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- Our normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our offices are closed for holidays designated by the State.

DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR REMAINDER OF 2006

December 25-26 - Christmas

DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR 2007

January 1, 2007 - New Year's Day
Jan. 15, 2007 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19, 2007 - President's Day
May 10, 2007 - Confederate Memorial Day
May 28, 2007 - National Memorial Day
July 4, 2007 - Independence Day
September 3, 2007 - Labor Day
November 12, 2007 - Veterans Day
November 22-23, 2007 - Thanksgiving
December 25-26, 2007 - Christmas

Palmetto Nurse is a well-read, professional publication tailored directly to those involved in healthcare in South Carolina. *Palmetto Nurse* provides a highly targeted market of 56,000 licensed nurses at all levels of practice, nursing students, as well as healthcare employers, educators, and regulators.

Mission Statement: *The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.*

This mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses or advanced practice registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

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The Board of Nursing Web site contains the Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other information.

From the Desk of the ADMINISTRATOR



This is the time of year that our nation honors veterans who have served to protect our country and have kept us safe from harm. The South Carolina Board of Nursing would like to pay tribute to the many men and women nurse veterans who have served our country and rendered nursing care to their countless fellow veterans. These veterans are in fact our mothers, fathers, brother and sisters, all of which we are very proud.

Our cover salutes all of the nurse veterans who, in mathematical terms, have added to the quality of life of many patients, divided and conquered much pain and suffering, subtracted from the many worries that accompany war time injuries and multiplied excellence in nursing practice to all of the veterans requiring nursing care.

While your honor is nationally mentioned once a year, know that we applaud each and every nurse veteran and thank him or her from the bottom of our hearts for a job well done.

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REVISED ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Board of Nursing approved the revision of the advisory opinions below at its May and September 2006 meetings. These opinions reflect the Board's position as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.

Advisory Opinion 39

Formulated: January 24, 2002 / Last Revised on May 2006

Question: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities for a licensed nurse to perform certain cosmetic procedures?

The Board of Nursing has determined that it is within the scope of practice for licensed nurses to perform certain cosmetic procedures as additional acts under the following guidelines:

Laser removal of hair and spider veins is within the scope of practice for only a Registered Nurse (RN) if the following criteria are met:

1. The supervising physician is immediately available on site and able to respond within five minutes to any question or adverse event.
2. The supervising physician/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) performs and documents an initial assessment prior to treatment and as needed during the course of therapy.

3. The RN has satisfactorily completed a documented special education and training program on applicable techniques and laser safety, which includes supervised practice and clinical skill competency.
4. The facility has applicable written policies and procedures.
5. Continuing education for these procedures is ongoing and documented.

Botox and collagen injections are within the scope of practice for only a Registered Nurse (RN) if the following criteria are met:

1. The supervising physician is immediately available on site and able to respond within five minutes to any question or adverse event.
2. The supervising physician/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) performs and documents an initial assessment prior to treatment and as needed during the course of therapy.
3. The RN has satisfactorily completed a documented special education and training program on applicable techniques and injection safety, which includes supervised practice and clinical competency.

4. The facility has applicable written policies and procedures.
5. Continuing education for these procedures is ongoing and documented.

The application of superficial chemical peels and microdermabrasions with agents such as salicylic acid, glycolic acid, Jessner's solution and Trichloroacetic acid at less than 20%, is within the scope of practice for both the RN and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) as additional acts under the following guidelines:

1. The supervising physician/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) performs and documents an initial assessment prior to treatment and as needed during the course of therapy.
2. The licensed nurse has satisfactorily completed a documented special education and training program which includes supervised practice and clinical skill competency.
3. The facility has applicable written policies and procedures.
4. Continuing education for these procedures is ongoing and documented.

The injection of telangectasis ("spider veins") (sclerotherapy) is within the scope of practice for only the RN as an additional act under the following guidelines:

1. The supervising physician/APRN performs and documents an initial assessment prior to treatment and as needed during the course of therapy.
2. The RN has satisfactorily completed a documented special education and training program which includes supervised practice and clinical skill competency.
3. The facility has applicable written policies and procedures, and written standing orders for dealing with allergic reactions.
4. Continuing education for these procedures is ongoing and documented.

ADVISORY OPINION #3

Formulated: July 31, 1997 / Last Revised in September 2006

Question: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) to make pronouncements of death in a health care institution or in the home as a representative of an agency where care is being provided?

The Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that Regulation 61-19 of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) speaks to the preparation, signing and filing of the death certificate, which requires the signature of a physician, medical examiner or coroner to certify death. Although neither the South Carolina Medical Practice Act nor the South Carolina Nurse Practice Act states that pronouncing or declaring death is a medical act which must be performed by a licensed physician, pronouncing or declaring death has consistently been viewed as meaning a function of the person who certifies death.

The RN may not make pronouncements of death under state law, however, it is within the role and scope of the RN to utilize guidelines established by a healthcare institution or home care agency to make an assessment of death. The RN may assess that a person has died and notify the appropriate persons, including the physician, supervisory personnel, family and funeral home staff. Furthermore, the Board of Nursing acknowledges the importance of a health care institution or home care agency establishing a policy statement concerning the assessment of death by the RN, with appropriate input from the institution's nursing staff, medical staff and legal counsel.

It is not within the scope of practice of the LPN to make pronouncements or assessments of death.

BOARD VACANCY

The Nurse Practice Act signed by Governor Sanford on May 11, 2004, established an additional lay member for the Board of Nursing. There is currently one lay member vacancy on the Board. Lay members represent the public at large as a consumer of nursing services and may not be licensed or employed as a health care provider. No board member may serve as an officer of a professional health-related state association. If you know of any eligible candidates who are interested in this lay position, they should submit a letter of request, along with a resume to Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office, Post Office Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211.

RETURNED CHECKS

When submitting any fees to the Board of Nursing, please be certain there are sufficient funds in your account to cover your check and that the check has cleared before closing any account. Section 40-1-50(G) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that a license shall be suspended if a fee payment is made by a check that is subsequently returned by the financial institution unpaid and is not made good within 10 days of official notification. This suspension is exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. Unpaid checks constitute a non-payment of license fees. Notifications are sent to the address of record on the licensee's file. Section 40-33-38 (C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that *all* licensees notify the Board *in writing* within 15 days of an address change. When a check is returned, replacement funds plus the returned check fee allowed by law must be submitted in the form of a cashier's check or money order. The Board cannot provide any further licensure services until the returned check is made good. Notice of the suspension is sent to the licensee's employer(s) if the check is not made good within 10 days of official notification.



Frequently Asked Questions — **EDUCATION**

I am presently licensed as a practical nurse and would like to further my nursing education. What nursing programs does the Board accept for the education requirement for registered nurse licensure?

Requirements for licensure as a registered nurse in South Carolina include completing

all requirements for graduation from an approved nursing education program. Registered nursing education programs approved by the S.C. Board of Nursing are available on the web. Programs approved by other state boards of nursing may be found on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Web site at www.ncsbn.org. When you arrive on the NCSBN home page, select NLCEX Candidate

Bulletin. Pages 20 through 39 of the bulletin list programs approved by other state boards of nursing. We recommend that you contact the school directly regarding admission requirements and enrollment plans. Also, South Carolina licensure requirements may be found under licensure. Education documents required must be mailed directly from the school to the Board of Nursing.

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I am interested in RN to BSN programs. What should I be looking for?

The South Carolina Board of Nursing does not regulate registered nurse (RN) to bachelor's degree science in nursing (BSN) programs as they do not lead to initial licensure as a nurse. A list of RN to BSN programs in South Carolina is located at Nursing Programs on our Web site (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/). Also, you may find it helpful to check with the national accrediting agencies, e.g. the

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at www.nlnac.org or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) at www.aacn.nche.edu or with the State Board of Nursing in the state where the program is located at www.ncsbn.org (please choose boards of nursing from the Updates and Contacts listing on the home page).

I am interested in a nursing program leading to initial licensure that includes classes that will be offered online.

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First, check to see if the program is approved by one of the state boards of nursing. (Please refer to question #1 for more information.) Then ask yourself if you have the discipline to stay on track with the assignments. This method of study may be more convenient, however, will require motivation and self-discipline for completing the course. We do recommend that you contact



the school directly regarding enrollment plans. Also, we advise that you make contact with the school and the clinical facility regarding procedures and availability for clinical experiences.

I am interested in the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) passing rates for South Carolina schools.

The NCLEX pass rates for nursing education programs located in South Carolina are listed under Nursing Programs on our Web site.

Are students who are already registered nurses, required to have a current, active South Carolina registered nursing license if they are enrolled in a master's degree in nursing program and are taking clinical nursing courses in South Carolina?

Yes, students who are already registered nurses are required to have an active, current license in South Carolina when enrolled in a master's degree in nursing program and taking clinical courses in this state. The requirements for licensure as a registered nurse in South Carolina may be found under Licensure on our Web site.

Did You Know????



1910 First Nurse Practice Act was enacted. This new legislation provided for registration of nurses by the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina. After January 1, 1911, it was unlawful to call oneself a professional nurse, unless, you had passed an examination and were registered by the State Board of Medical Examiners. The law required that applicants for registration be at least 21 years old, of good moral character, have received the “equivalent of a common education,” and have graduated from a two-year training program connected with a general hospital. Between 1910 and 1935, the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina registered 2, 883 nurses.



1935 The new Nurse Practice Act placed the registration of nurses and approval of schools of nursing under the State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina. Bills had been introduced in 1926 and 1930 to establish a nursing board but neither passed. The first State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina was composed of five persons appointed by the Governor with recommendations for two members from the South Carolina State Nurses Association, two members nominated by the South Carolina Medical Association from its member-

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ship and one member nominated by the South Carolina Hospital Association. The Executive Secretary (now administrator) of the board was employed on a part-time basis and served jointly as Executive Secretary for the Board and for the South Carolina Nurses Association. Office space and equipment were shared by the Board and Association in one room. In 1948, the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina became a full-time position.

1947 The Nurse Practice Act was amended. The revised Nurse Practice Act provided for licensure of practical nurses (LPN), for the annual renewal of licenses, and for inactive status of a license. Citizenship or legal declaration of intention to become a citizen was made a requirement for licensure.

1959 The Nurse Practice Act was amended. The name of the board was changed to the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina. Certain minutiae were removed from the statute with the provision for rules and regulations to be developed and filed with the Secretary of State with full force and effect of law.

1960 Mandatory licensure for the practice of nursing or practical nursing in South Carolina began. In the 1960s the Board's staff grew to an executive director, a nurse consultant, and six clerical staff of which three were part-time. By 1972, there were three professional nurses on staff and six full-time employees.

BOARD and COMMITTEE MEETINGS



December 14, 2006	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
December 19, 2006	Advisory Committee on Nursing
January 25-26, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
February 2, 2007	Advanced Practice Committee Meeting
February 15, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
February 20, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting
March 29-30, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
April 17, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting
April 19, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
May 4, 2007	Advanced Practice Committee Meeting
May 17-18, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
June 19, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting
June 21, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
July 26-27, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
August 3, 2007	Advanced Practice Committee Meeting
August 16, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
August 28, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting
September 27-28, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
October 16, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting
October 18, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
November 2, 2007	Advanced Practice Committee Meeting
November 29-30, 2007	Board of Nursing Meeting
December 13, 2007	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting
December 18, 2007	Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting

HAVE YOU MOVED?



Section 40-33-38 (C) of the S.C. Nurse Practice Act requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of an address change. So that you do not incur disciplinary action or miss important time sensitive information such as your renewal and audit or other important licensure information, please be sure to notify the Board immediately whenever you change addresses. You may also change your address on-line utilizing the address change form found on our Web site: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/.