

Jan – December 2024: *28 testers*

23 passed (82.14% passage rate)

Fiscal Impact

NONE

Attachments

**REPORT 1- NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE PASSING FIRST-TIME CANDIDTAES
EDUCATED IN NRB JURISDICTIONS**

**REPORT 4- JURISDICTION PROGRAM SUMMARY OF ALL FIRST-TIME
CANDIDATES LICENSED IN ALL JURISICCTIONS**

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.i

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER NEW ORLEANS**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On December 4, 2024, LSBN staff received notification from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans that effective January 1, 2025, Dr. C. Shannon Pfingstag, CNM, DNP, FACNM will be transitioning from the Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Program to an adjunct faculty capacity.

Dr. Demetrice Smith, CNM, FNP, DNP will succeed Dr. Pfingstag as the new interim Program Director.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

LSU MIDWIFERY PROGRAM CHANGES

1.b.ii - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.ii

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On December 12, 2024, LSBN staff was notified by Southern University New Orleans that effective December 31, 2024, Dr. Kelly D. Smith will retire and relinquish the Dean's position for SUNO School of Nursing. Dr. Bree Cook, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs will serve as the point of contact until a qualified successor is named.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

SUNO - DR. KELLY SMITH

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.iii

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On December 13, 2024, LSBN staff was notified by Chamberlain University that Dr. Jennifer Couvillon has fully transitioned to a national leadership position within Chamberlain, and effective December 12, 2024, Kimberly LaMar, DNP, RN, NPD-BC is interim Chief Nursing Administrator. In addition, Chamberlain is pleased to share that Ms. Jennie Seal has been promoted to campus Executive Dean. In her new role, she will continue to support curricular and operational responsibilities for the prelicensure BSN program.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

**CHAMBERLAIN NEW ORLEANS LSBN NOTIFICATION OF LEADERSHIP
CHANGE**

1.b.iv - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.iv

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT - LOUISIANA SATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On December 19, 2024, LSBN staff was notified by Louisiana State University Eunice that Ms. Barbara Batiste was named the interim program director at LSU Eunice, effective January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

INTERIM NURSING PROGRAM DIRECTOR - LSU EUNICE

1.b.ix - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.ix

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MS, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- LSU HEALTH NEW ORLEANS**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On January 15, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) New Orleans with a letter of intent to offer the Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as an Off-Campus Instructional Site (OCIS) of the currently approved LSU Health – New Orleans School of Nursing. Nursing students will be cross enrolled in LSU Health New Orleans and Baton Rouge campuses to access resources at both universities. LSU Health New Orleans intends to implement this off-site campus program by Fall 2025. The OCIS BR program will be run the same as the longstanding LSUHSC School of Nursing program in New Orleans. All processes will be the same including the same admission process, curriculum, resources, administration, student support, and graduation requirements. LSUHSC New Orleans departments, such as the registrar, financial aid, library, information technology, etc., will oversee the OCIS BR students. Since the students will be on the LSU A&M campus, they will also benefit from the LSU A&M resources such as the on-site testing center, writing lab, student success center, etc.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION TO LSBN

LSBN PROPOSAL LSUHC OCIS BR PROPOSAL

1.b.v - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.v

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- DILLARD UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On January 2, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Dillard University that Dr. Monique Guillory is no longer interim President for Dillard University but named the 9th President of Dillard University.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

Notification of Dillard University Presidential Appointment

1.b.vi - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.vi

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On December 23, 2024, LSBN staff was notified by Chamberlain University that the campus respectfully requests that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (Board) acknowledge receipt of minor updates to the general education courses within the BSN degree program. These updates will be implemented in January 2025, March 2025, and May 2025, respectively. There are no changes to the nursing courses, the total credit hours for the program will remain at 122, and there will be no additional costs to students related to these general education course updates.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY MINOR CURRICULUM CHANGES

1.b.vii - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.vii

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On January 6, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) that their written implementation report to ACEN regarding an increase in enrollment of over 50% in one academic year for their RN-BSN program was approved. The LSBN approved the initial substantive change report submitted to ACEN at the August 2024 Board Meeting. ACEN requested a follow-up implementation report by January 14, 2025. The ACEN staff completed a thorough review of the written report submitted. Based on their review, and consistent with ACEN Policy #14 Reporting Substantive Changes, LSUA's notification has been accepted and will be placed in the program's record.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

NEU106 IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

LSUA IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOLLOWUP TO JULY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.viii

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- UNITED STATES UNIVERSITY

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On January 10, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by United States University regarding their Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program and recent changes in institutional and program leadership.

Program Address Update:

Effective immediately, the FNP program will use the following address for correspondence:

- **101 Louis Henna Blvd., Unit B, Round Rock, TX 78664**

The institutional address for USU remains unchanged:

- **404 Camino Del Rio S, Suite 102, San Diego, CA 92108**

Leadership Updates:

The following administrative and academic leadership changes have occurred:

- **Dr. Scott Burrus** has transitioned from Provost to President of USU.
- **Dr. Jennifer Billingsley** has transitioned from Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) to Provost of USU.
- **Dr. Amanda Jones** has transitioned from Assistant Dean to Dean and Chief Nursing Officer of CONHS.
- **Dr. Donna Stachowicz** has transitioned from Interim Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Director to FNP Program Director.

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

USU PROGRAM AND STAFF UPDATES

1.b.x - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.x

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTNOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On January 29, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Nicholls State University Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing of a revision of the curriculum for the BSN Program. The revision aligns with current program outcomes and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) revised Essentials for core competencies in professional nursing education. Credit hours to degree remain unchanged. The revision entails:

- Delete OIS 200, Office Information Systems, (2-2-0)
- Add NURS 120, Introduction to the Art and Science of Professional Nursing, (2-2-0)
- Delete NURS 228, Gerontic Nursing Care Concepts, (2-2-0)
- Delete ENGL 468, Technical Writing for the Sciences, (3-3-0)
- Add NURS 435, Informatics for Healthcare Providers, (3-3-0)
- Reallocate credit hours to individual courses
 - NURS 222, Basic Nursing Process I, increased from (3-2-3) to (4-3-3)
 - NURS 226, Health Assessment and the Adult Client, increased from (3-2-3) to (4-3-3)
- NURS 428, Preceptorship Experience in Professional Nursing, increased from (4-0-12) to (5-1-12)
- NURS 429, Synthesizing the NCLEX-RN, increased from (1-1-0) to (3-3-0),

course had to be renamed NURS 423 due to amount of credit hours increased

- Change placement of several courses in the curriculum (see attached curriculum guide)
- Change the course number of two courses to align with placement in the curriculum-no

change to content or course outcomes

- NURS 400, Mental Health Nursing (5-4-3), changed to NURS 372

- NURS 381, Nursing and the Childrearing Family (5-4-3), changed to NURS 421

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM CHANGE

1.b.xi - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.x

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On February 4, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by William Carey University that the Substantive Change Review Committee (SCRC) of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) acted to accept the substantive change notification submitted to CCNE on August 22, 2023, by the nursing program at William Carey University. The substantive change notification is in regards to a change in delivery method for the LPN Advanced Placement track.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

LPN-AP HYBRID

LPN AD NOTIFICATION_DELIVERY METHOD_CCNE

1.b.xii - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xii

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On February 3, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Southern University New Orleans that Dr. Kathleen C. Quinn, RN, MSN, WHNP, MED, MRE, MTS, EdD has accepted the appointment to serve as Interim Dean for Southern University New Orleans School of Nursing.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

SUNO Interim Dean

1.b.xiii - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xiii

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- ST. TAMMANY HOSPITAL (CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROVIDER)**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On February 10, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by St. Tammany Health System Continuing Education Provider that they had a name change to their education department. The new title is Learning and Development. Their role in the hospital remains the same, however, they now function under the Human Resources Department.

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

ST. TAMMANY HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE

1.b.xiv - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xiv

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCMENT- CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On February 12, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Chamberlain University that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) acted at its meeting on September 17 – 20, 2024, to grant continued accreditation to Chamberlain’s baccalaureate degree in nursing program for 10 years. The accreditation is effective March 18, 2024 – December 31, 2034.

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

CHAMBERLAIN NEW ORLEANS LA BON CCNE NOTIFICATION

1.b.xv - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xv

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT- NORTSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Action Requested

NONE

Summary/Background

On February 12, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Northshore Technical Community College that ACEN reviewed their Candidacy Eligibility Application and the associate nursing program at Northshore Technical Community College has been deemed eligible to participate in the candidacy process. This process is the prerequisite step toward formal review for ACEN initial accreditation. Eligibility for the associate nursing program is valid for one year and will expire on October 2, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

NONE

Attachments

NORTSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CANDIDACY ELIGIBILITY
AUTHORIZATION FOR CANDIDACY PROCESS FORM

1.b.xvi - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xvi

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

On February 18, 2025, LSBN staff was notified by Louisiana Tech University that James Henderson was named University President. This announcement should have been reported in January of 2024, however, it was overlooked by Louisiana Tech University at the time.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CHANGE

1.c.i - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.c.i

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER RENEWAL-LHA**

Action Requested

That the Board re-approve the request of Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) as a Continuing Education Provider to expire on April 30, 2029.

Summary/Background

On January 27, 2025, LSBN staff received the continuing education renewal application from Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) to re-approve the current Continuing Education Provider status. The proposal is complete and demonstrates compliance with the requirements for recognition as a Continuing Education Provider by LSBN.

Fiscal Impact

Continuing Education Provider Fee - \$1,600 for 4 years

Attachments

LHA CE PROVIDER RENEWAL

2.a.ii.1.a - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.ii.1.a

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
PROBATIONARY STATUS REPPRT**

Action Requested

That the Board accept Louisiana Christian University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the discontinued Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program and accept the current status of the new Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing program.

Summary/Background

On January 30, 2024, LSBN staff acquired the educational program report statistics provided for Louisiana nursing education degree programs regarding the NCLEX-RN pass rates from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The program was placed on probation for non-compliance with LAC 46:XLVII.3535.B. Further, the Board instructed Louisiana Christian University to submit interim progress reports to be reviewed at subsequent 2024 LSBN Board meetings.

On February 12, 2025, LSBN staff received the updated report and action plan from Louisiana Christian University's Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program. The action plan states that the old program completed in July 2024 with the final 3 remaining students graduating. The new program began in the Fall of 2024 with 7 traditional students and 4 Accelerated BSN students. The Spring 2025 class enrolled 5 traditional students and 3 Accelerated BSN students. The first graduating cohort of the new program for the Accelerated BSN track will be in December 2025. The first graduating cohort of the new program for the traditional track will be in May 2026. The new program was granted initial approval on April 13, 2023, and will remain in initial approval status until all students from the first cohort have graduated and taken the NCLEX Exam.

Fiscal Impact

NONE

Attachments

LCU 2025 Probationary Report_Feb2025

2.a.ii.2.a - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.ii.2.a

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: HERZING UNIVERSITY REMOVAL OF PROBATIONARY STATUS**

Action Requested

That the Board accept Herzing University's NCLEX 2024 scores and remove the probationary status and return the school to Full Approval Status.

Summary/Background

The 2024 NCLEX-RN pass rate for Herzing University was reported as 82.14%, which exceeds the 80% first-time pass rate as required by LAC 46:XLVII.3535.B. Herzing University is returned to FULL APPROVAL.

Fiscal Impact

NONE

Attachments

HERZING REQUEST

2024 NCLEX Pass Rate - Herzing University

2.a.ii.3.a - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.ii.3.a

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT
RE: SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE NOTIFICATION FOR WILLIAM CAREY
UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested

That the Board approve the substantive change request from William Carey University proposing the closure of the Preferred Admissions Track.

Summary/Background

On February 4, 2025, LSBN staff received notification from William Carey University School of Nursing (WCU SON) proposing the closure of the Preferred Admissions Track. This admissions track has previously been offered to high school students with high GPAs, allowing these students to be accepted and waive the requirement to sit for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test. Recently WCU SON removed the TEAS requirement for admission based on current literature. The current literature and program data do not show a significant relevance between the TEAS test and successful program completion. The WCU SON has determined that the prerequisite grade point average (GPA) is more relevant. The removal of the TEAS requirement for admission will begin in the spring of 2025. Because the WCU SON is removing the TEAS requirement for admission and using the GPA as a determinant for all students, the Preferred Admission Track will no longer be beneficial and will be closed for spring 2025 admissions.

Fiscal Impact

NONE

Attachments

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY- SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

2.c.i.1 - 2/20/25

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.c.i.1

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: ISONEL BROWN CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
RE: FY 2025 Amended Annual Budget**

Action Requested

Approval of proposed FY2025 amended annual budget

Summary/Background

In preparing the proposed FY2025 amended annual budget, management considered LSBN's actual revenues and expenses through 1/31/2025. The highlights of the amendments include previously board-approved expenditures for the LA Department of Justices' Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP), amendments to professional services contracts for outside attorneys (Shows Cali & Walsh) and special counsel (LA DOJ), and IT capital expenditures. Also proposed are increases in renewal income for RNs and APRNs based on revenues collected through 1/31/2025.

The column labeled FYE 6/30/25 Proposed Budget Amendments details the proposed amendments by line item.

Fiscal Impact

As noted above.

Attachments

Proposed FY2025 amended annual budget

2.e.i - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.e.i

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: ALICIA WHEELER, JD EXECUTIVE COUNSEL
RE: PROPOSED RNP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Action Requested

Motion to adopt a resolution to request an opinion of the Louisiana State Attorney General regarding the use of public funds to establish a financial assistance program for nurses entering the Board's Recovery Nurse Program.

Summary/Background

The Sister Lucie Leonard Recovering Nurse Fund was created to assist nurses who are working to overcome substance use disorders. Often these RNs lose their jobs and thus their health insurance, making it impossible for them to get the treatment they need. The Fund pays COBRA premiums for up to 3 months/\$2000 to provide these nurses the help they need to get the necessary treatment. We have been notified that the fund is near depletion.

Fiscal Impact

TBD

Attachments

PROPOSED RNP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

3.a - 2/20/2025

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.a

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: KAREN C. LYON, PhD, RN, NEA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
RE: APPOINTMENT OF CRNA**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

KATRINA O'CON APPOINTMENT

3.b - 2/20/2025

February 20, 2025

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.b

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: KAREN C. LYON, PhD, RN, NEA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
RE: THANK YOU LETTER**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

Danielle Miller

3.c.i - 2/20/2025

February 20, 2025

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO 3.c.i

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: SARAH LUNEAU PROJECT MANAGER- CENTER FOR NURSING
RE: NATIONAL FORUM CONFERENCE**

Action Requested

None

Summary/Background

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

EXAMINER- NATIONAL FORUM CONFERENCE

4.a - 2/20/2025

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.a

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: Tracey P. Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN LSBN BOARD PRESIDENT
RE: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Action Requested

To accept the report of the President.

Summary/Background

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

President's Report

4.b - 2/20/25

February 20, 2025 Board Meeting

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.b

TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: JENNIFER M. MANNING, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
RE: VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Action Requested

Accept the Vice President’s Report

Summary/Background

For the six months ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the results are summarized below. The 12/31/24 year to date income is higher than 12/31/23 and 12/31/22 year to date income primarily because of increased licensing revenue and interest income. Expenses are generally consistent with the prior two years when compared to the average of the two prior years.

The balance in the money market account is \$3,348,690.25 and the invested cash totals \$13,300,000. At present, the Board has 10 investments maturing in 10 of the next 12 months.

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
Total Assets	36,322,042.96	36,419,813.70	32,901,953.07
Total Liabilities	20,047,836.98	24,310,562.65	22,903,039.70
Equity	16,274,205.98	12,109,251.05	9,998,913.37
Total Income	7,904,880.94	7,348,889.92	7,375,487.84
Total Expenses (before capital outlay expenditures)	3,954,269.93	3,815,059.36	3,877,752.85
Net Income (loss) before capital outlay expenditures	3,950,611.01	3,533,830.56	3,497,734.99
Capital Outlay Expenditures		124,400.00	
Net Income (loss)	3,950,611.01	3,409,430.56	3,497,734.99

Fiscal Impact

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Board will be recognizing the 2nd year of the two-year license renewals received in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, using the average percentage of renewals received in the months of October, November, and December of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The amounts recognized in October 2024 was \$528,500 in RN renewals and \$98,200 in APRN renewals, the amounts recognized in November 2024 was \$729,300 in RN renewals and \$119,900 in APRN renewals, and the amounts recognized in December 2024 was \$2,709,900 in RN renewals and \$368,900 in APRN renewals.

These revenues were in addition to the first year of the two-year renewals received in October, November, and December 2024, and January 2025.

Attachments

December Investments
December Financials

4.c - 2/20/2025

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.c

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS
FROM: Karen C. Lyon, PhD, RN, NEA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
RE: REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Action Requested

To accept the report of the Executive Director.

Summary/Background

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ CEO REPORT