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Nevada, Missouri

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North Kansas City, Missouri

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St. Louis, Missouri

MEETING DATES

April 17, 18, 1973

June 11, 12, 1973

Material to be presented to the members of the Board for consideration must be submitted in nine (9) copies and be in the Board of Nursing office at least two (2) weeks prior to the Board meeting in order to allow sufficient time to consider and evaluate the submitted material.
EXAMINATION DATES

R.N.  
March 13-14, 1973 (closed)  
June 13-14, 18-19, 20-21, 25-26, 1973  
September 12-13, 1973  
January 7-8, 1974

L.P.N.
March 20, 1973 (closed)  
June 28, 1973  
October 15, 16, 17, 1973

STATISTICS JULY 1, 1971 - JUNE 30, 1972

Total of Licenses Issued in 1971 - 1972

Registered Professional Nurse:
by examination 1,319
by reciprocity 916
by renewal 20,873
TOTAL 23,108

Licensed Practical Nurse:
by examination 1,058
by reciprocity 249
by renewal 10,341
TOTAL 11,648

Obstetric Nurse:*  
by renewal 13

*Licensure by examination and reciprocity are no longer allowed according the Nursing Practice Act.

Inactive Licenses:
Registered Professional Nurses 19,400
Licensed Practical Nurses 6,200
Obstetrical Nurses 25
TOTAL 25,625

Programs of Professional Nursing 1971-1972 Fiscal Year

Baccalaureate Nursing Programs - (four academic years in length)

Current number of programs: 7
Closed: None
New programs: None

Hospital Diploma Programs - (20 to 33 months in length)

Current number of programs: 14
Closed: St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City, Mo., May, 1972
Trinity Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City, Mo., June, 1972
Closing: Kansas City General Hospital & Medical Center, Kansas City, Mo., June, 1973
Associate Degree Nursing Programs - (4 to 6 semesters in length)

Current number of programs: 13  
Closing: None  
New programs:  
Missouri Western College, St. Joseph, Mo., admitted its first class, Sept., 1971  
Three Rivers Junior College, Poplar Bluff, Mo., admitted its first class, Sept., 1971  
Trenton Junior College, Trenton, Mo., admitted students January, 1973

Programs of Practical Nursing (one year in length)

Current number of programs: 27  
Closed: Brookfield School, Brookfield, Mo., August, 1972  
New programs:  
Jefferson College, Hillsboro, Mo., admitted its first class, March, 1972  
Warrensburg Area Vocational-Technical School of Nursing, Warrensburg, Mo., admitted its first class Sept., 1972

Student Enrollment

Programs of Professional Nursing:

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<td>Students admitted during fiscal year</td>
<td>222</td>
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<td>941</td>
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<td>Students admitted by transfer or readmission</td>
<td>181</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>Students graduating</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>646</td>
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<td>Students remaining</td>
<td>856</td>
<td>2054</td>
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*B.B. - basic baccalaureate  
DI - diploma  
A.D. - associate degree

These programs may not include Freshman or Sophomore nursing students

Programs of Practical Nursing:

Enrollment during 1971-1972 Fiscal Year

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DRUG-USER TREATMENT

The National Institute of Mental Health Clinical Research Center, Lexington, Kentucky, has a new drug-user treatment program specifically for registered nurses.

The purpose of the program is two-fold:

(1) to provide a facility capable of meeting the unique needs of addicted nurses, and

(2) to conduct clinical investigation of this problem.

Only voluntary self-referred patients will be accepted. Individuals will determine the length of their stay themselves and no prior commitment to a specific time in treatment need be made. There will be no fee for treatment and transportation to the Center as well as transportation home will be paid for by the Center.

The patients' identities and facts of their treatment for drug use will be completely confidential.

Interested individuals should call David G. Levine, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, (606) 255-6812, Extension 2353, to arrange admission.

INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE DRUG MISUSE

Below are some of the factors, as listed in Washington State Board of Nursing Guidelines for Handling Suspected Misuse of Narcotics/Drugs/Controlled Substances, which may indicate improper handling of narcotics/drugs/controlled substances by registered nurses.

When a particular registered nurse is on duty, there may be evidence of:

1. Increased errors in charting medications.

2. Increased use of narcotics/drugs/controlled substances.

3. Increased incidents of dropped or wasted medications.

4. Abnormal number of syringes being used, or missing.

5. Increased use of amount of certain tranquilizers in place of narcotic. (Nurse gives patient tranquilizer, then takes narcotic herself.)

6. Patients complaining of little or no relief from pain medication. (Dilution of narcotic with, or use of distilled water/saline.)

7. Marked behavioral changes exhibited by the nurse.

8. Frequent use of the bathroom by the nurse. Evidence of broken syringes and bloody pieces of cotton in bathroom.

9. A preference to work alone.
Proficiency Test Project

National League for Nursing is engaged in the development of a Practical Nursing Proficiency Examination (PNPE) under contract with the Health Services and Mental Health Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. There appears to be some misunderstandings among nursing personnel regarding the purpose of the examination.

We have been requested by National League for Nursing to provide the following information:

"With the passage of HR-1, the amendment to the Social Security Act, it is now mandatory that the government develop and conduct a program to determine the proficiency of individuals who do not otherwise meet the formal educational or other specific criteria established for determining the qualifications of various health workers, including practical nurses and psychiatric technicians. Under the law, the program must include the use of procedures for the formal testing of the proficiency of such individuals and providers cannot be denied Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement for health care services provided by individuals who have demonstrated a satisfactory level of proficiency, even though the individuals were licensed by waiver.

The government has emphasized that it has no intention of "licensing" health personnel. They also state that practical nurses (and psychiatric technicians) whose performance on the proficiency test is acceptable to the government will have no special legal status as far as state regulations are concerned."

Applicants Who Have Failed The Licensing Examination

Applicants who have failed the exam are so notified that the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Section 335.020 states: "License as registered or practical nurse required. - It is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice registered professional nursing 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 person is practicing registered professional nursing or licensed practical nursing unless he has been duly licensed under this chapter."

Duplicate Certificates of Registration

1. A duplicate Certificate of Registration is issued in the event the original becomes lost or destroyed. The licensee must notify the Missouri State Board of Nursing of such and a form will be forwarded for completion and notarization. No additional fee will be charged for a duplicate.

2. A duplicate Certificate of Registration is issued at the licensee's own risk and is marked accordingly since unlicensed individuals have in the past secured and used renewal certificates of Missouri licensees. The duplicate certificate must be returned to the Missouri State Board of Nursing office if the original is recovered by the licensee.
Missouri Loses an Educator

The Missouri State Board of Nursing wishes to express its feeling of sorrow and loss with the death of Mrs. Leslie Winscott, R.N., former Director of the St. Mary's School of Practical Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Board Test Pool Examinations

Our Contracts for use of the State Board Test Pool Examination for Registered Professional and Practical Nurse Licensure in 1973 were renewed by NLR.

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The National League for Nursing Inc. has announced the resignation of Dr. Mildred (Kitty) Katzell, effective February 2, 1973. After 19½ years of service to the League, Kitty has accepted a position as Vice President of the Professional Examination Service.

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IMPORTANT

The Board of Nursing expects to send out within a few days applications for licensure renewal.

During the renewal period, it takes approximately four (4) weeks to process the application that returns with the requested money order. Payment by check delays the application for two (2) more weeks.

Due to the heavy schedule of examinations in June, that requires the attention of the entire staff, processing of the last-minute returned applications is further delayed.

Please notify your staff that to insure receiving a current license for the period of July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974, they must accurately complete and return the application early.

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Applications Being Accepted

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT - Missouri State Board of Nursing - Primary responsibilities will be conducting accreditation and consultation survey visits to Professional and Practical Schools of Nursing. Must have B.S. in Nursing and Master's Degree; eligible for Missouri Professional Nurse licensure. For further information please contact Missouri State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 656, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. Equal opportunity employer.