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BOARD MEMBERS

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| Mrs. Zella M. Harrington, R.N., President | Director of Nursing & Health Programs
American Red Cross
St. Louis, Missouri
Present Term Ends June 1, 1980 |
| Miss Mary Lou George, R.N., Sec.-Treas. | Clinical Director of Nursing
St. Joseph's Hospital
Kansas City, Missouri
Present Term Ends June 1, 1981 |
| Mrs. Rose Marie Hilker, R.N. | Director, St. Luke's Hospital
School of Nursing
Kansas City, Missouri
Present Term Ends June 1, 1981 |
| Mrs. Sharon L. Summers, R.N. | Instructor, Family Nurse Practitioner
Program, University of Missouri
Springfield, Missouri
Present Term Ends June 1, 1982 |
| Miss Virginia Gayle Collins, L.P.N. | Personnel Coordinator
Sikeston Convalescent Center
Sikeston, Missouri
Present Term Ends June 1, 1980 |
| Vacancy | R.N. |
| Vacancy | L.P.N. |

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

MRS. MARGARET J. DRIVER, R.N.
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OFFICE STAFF

NAME

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY

Sharon L. Roberts	Administrative Assistant
Rita L. Blank	Professional Nurse Schools
Pam V. Groose	Practical Nurse Schools
Linda K. Strobel	Assistant to Administrative Assistant, Revenue Transmittals, School Annual Reports
Sigrid M. Enloe	Professional Nurse Interstate Licensure
Dorothy F. Koestner	Professional Nurse Correspondence
Marsha R. Knatcal	Practical Nurse Interstate Licensure and Correspondence
Mary M. Young	Foreign Nurse Licensure and Correspondence

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SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING DATES

January 14-17, 1980

May 5-8, 1980

Ensuing Board Meeting dates will be established at the May Meeting.

Board Meetings will be held at 3523 North Ten Mile Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing - Conference Room, convening at 8:00 a.m. each day to adjournment. All meetings are open to the public and interested persons are welcome.

An evening session is held prior to each Board Meeting at the Downtown Holiday Inn, 422 Monroe, Jefferson City, Missouri, convening at 7:00 p.m., which is open to the public.

Requests for Board consideration must be received in the Board of Nursing Office no later than three (3) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. This is necessary to enable adequate review of material and preparation of the Agenda!

EXAMINATION DATES

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

Registered Nurse Candidates Examination Dates

Schools

Irregular Candidates

1980: February 5-6
July 9-10

October 1
March 1

December 1
May 1

1981: February 3-4
July 8-9

October 1
March 1

December 1
May 1

Licensed Practical Nurse Candidates Examination

Dates

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

Schools

Irregular Candidates

1980: April 15
October 21

December 15
June 15

March 1
August 15

1981: April 14
October 20 (subject to change)

December 15
June 15

March 1
August 15

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1978-1979

The members of the Board met at four regularly scheduled meetings for a total of ten days.

The Board met two days for review of professional and practical State Board Test Pool Examination test items.

The Board distributed 1,310 copies of the Nursing Practice Act in compliance with requests. We received and responded to 69,189 items of correspondence.

The Board rendered consultative and survey services to 67 nursing programs on a continuous basis throughout the year.

TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED TO PRACTICE NURSING IN MISSOURI FROM JULY 1, 1978 to JUNE 30, 1979

Registered Professional Nurse:	
By Examination.....	2,006
By Reciprocity.....	1,417
By Renewal.....	<u>30,178</u>
Total	33,601
Licensed Practical Nurse:	
By Examination.....	1,025
By Reciprocity.....	424
By Renewal.....	<u>13,761</u>
Total	15,210
Obstetric Nurse:*	
By Renewal.....	4

*Licensure by examination and reciprocity is no longer allowed by law.

NURSING PRACTICE ACT, SECTION 8.1.-REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

The Board of Nursing administered the State Board Test Pool Examination for registered professional nurse licensure on the following dates:

<u>Dates of Examination</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>	<u>No. Passed</u>	<u>No. Failures</u>
July 11-12, 1978	1,715	1,440	275
February 6-7, 1979	<u>750</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>184</u>
Totals	2,465	2,006	459

NURSING PRACTICE ACT, SECTION 8.2. - PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

<u>Dates of Examination</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>	<u>No. Passed</u>	<u>No. Failures</u>
October 18, 1978	848	812	36
April 10, 1979	<u>244</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>31</u>
Totals	1,092	1,025	67

ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

<u>Enrollment during 1978-79 Fiscal Year</u>	<u>B.B.**</u>	<u>DI*</u>	<u>A.D.*</u>
Students admitted during fiscal year	411	962	850
Total enrollment - including newly admitted	1,576	3,003	1,972
Students admitted by transfer or readmission	334	212	234
Student withdrawals/separations	320	694	546
Students on leave of absence	19	80	6
Students graduating	405	780	676
Students remaining	1,166	1,661	978

B.B. - Basic Baccalaureate DI - Diploma A.D. - Associate Degree

**These programs may not include Freshman or Sophomore nursing students

ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAMS OF PRACTICAL NURSING

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

<u>Enrollment during 1978-1979 Fiscal Year</u>	<u>No.</u>
Students admitted during fiscal year	1,121
Total enrollment - including newly admitted	2,281
Students admitted by transfer or readmission	34
Students on leave of absence	8
Student withdrawals/separations	355
Students graduating	936
Students remaining in program	1,016

PROFESSIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS

Baccalaureate Nursing Programs - (Four academic years in length)

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 7
CLOSED: 0
NEW PROGRAMS: 0

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

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 12
CLOSED: 1 (DePaul Hospital School of Nursing)
NEW PROGRAMS: 0

Associate Degree Nursing Programs - (4-5 semesters in length)

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 16
CLOSED: 0
NEW PROGRAMS: 0

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS - (one year in length)

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 32
CLOSED: 0
NEW PROGRAMS: 0

REGISTERED NURSE July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Certified Leaving Mo.</u>	<u>Endorsed to Mo.</u>	<u>Foreign country or territory</u>	<u>Certified Leaving Mo.</u>	<u>Endor To Mo.</u>
ALABAMA	15	12	AFRICA		1
ALASKA	7	2	CANADA	6	7
ARIZONA	47	12	CHINA		1
ARKANSAS	44	15	ENGLAND	4	3
CALIFORNIA	221	42	GUAM	2	1
COLORADO	145	17	INDIA		3
CONNECTICUT	13	10	KOREA		4
DELAWARE	3	3	NIGERIA		1
D. OF COLUMBIA	3	0	NOVA SCOTIA		2
FLORIDA	92	26	PHILIPPINES		9
GEORGIA	39	14	PUERTO RICO	1	
HAWAII	12	3	SAMOA	1	
IDAHO	5	2	SWITZERLAND		2
ILLINOIS	302	252	TAIWAN		2
INDIANA	35	41	VIRGIN ISLANDS	1	
IOWA	39	70			
KANSAS	274	214			
KENTUCKY	24	14	TOTAL	15	36
LOUISIANA	70	14			
MAINE	14	3			
MARYLAND	18	14			
MASSACHUSETTS	19	36	TOTAL NURSES LEAVING MO.		2,638
MICHIGAN	38	33			
MINNESOTA	45	27	TOTAL NURSES CERTIFIED TO MO.		1,417
MISSISSIPPI	18	11			
MONTANA	11	3			
NEBRASKA	19	29			
NEVADA	12	3			
NEW HAMPSHIRE	2	2			
NEW JERSEY	20	13			
NEW MEXICO	17	2			
NEW YORK	33	114			
NORTH CAROLINA	33	15			
NORTH DAKOTA	5	6			
OHIO	60	56			
OKLAHOMA	52	29			
OREGON	29	5			
PENNSYLVANIA	29	41			
RHODE ISLAND	1	3			
SOUTH CAROLINA	14	5			
SOUTH DAKOTA	3	8			
TENNESSEE	39	43			
TEXAS	170	51			
UTAH	14	3			
VERMONT	2	3			
VIRGINIA	71	16			
WASHINGTON	61	13			
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1			
WISCONSIN	27	30			
WYOMING	7	0			
Leaving Mo. U.S.	2,623	1,381			

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

<u>STATES</u>	<u>Certified Leaving Mo.</u>	<u>Certified To Mo</u>
ALBAMA	5	6
ALASKA	7	1
ARIZONA	12	4
ARKANSAS	33	29
CALIFORNIA	32	27
COLORADO	22	6
CONNECTICUT	1	0
DELAWARE	0	0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1	0
FLORIDA	24	9
GEORGIA	6	1
HAWAII	4	1
IDAHO	2	0
ILLINOIS	65	96
INDIANA	8	10
IOWA	24	33
KANSAS	84	56
KENTUCKY	1	4
LOUISIANA	6	1
MAINE	2	1
MARYLAND	3	4
MASSACHUSETTS	2	6
MICHIGAN	7	8
MINNESOTA	5	12
MISSISSIPPI	11	3
MONTANA	0	2
NEBRASKA	6	12
NEVADA	2	0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	1
NEW JERSEY	0	1
NEW MEXICO	6	4
NEW YORK	6	9
NORTH CAROLINA	5	1
NORTH DAKOTA	1	0
OHIO	4	11
OKLAHOMA	29	12
OREGON	5	1
PENNSYLVANIA	0	7
RHODE ISLAND	1	0
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	3
SOUTH DAKOTA	2	4
TENNESSEE	8	7
TEXAS	53	14
UTAH	2	1
VERMONT	1	2
VIRGINIA	6	3
WASHINGTON	17	6
WEST VIRGINIA	1	1
WISCONSIN	4	4
WYOMING	1	0
TOTAL	528	424

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

STATUS OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN MISSOURI BY REGISTERED NURSES ORIGINALLY LICENSED/REGISTERED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FORWARDED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION</u>	<u>COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION RETURNED</u>	<u>LICENSE GRANTED</u>
AUSTRIA	2	1	0
AUSTRALIA	2	1	2
BANGLADESH	1	0	0
CANADA	34	9	4
CENTRAL AMERICA	1	0	0
COSTA RICA	1	0	0
ENGLAND	20	10	2
ETHEOPIA	1	0	0
FIJI ISLANDS	1	0	0
GERMANY	3	1	0
INDIA	10	5	5
IRAN	3	1	0
IRELAND	2	2	0
JAMAICA	1	1	0
KOREA	10	4	0
MEXICO	1	1	0
NEW ZEALAND	5	1	0
NIGERIA	2	3	1
NORTHERN IRELAND	1	0	0
PERU	1	0	0
PHILIPPINES	454	149	101
POLAND	1	1	0
REPUBLIC OF CHINA	1	1	0
RUSSIA	1	0	0
SCOTLAND	2	1	0
SOUTH AMERICA	1	0	0
TAIWAN	3	1	0
THAILAND	4	1	1
WEST AFRICA	1	0	0
WEST GERMANY	2	1	0
WEST INDIES	1	0	0
YUGOSLAVIA	1	0	1
	574	195	117

TOTAL: 574
 RETURNED: 195
 LICENSED: 117

NURSING PRACTICE ACT, CHAPTER 335.066 - DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES

The Board of Nursing, at four regularly scheduled meetings, reviewed individual professional nurse problems and individual practical nurse problems related to the issuance or renewal of licenses due to complaints against the applicants for the 1978-79 fiscal year. The Board ordered the following disciplinary action:

Nurses referred to Administrative Hearing Commission.....	25
Imposters referred to prosecuting attorney.....	1
Nurses denied licensure.....	14
Nurses' licenses revoked.....	3
Nurses' licenses placed on suspension.....	2
Nurses' licenses placed on probation.....	2
Nurses' licenses removed from probation.....	2

LIST OF NURSING LICENSES ON PROBATION, SUSPENSION OR WHICH HAVE BEEN REVOKED

The following disciplinary actions were taken at hearings conducted by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. All disciplinary actions are relative to violations of the Nursing Practice Act.

PROFESSIONAL NURSE

<u>Name and License No.</u>	<u>Action</u>
Rosalyn Blackwood Abbott, R.N. License No. 61896	Probation - 3 years May 31, 1979 to May 31, 1981
Beverly Sitton Compton, R.N. License No. 40537	Revoked - Effective November 4, 1977
Henry Kenneth Dodson, Jr., R.N. License No. 65603	Revoked - Effective February 28, 1979
Emily Hoskins Downen, R.N. License No. 24301	Revoked - Effective June 16, 1977
Claudia Sue Fox, R.N. License No. 58989	Revoked - Effective June 16, 1977
Sung Park Kin, R.N. License No. 64731	Revoked - Effective February 28, 1979
Nikki McLean, R.N. License No. 63424	Suspended - 3 years June 1, 1977 to May 31, 1980
Lily Jane Stringer, R.N. License No. 28058	Revoked - Effective May 23, 1978
Diane Walker, R.N. License No. 65929	Probation - 5 years August 23, 1976 to August 23, 1981
Janet Witherspoon Zimmerman, R.N. License No. 31618	Probation - 2 years May 23, 1978 to May 23, 1980

PRACTICAL NURSE

<u>Name and License No.</u>	<u>Action</u>
Reva Gayle Brubaker, L.P.N. License No. 23847	Revoked - Effective August 27, 1979
Linda Lee Dabin, L.P.N. License No. 16722	Revoked - Effective April 4, 1976
Theda Clark Dinwiddie, L.P.N. License No. 18282	Revoked - Effective November 4, 1977
Susan Elizabeth Eichstadt, L.P.N. License No. 15102	Revoked - Effective November 4, 1977
Lois A. Baird Green, L.P.N. License No. 23464	Revoked - Effective June 16, 1977
Joyce Altis Moore, L.P.N. License No. 13062	Suspended - 2 years - February 15, 1977, to February 15, 1979. Suspension extended to February 10, 1981
Rhonda Denise Martin, L.P.N. License No. 19004	Probation - 2 years October 30, 1978 to October 30, 1980
Jerrie Pearl Moseley, L.P.N. License No. 20017	Revoked - Effective February 10, 1978
Joan Lee Powell, L.P.N. License No. 19264	Revoked - Effective March 15, 1977
Anne Haffner Sondlo, L.P.N. License No. 21784	Probation - 2 years February 28, 1979 to February 28, 1981
Victoria Ann Tinnin, L.P.N. License No. 20039	Suspended - 2 years December 1, 1976 to November 30, 1980
Amy Elizabeth Williams, L.P.N. License No. 23799	Suspended - 4 years February 28, 1979 to February 28, 1983

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Directors of Schools Please Note:

The Board should be notified when a new faculty member has been employed. All faculty members must be currently licensed in Missouri prior to beginning their employment, otherwise, he/she is violating the Statutes and the school is violating the Rules and Regulations (Minimum Standards)

NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF NURSING

1. BARNES HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
Ms. Phyllis Kahn, R.N., was appointed Director effective November 12, 1979.
2. JEFFERSON COLLEGE
Mrs. Jane Edwards, R.N., has been appointed Director effective July 1, 1979.
3. LINCOLN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
Ms. Carolyn T. Kornegay, R.N., was appointed Head, Nursing Science Department effective June 1, 1979.

4. MINERAL AREA COLLEGE
Mrs. Pantha J. Sullivan, R.N., was appointed Chairman, Allied Health, Effective July 1, 1979.
5. THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mrs. Betty Waldrop, R.N., was appointed Director of Nursing Education effective June 1, 1979.
6. TRENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE, PRACTICAL PROGRAM
Ms. Judy Rogers, R.N., was appointed Practical Nurse Coordinator effective August 27, 1979.
7. JEFFERSON COLLEGE PRACTICAL PROGRAM
Mrs. Jane Edwards, R.N., was appointed Director of Nursing Education effective July 1, 1979.
8. MINERAL AREA PRACTICAL PROGRAM
Mrs. Pantha J. Sullivan was appointed Chairman, Allied Health, effective July 1, 1979.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is only through the help of Directors of Nursing, Directors of Nursing Schools, Hospital Administrators and Nursing Service Educators that we can continue to police the nursing profession by receiving prompt, written complaints regarding nursing employees' unprofessional conduct in caring for the sick. There are not enough investigators, board members or professional board employees to monitor our profession in the manner that we would like. However, through your support we can continue to work toward a goal of competent patient care and protection of the public which is our main objective. Any complaint should be forwarded in writing to the following:

Mrs. Margaret J. Driver, R.N.
Acting Executive Director
Missouri State Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 656
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

IMPOSTERS

At various times, persons have tried to become employed at hospitals, nursing homes, etc, without a valid R.N. or L.P.N. Missouri license and sometimes by forging licenses. The latest one is a lady who uses any combination of the following names:

Mary Louise	Banks
Antionette	Johnson
Mary L.	Selby
	Grandberry

Please verify the validity of any license before employing a nurse. It is illegal to practice nursing in Missouri without a current license. The Employer MUST see the wallet-sized license. If you note any alterations, please call the Missouri State Board of Nursing at (314) 751-2334 and follow-up with a written letter.

EMPLOYERS PLEASE NOTE

Employers of nursing personnel are urged to verify that the persons they hire are registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses eligible to practice nursing in Missouri. Please ascertain that:

1. The nurse has a valid and current license to practice as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse in Missouri;

or

2. The nurse has made application for license by endorsement in Missouri and has in his/her possession a temporary work permit from the Missouri State Board of Nursing;

or

3. New graduates from professional or practical out-of-state schools must have a "Permission for Out-of-State Graduates to Work Pending Results of First Examination" permit from the Missouri State Board of Nursing;

or

4. Our own new graduates of Missouri State Accredited Schools may work pending the results of the first licensing examination scheduled by the Board.

CURRENT LICENSURE

All employers should check the current status of licenses and any irregularity that the license shows should be reported to the Board of Nursing immediately. The current license is dated July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980. The R.N. license is white with black lettering and the L.P.N. license is tan (screened brown) with black lettering.

PERSONNEL FILES MUST DESIGNATE "COPY"

The members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing adopted a position that when a license is copied for personnel files, the copy MUST be designated by writing or stamping "COPY" across the front.

NURSE TRAINING ACT

President Carter has signed the Nurse Training Act into law on Saturday, September 29, 1979. It authorizes \$103 million for a one year extension through fiscal year 1980.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR REVISION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR
ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND
REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL NURSES IN MISSOURI

The members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing wish to give you, as directors of professional schools of nursing, an opportunity to have input into the revision. Therefore, a meeting for all directors (we stress that we wish the directors ONLY and not a representative) has been planned for February 7, 1980. Please mark your calendars now.

This conference will be held at 3523 North Ten Mile Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, in the conference room, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Coffee will be provided. Lunch will be on your own from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. There are several eating places in the nearby Capital Mall and we will try to complete the conference at approximately 3:30 p.m.

During the conference, one hour will be designated for the directors to discuss, ask questions and become informed concerning the future test plan draft for State Board Test Pool Examinations. As you know, the test plan draft which you have previously received in the mail is a working draft and is not the final plan. If you have not already discussed this, as a director of a professional program with your faculty, then we urge you to do so now. Please refer to our letter of November 28, 1979. The members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing feel that any questions and thoughts that you may have regarding this test plan should best be shared with all of the directors from our professional programs. We felt that you could discuss it much better if everyone comes to the annual conference informed, thus, the test plan draft was mailed to you prior to the conference. Please remember that we will only discuss this for one hour at the Minimum Standards Revision Conference. It would be a good idea to make a concise list of your questions on the test plan and bring it with you to the conference.

ANA'S 1985 PROPOSED ENTRY LEVEL

Resolutions 56, 57 and 58 were introduced at the 1978 American Nurses' Association convention which deal with the entry into nursing practice. These resolutions were presented by the Commission on Nursing Education and amended and approved by the House of Delegates. They provide a framework for education of nurses in the future.

These resolutions are NOT Missouri law. They merely state the intent of the ANA House of Delegates to provide direction for the future of nursing education.

BOARD POSITION AND POLICY

The following position and policy were unanimously adopted by the Board Members on October 19, 1979:

1. The Board also established a policy that if a school of nursing's failure rate on the State Board Test Pool Examination places them on the warning list in two consecutive years, the School Director be brought before the Board of Nursing to exchange information for remedies proposed by the school and that further, the school of nursing be alerted that as of 1980, if a third warning is necessary, the school of nursing will be placed on Conditional Accreditation Status.

2. The Missouri State Board of Nursing endorses the position of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools for graduates of foreign professional nursing schools to take the examination administered by the Commission as a prerequisite for taking the State Board Test Pool Examination for licensure in Missouri. The Board recommends that any nurse applying for licensure in the State of Missouri, who graduated from a foreign professional nursing school, write the examination offered by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools prior to entering the United States.

AVAILABLE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF NURSING STAFF

As all of you know, Miss Vivian D. Meinecke, R.N., Executive Director of the Missouri State Board of Nursing, died on April 17, 1979.

Please share the following information regarding this vacancy with your Staff and any other interested individuals:

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Executive Director for Missouri State Board of Nursing. Qualifications include Missouri Nursing Licensure, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master's Degree required. Responsibilities include administrative duties and supervision of the State Board Office. Experience necessary for the position includes skills in management, communications and interpersonal relationships. Background in education, the interpretation and implementation of nursing practice acts desirable. Annual salary range \$20,000 - \$25,000. Send a complete resume' to Missouri State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 656, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Equal Opportunity Employer.

NEW YORK EXAMINATION NOW VALIDATED

The following is a copy of the News Release received by the Missouri State Board of Nursing:

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NEWS

Office of Public Information ● Arnold Bloom/Director ● Chris Carpenter/Assistant Director Albany, New York 12234 Phone(518) 474-1201

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1979

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO USE JULY NURSING EXAM

Commissioner of Education Gordon M. Ambach today issued the following statement:

"I have today received a report from the Division of State Police concerning the results of the investigation which the Division conducted at my request of allegations that copies of the national licensing examination in nursing given in July of this year were available in advance.

"The State Police have reported to me that their investigation has disclosed no evidence that any part of the examination was available in advance to any candidate or other unauthorized person, and no evidence of any improper conduct on the part of any person connected with the preparation or administration of the examination.

"The investigation included interviews with many candidates, including many of those named in letters to the Education Department alleging that the examination was available in advance. Those interviews disclosed that all of the candidates interviewed had participated in at least one examination review course, of which several are offered in various parts of this State and elsewhere in the country, and that the majority of them had taken two or more different courses in preparation for the July examination.

"In addition, most of the those interviewed had participated in 'study groups', some of which had hired private tutors.

"The investigation also disclosed that the materials used by some review courses resemble in format the test booklets used in the national examination, and that such materials could be mistaken by a casual observer for official test booklets.

"In light of the results of the State Police investigation, and because we are convinced that the intensive study undertaken by many examination candidates, as disclosed by the investigation, explains the unusually high increases in scores achieved by some candidates, the State Board for Nursing and I have determined that the results of the July, 1979 examination in registered professional nursing will be released to candidates, and will be used for purposes of licensure.

"For that reason, there will of course be no appeal taken from the decision of Supreme Court Justice DeForest C. Pitt which was released today.

"The State Education Department will immediately commence the process of notifying candidates of their grades. Notification to all candidates will be placed in the mail within two weeks.

"The Department will also immediately commence the preparation of licenses for those who have now passed all parts of the examination, and will transmit them to candidates within six weeks.

"The State Board for Nursing and I greatly regret the distress which our earlier action has caused among those who took the July examination. At the same time, on the basis of the evidence then available to us, that action was, we felt, the only responsible course of action available to us in the public interest.

"We know that all candidates, and the public at large, will share with us a sense of profound relief that a painstaking investigation has revealed no flaw in the examination system.

"I extend my sincere thanks to the Division of State Police for their careful and thorough work."

LICENSE RENEWALS

License renewals for 1980-1981 will be mailed around the middle of March, 1980. We urge all licensees, and all employers to urge their employees, to renew their licenses as soon as possible after the receipt of the renewal notice in order to insure the processing and receipt of their renewed license prior to the deadline date of July 1, 1980. It is humanly impossible to process over 49,000 renewals if they are all returned to the Board of Nursing near the deadline date. It is certainly to the advantage of all concerned to renew licenses promptly. The application states that the Board cannot guarantee licensure renewal for any application received after June 1 for July 1. Please keep the State Board informed of all address changes so that correspondence will reach you. If you have a name change by reason of marriage, divorce, etc., please furnish the Board Office with a copy of the marriage certificate, divorce decree or an affidavit, properly notarized, stating your legal name. We must have this document before our records can be changed.

To be valid, certificates with these numbers must contain the following: (on the reverse side of the license) "DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE ISSUED DUE TO ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE BEING LOST,STOLEN OR DESTROYED". The original certificate is no longer valid.

PLEASE CHECK IDENTIFICATION CAREFULLY IF THESE LICENSE NUMBERS ARE PRESENTED

DUPLICATE LICENSES ISSUED TO DATE

July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

| <u>R.N.'S</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 07399 | 37590 | 53438 | 63488 | 70764 | 75200 | 79259 |
| 08660 | 38048 | 54152 | 63499 | 70986 | 75213 | 80500 |
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