At the November 14-15 meeting, the Board took the following actions:

- Voted to review and/or revise Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations Chapter Six, “Minimum Requirements for Nursing Education Programs,” and named the following for the task force: Cathleen Shultz, PhD, RN; Ruth Hopkins, MNSc, RN; Brenda Smith, EdD, RN; Linda Harwell, MNSc, RN; Board President Shirlene Harris, PhD, RN; and Board Member Clemetine Wesley, RN.

- Granted initial approval to the St. Vincent’s Health System Practical Nurse Program to begin January 2002, contingent upon all deviations being corrected by December 31, 2001.

- Voted that the St. Vincent Health System Practical Nurse class, scheduled to be admitted in July, not be admitted until NCLEX-PN passing rates from the January class are at least at the ASBN NCLEX passing benchmark for nursing education programs.

- Granted continued full approval to the Black River Technical College Practical Nurse Program.

- Granted continued full approval to the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope Practical Nurse Program.

- Granted continued full approval to the Rich Mountain Community College Practical Nurse Program.

- Granted continued full approval to the Northwest Technical Institute Practical Nurse Program. The deviation cited must be corrected by April 1, 2002.

CONTINUING EDUCATION QUESTIONS

Answers to your questions about continuing education can be accessed at www.arsbn.org at the “Continuing Education” link. You may also e-mail your questions to Dr. Jackie Murphree at jmurphree@arsbn.org
Reissued licenses will have duplicate stamped on them. Employers are urged to inspect the original license from a job applicant and verify identity with a photo ID.

Adkins, Catherine Grace R24423
Austin, Debra Lee L24209
Bailey, Dottie Ann R35913
Banks, Velma R R16033
Barber, Armeta R44092
Basinger, Melissa C R64319
Benge, Lesandra Deanna R65189
Birmingham, Thelma Elaine L30948
Bradshaw, Robin Gaye L19152
Brashier, Rebecca Gayle R28013
Byers, Lisa Brooks R65286
Caple, Wilda Apostol R14031
Carlton, Jennifer Lynn L38272
Carr, Dena Lynne R26282
Case, Pamela G L15752
Cates, Tommie Joyce L24321
Cobster, Stacey Leah L35506
Clark, Eloise Marie L01371
Cobb, Georgia Louise R66686
Cole, Gwendolyn L01355
Coleman, Pamela Kay R31759
Collins, Jo Nell L33526
Collomp, Jennifer Lane R44871
Conaway, Timothy Bryan R35609
Dennis, Dorothy West L40311
Dewitt, Sheila Kay L25639
Dewitt, Sheila Kay R52049
Dismuke, Helen Jean L08056
Drabek, Genevieve Carol R33856
Dudley, Suzanne R54306
Flanagan, Dwight Burt R63672
Fluker, Savannah Denise L126467
Foreman, Willa Jean R37101
Frake, Anita L R35913
Goldsmith, Karen Yvette L31242
Gonzales, Nancy Suzanne R63332
Goodnight, Tommie Lee L19724
Goodnight, Tommie Lee L19724
Greiner, Mendi Leanne R65022
Griffin, Theresa K L54308
Hall, Cathryn P L26570
Harmon, Iris C R24627
Harkey, Shelly Diane L38924
Hastings, Rosemary Louise R31679
Herrin, Tamimie Jo L36168
Hicks, Tiffany Nicole L38245
Hilton, Norma J R66499
Hudson, Christina Marie R64481
Hughes, Olivia Jane R09700
Hetchoffer, Donna Sue R24036
Ivy, Jacklyn Lynette R63884
Jackson, Myrtle Rose L02859
Jacob, Rebecca Ann R54975
Jacobs, Terri Lynn R42121
Robertson, Janelle L25461
Lucas, Casandra R48826
Matthews, Brenda J L08194
Skinner, Kimberly S. L15451
Williams, Sally F L26287
Williams, Somer D L36335

LOST OR STOLEN LICENSES

The following names appear on the ASBN records for license renewal checks returned to the ASBN due to insufficient funds. If practicing in Arkansas, they may be in violation of the Nurse Practice Act and could be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Please contact Karen Hawkins at 501.686.2705 if any are employed in your facility.

Bradley, Rosa Marie L16658
Daniels, Lisa Dornell L38544
Hughes, Kelley L34380
Long, Debra A L25461
Lucas, Casandra R48826
Matthews, Brenda J L08194
Skinner, Kimberly S L15451
Williams, Sally F L26287
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HOT CHECK NOTICE
STAPLING AND SUTURING POSITION STATEMENT NOW INCLUDES LPNs & LPTNs

Position Statement 97-1, “The Performance of Stapling, Suturing, or Application of Tissue Adhesive, for Superficial Wound Closure by Nurses in the Operating Room,” was revised at the November 15, 2001, Nursing Practice Committee. The Board, in the regular business meeting on that date, adopted the revised position statement which follows:

Statutory Definition
Arkansas Code Annotated §17-87-102 defines

“Practice of professional nursing” as: “...the performance for compensation of any acts involving the observation, care, and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm; the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others; the supervision and teaching of other personnel; the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in regulations established by the Board; or the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by practitioners authorized to prescribe and treat in accordance with state law, where such acts require substantial specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social sciences.”

“...the Practice of practical nursing” means the performance for compensation of acts involving the care of the ill, injured, infirm or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in regulations established by the board under the direction of a registered professional nurse, an advanced practice nurse, a license physician, or a licensed dentist, which acts do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in professional nursing;”

“Practice of psychiatric technician nursing” means the performance for compensation of acts involving the care of the physically and mentally ill, retarded, injured, or infirm or the delegation of certain nursing practices to other personnel as set forth in regulations established by the board, and the carrying out of medical orders under the direction of registered professional nurse, and advanced practice nurse, a licensed physician, or a licensed dentist, where such activities do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in professional nursing.”

Position Statement
Numerous inquiries regarding the roles of nurses in the performance of stapling, suturing, or application of tissue adhesive has been received by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. After study of the issues and concerns, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing issued the following position statement:

Stapling and Suturing
The performance of stapling, suturing or application of tissue adhesive for superficial wound closure, as delegated by the attending surgeon in the operating room, is within the scope of nursing practice; however, the suturing of muscle, nerve, fascia, or tendon is not within the scope of their practice

Nurses who perform stapling, suturing or application of tissue adhesive for superficial wound closure are responsible for having adequate preparation and experience to perform such acts and shall have documented competency with performance of such procedures. The nurse is responsible for documentation of educational preparation and for maintaining continuing competency.

In the performance of stapling, suturing, or application of tissue adhesive for superficial wound closure, the nurse should:
1) Have knowledge of the potential complications and adverse reactions, which may result from the procedure(s),
2) Have the knowledge and ability to recognize adverse reactions and to take appropriate nursing intervention as indicated, and
3) Perform the procedure(s) in accordance with the established written agency policies and procedures, which are consistent with the definition of “professional nursing practice,” “practice of practical nursing” and “licensed psychiatric technician nurse” as stated in Arkansas Code Annotated §17-87-102.

Determining Scope of Practice
Arkansas Code Annotated §17-87-309 and ASBN Rules and Regulations, Chapter 9, Section XV.A.6.f. holds all nurses individually responsible and accountable for the individual’s acts based upon the nurse’s education and experience. Each nurse must exercise professional and prudent judgment in determining whether the performance of a given act is within the scope of practice for which the nurse is both licensed and clinically competent to perform.

Adopted March 13, 1997
Revised November 2001
Letters of Reprimand (contd.)

Walker, Kimberly Ann Pierce
R56398, Bella Vista
August 23, 2001

Webb, Lakeela Shanell
L39348, Sherwood
September 28, 2001

Probationary Status Removed

Adkins, Catherine Grace Prince
R24423, Little Rock
August 13, 2001

Elmore, Priscilla Anne
R27693, Mountain Pine
August 29, 2001

Hastings, Rosemary Louise Cotton
R31679, Monticello
August 17, 2001

Mickle, Rebecca Ann McVay Ward
R54363, Malvern
November 1, 2001

Niemann, Amy Mechelle Chapman
R50090, Little Rock
August 17, 2001

Sumter, Rhonda Lynn
L30971, Fayetteville
August 17, 2001

Tolson, Kimberly Renee
R49447, Little Rock
September 18, 2001

Walthall, Jill Suzanne Nicholas Swearingen
L34259, Hot Spring
September 10, 2001

Warnix, Jimmy Leon
L28126, Hampton
August 17, 2001

Watson, Joseph Charles
L34094, Jacksonville
October 26, 2001

Wilson, Charles Kent
R45225, Sherwood
August 10, 2001

Reinstatements

Hampton, Wanda Marie
R55869, Lakeview, August 24, 2001
Reinstatement, followed by
Probation – 2 years

Holden, Alfred Clayton, Jr.
R34687, Little Rock, September 14, 2001
Reinstatement, followed by
Probation – 1½ years

Markin, Stephen Levi
R30476, Trumann
September 5, 2001

Sumter, Rhonda Lynn
L30971, Fayetteville
August 1, 2001

Taylor, Rebecca Dawn
L25791, El Dorado, September 24, 2001
Reinstatement, followed by
Probation – 1½ years

Voluntary Surrenders

Baldwin, Katie Hope Petty
R13385, Big Flat
September 10, 2001

Bostic, Verona Maxine
R36062, Little Rock
October 5, 2001

Cheek, Phyllis Ann
L28337, Russellville
November 1, 2001

Curl, Sandra Faye
L30609, Pine Bluff
November 7, 2001

Davis, Donna Lynn
R48876, Wynne
August 15, 2001

Edrington, Cynthia Lynn Jones
R24458, Little Rock
August 31, 2001

Gardner, Beth Kimberly
R64420, Sherwood
September 10, 2001

Horton, Donald John
L24835, Springdale
October 1, 2001

Lawson, Alan Rice
R34529, Fayetteville
September 26, 2001

Linder, Jon Currie
L34992, Hot Spring
October 10, 2001

Paine, Jennifer Rae
R63713, Canadian, OK
September 10, 2001

Reaper, Susannah Noz Overstreet
R39203, Searcy
November 7, 2001

Richardson, Terri Diane Bailey
R33103, Redfield
October 25, 2001

Trudell, Linda Marie
R56156, Garfield
August 31, 2001

Watson, Walter Franklin
L26566, Atkins
June 26, 2001

Applications Now Available on Web

Applications for licensure as RN, LPN, LPTN, APN and the Certificate of Prescriptive Authority are now available on the Arkansas State Board of Nursing website: www.arsbn.org under “Forms.”

1. Using pen instead of #2 pencil.
2. Not filling in social security number.
4. Failing to answer questions on renewal application.
5. Failing to sign the renewal application.
6. Failing to keep track of license expiration date (which is always the last day of your birth month every two years.)
7. Advanced practice nurses allowing national certification to lapse.
8. Sending incorrect fee.
9. Failing to provide the Board office with your current, correct mailing address.
10. Waiting until the last minute to mail in your renewal application and fee.
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The format for reporting disciplinary actions includes the statutory citation of the violation.


(a) The Board shall have sole authority to deny, suspend, revoke or limit any license to practice nursing or certificate of prescriptive authority issued by the Board or applied for in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or to otherwise discipline a licensee upon proof that the person:
1. Is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing;
2. Is guilty of a crime or gross immorality;
3. Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes;
4. Is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
5. Is mentally incompetent;
6. Is guilty of unprofessional conduct;
7. Has had a license, certificate, or registration revoked, suspended or placed on probation, or under disciplinary order in any jurisdiction;
8. Has voluntarily surrendered a license, certification, or registration and has not been reinstated in any jurisdiction; or
9. Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this chapter.

October 10, 2001
Disiplinary Hearing
Cameron, Patricia Jane Williams Blakely R37019, North Little Rock Probation Non-Compliance Probation – extended until 6/30/2002
Knight, Regina Denise Crossland Mosley R30440, Little Rock Requst for Reinstatement, denied

October 11, 2001
Disiplinary Hearing
Davis, Sherrice M. RN Applicant, Pine Bluff Request for Waiver/Permission granted to take NCLEX PN

November 14, 2001
Disiplinary Hearing
Chambers, Delora Gaye Taylor L28133, Amity A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(2),(a)(4)&(a)(6) Suspension – two (2) years, followed by Probation – three (3) years Civil Penalty - $600
Verter, Tina Lynn Drewry L24853, Tilly A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4),(a)(6)&(a)(9) Suspension – one (1) year, followed by Probation – two (2) years Civil Penalty - $1500

License Suspended/Failure to pay child support
Meece, Kenny Andrew L29024, Little Rock A.C.A. §9-14-239

Consent Agreements
Artis, Tyshaun Thornton R37776, Hot Springs A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 1½ years, Civil Penalty - $600
Beck, Betty L. Leopoulos Burr James R31570, Little Rock A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(2) & (a)(6) Probation – 1 year, Civil Penalty - $600
Biggs, George Nathan, Jr. R14555, C01022, Memphis, TN A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 4 years

Billings, Tracy Lee R28427, Pine Bluff A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $800

Gibson, Mica Lea Markum L34524, Lake City A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(2), (a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $700

Harper, Nikki Anne Malak R25373, Maumelle A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 3 years

Hudson, Christina Marie Jinks R64481, Bauxite A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 3 years, Civil Penalty - $800

Jenson, Robin Ford R19163, Russellville A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $600

Jeu, Diane Elaine Cannon R14357, Little Rock A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 1½ years, Civil Penalty - $800

Martin, Heather Anne Johnston Cockman L33220, Hot Springs A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2½ years, Civil Penalty - $700

Parker, Kay Yvonne Rogers Parker Pendergrass Gamble R11744, Fort Smith A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $500

Plunk, Carrie Sue Beasley L20869, Murfreesboro A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(4) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $600

Riley, Jill Kathleen Smelser R66054, L38199 (exp), North Little Rock A.C.A. §17-87-309(a) & (a)(6) Probation – 2 years, Civil Penalty - $800

Letters of Reprimand
Brown, Jeslyne Marianne Leavins L37702, Nashville September 26, 2001
Heathcock, Stella Diane Hall R64334, Jasper, AL August 23, 2001
Hill, Bobby Hazel Mizell Pratt L37365, Austin September 28, 2001
Hurt, Johnie Faye Good L25251, Palestine September 6, 2001

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules & Regulations can be accessed at www.arsbn.org

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The Arkansas Department of Health has asked the Arkansas State Board of Nursing to assist with disaster preparedness. If you would be willing to assist in the event of a disaster requiring a nursing response or need for mass immunizations, please complete the following form and return to:

Faith Fields, Executive Director
Arkansas State Board of Nursing
1123 S. University, Suite 800
Little Rock, AR 72204

I would be willing to assist in the event of a disaster requiring a nursing response or need for mass immunizations in my area of the state.

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EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)_________________________________________________________________________________________