

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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CURRENT STATISTICS:

Nurses licensed in Missouri as of
May 31, 1968:

Professional Nurses.....49,859
Practical Nurses.....13,388

Annual Renewal for 1967-68:

Professional Nurses.....17,810
Practical Nurses..... 8,335
Obstetrical Nurses..... 15

Annual Renewal for 1968-69:

Professional Nurses.....11,173
Practical Nurses..... 4,859

STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR

December 1, 1967-May 31, 1968

Annual Renewal for 1967-68:

Professional Nurses.....567
Practical Nurses.....186
Obstetrical Nurses..... 4

Annual Renewal for 1968-69:

Professional Nurses.....11,173
Practical Nurses..... 4,859

Nurses Licensed by Examination:

Professional Nurses.....125
Practical Nurses.....488

Nurses Licensed in Missouri by
Interstate-Intercountry Endorsement

Professional Nurses.....424
Practical Nurses..... 81

Nurses Endorsed to Other States:

Professional Nurses.....498
Practical Nurses.....207

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings of the Board

The dates of the annual meeting of the Missouri State Board of Nursing have been changed from June 25-26, 1968 to June 19-21, 1968.

The schedule of Board meetings and licensing examinations for the period from July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969 will be confirmed at the June Board meeting and will be circulated as soon as possible after those dates.

Members

On February 7, 1968 Miss Minnie E. Gore, R.N., submitted her resignation as a member of the Missouri State Board of Nursing. The members of the Board express their sincere appreciation to Miss Gore for the many contributions to the Board of Nursing during the period she served.

Mrs. Clare Eisenbach, R.N., was appointed by Governor Hearnes on March 30, 1968 to serve out Miss Gore's unexpired term. Mrs. Eisenbach is Coordinator of the Sikeston Public Schools Practical Nursing Program, Sikeston, Missouri.

SBTP Examination for Registered Nurses

Series 668 of the NLN State Board Test Pool Examination will be administered to all candidates in all jurisdictions beginning June 1, 1968. Series 668 will be administered for one year and will be replaced with a new series beginning June 1, 1969. Programs of professional nursing will find enclosed with the newsletter a copy of the revised Candidate Information leaflet which will be forwarded to each registered nurse candidate with his/her identification card.

NLN Visits

The Missouri State Board of Nursing would appreciate very much receiving copies of reports of visits made by the National League for Nursing for accreditation.

Schedule for Registered Nurse Examination

First Day

Registration and Instructions.. 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM
 Medical Nursing..... 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
 Lunch.....11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
 Psychiatric Nursing.....12:15 PM - 1:45 PM
 Rest..... 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM
 Obstetric Nursing..... 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Second Day

Instructions..... 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
 Surgical Nursing..... 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Lunch.....11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 Nursing of Children.....12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM
 Rest..... 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM
 Sixth Test..... 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Scores on SBTP Examination for Registered Nurses

Since Series 668 has not been administered previously, scores for this examination will be delayed because of standardization which occurs when a new examination is introduced. Standardization will take place at the National League for Nursing on July 27, 1968. Scores will be released to state boards two weeks after July 27 or on approximately August 10. We anticipate that licenses will be issued within two weeks after scores are received which will be approximately August 26.

There have been several requests for the maximum standard score available in registered nurse examinations. Maximum standard scores will not be available for Series 668 until after standardization and will be included in the next newsletter.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Series 166</u>	<u>Series 168</u>
Medical Nursing	901	841
Surgical Nursing	872	844
Obstetric Nursing	864	857
Nursing of Children	897	911
Psychiatric Nursing	865	839

Future Changes in Examination Schedules

The Missouri State Board of Nursing has been requested to reduce the number of times the registered nurse licensing examination is administered by exploring the feasibility of using larger facilities and to move toward the administration of two examinations each year.

The members of the Board of Nursing have eliminated the examination scheduled in December effective December 1968 and have established that beginning with the 1970-71 fiscal year, July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971, registered nurse and practical nurse examinations will be scheduled twice a year, in June and in October.

Change in Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Practical Nursing

The members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing amended the Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Practical Nursing by adding as item 12, page 13, the following:

- (12) Schematic plan for one student through the proposed program.

The members of the Board further requested that all programs of practical nursing be notified that they will be required to submit for the next class a schematic plan for one student through the program.

Changes in Quarterly Reports

Beginning with the Quarterly Report to be submitted for the last three months of this fiscal year, April, May and June 1968, data on hospitals (item 4) will not be required.

Further changes are pending in the Quarterly Reports beginning July 1, 1968.

Change in Policy - Registered Nurse Applicant for Intercountry Licensure

PAST POLICY - Registered nurse applicants for intercountry licensure in Missouri shall meet Missouri's current minimum requirements in theory and clinical experience in all areas of the nursing curriculum.

PRESENT POLICY - Registered nurse applicants for intercountry licensure in Missouri shall meet the requirements in effect for a Missouri license at the time they completed their nursing program.

Change of Policy - Secondary Education Credentials

PRESENT POLICY FOR PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING - A copy of the high school transcript need not be submitted to the State Board of Nursing office when the candidate is applying to write the licensing examination if the school of nursing transcript shows the name and location of the high school and the date of graduation from high school.

PRESENT POLICY FOR FOREIGN GRADUATES OR FOREIGN STUDENTS - The Missouri State Board of Nursing may accept as proof of completion of high school the acceptance of an individual in an institution of higher learning which is accredited by a regional accrediting agency. A copy of the college or university transcript or a letter from the college or university stating that the individual has attended or is eligible for admission to the institution should be forwarded to the State Board of Nursing office as evidence that this requirement for licensure has been met.

Establishment of Policy Relating to Associate Degree Nursing Program

At their April 1968 meeting the members of the Board of Nursing established the policy that the director of an associate degree nursing program shall be a registered professional nurse and shall hold a master's degree.

Policy Regarding Changes in Programs of Professional or Practical Nursing

The approval of the Missouri State Board of Nursing shall be obtained before any of the following changes may be implemented:

1. Change in length in program.
2. Any change which will not meet the minimum requirements of the Minimum Standards.
3. Initial use of an institution or agency as a cooperating agency.
4. Admission of students beyond the maximum number approved by the State Board of Nursing, if such has been established.
5. Admission of transfer students.

The Missouri State Board of Nursing shall be notified of any of the following changes in programs:

1. Integration of courses.
2. Use of facilities for observation (changes or additions). An observation is defined as three days or less.
3. Any change in ratio of lecture hours to laboratory and/or clinical laboratory hours.
4. Change in length of course, either theory or clinical laboratory, providing it meets minimum requirements.
5. Change in admission policies.
6. Change in faculty.
7. Relocation of educational facilities.
8. Closing.
9. Change of sponsor.
10. Deletion of course, providing it is not required in the Minimum Standards.
11. Addition of course.

Renewal of Policy Regarding the Employment of Student Nurses

Nursing students who are employed as "nurses" in hospitals, whether the hospital is that in which their school is located or another, are not to wear their student uniform. They are to wear the uniform of the nurse aide position they are filling.

Policy Regarding Caps and Pins

In February 1967 the members of the Board of Nursing requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office concerning the following question: Is an individual who has completed an accredited program of professional or practical nursing in Missouri but who has not written or who has not successfully written the licensing examination entitled to wear her school cap or pin when practicing at any level of nursing?

Section 335.020 of the Nursing Practice Act states that it is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice registered professional or licensed practical nursing in this state for compensation or personal profit, or to use any title, sign, abbreviation, cards or device, to indicate that such a person is practicing registered professional or licensed practical nursing unless he has been duly licensed...

The Attorney General's office gave the unofficial opinion that wearing a cap and/or pin would not be considered a device to indicate that the individual is licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. It was the decision of the members of the Board of Nursing that it is the responsibility of the employer to make the decision relating to his/her employees. The school of nursing has the right to establish policies regarding the cap or pin of that particular school.

CORRECTION: Statistics given by Mr. Wong at the annual meeting of the Missouri State Board of Nursing with representatives from programs of professional nursing in Missouri were based on information available from a source other than the Missouri State Board of Nursing. The information was approximately two and one-half years old and included seventy per cent of the licensees for the fiscal year it covered. Actual data presented by Mr. Wong should be disregarded.

Schools of Nursing

Three programs of professional nursing will graduate their last classes this year. Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing and St. Louis City Hospital School of Nursing, which merged beginning with the class enrolled in the fall of 1966, will graduate their last classes this fall. St. Louis Municipal School of Nursing, the program created by the merging of these two schools of nursing, will graduate its first class in 1969.

St. John's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, will graduate its last class this spring but Mercy Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program will graduate its first class at this time.

The Iowa Board of Nursing has granted approval to Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa to initiate a baccalaureate program in nursing in the fall of 1968 for the admission of freshmen, sophomore and registered nurse students. Graceland College will utilize the clinical facilities of Independence Sanitarium and Hospital in Independence. Independence Sanitarium and Hospital will accept its last class in the fall of 1968.

Moberly Junior College School of Practical Nursing, Moberly, enrolled the first class of fourteen students in February 1968.

NOTE OF THANKS: The members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing wish to express their appreciation to administrators and directors of nursing homes and hospitals, to organizations and to other state agencies who have cooperated with and assisted the Board of Nursing in reporting problems with licensees and imposters. The only way the Board of Nursing can effectively carry out its duties as prescribed by law is through the reporting of information by employers. The Board of Nursing commends and is grateful to those helping to fulfill the primary purpose of Missouri's Nursing Practice Act, the protection of Missouri's citizens.