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Senate Bill 235 Calls for Mandatory CEUs for License Renewal Doctorate of Nursing Practice Programs in Pennsylvania

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Senate Bill 235, sponsored by Sen. Patricia H. Vance (R-Cumberland/York), amends the Professional Nursing Law (Act 69 of 1951) by providing for continuing nursing education. The bill requires the Nursing Board to distribute and enforce rules and regulations for continuing nursing education, including fees as necessary. It requires nurse licensees to attend and complete 30 hours of mandatory continuing education during each two-year licensing period, except for first-time licensees who will be exempt from the requirement of the first license period.

The bill provides that the board may waive all or a portion of the requirement for a licensee who can demonstrate inability to meet the requirement due to serious illness, military service or other hardship. For a person seeking re-licensure after an inactive or lapsed period, the bill requires compliance with the requirement for the previous two-year period.

The bill also provides that certified registered nurse practitioners and dietetics-nutrition licensees will fulfill their respective qualification requirements under the act, which includes continuing education. SB 235 further provides that school nurses who are certified as educational specialists and already subject to fulfill continuing professional education requirements will be permitted to submit evidence of completion of education

courses approved for their certification by the school district. The bill passed the Senate 49-0 and the House 192-4. The bill is effective in 60 days. <http://www.state.pa.us/papower/cwp/view.asp?A=11&Q=454135>

Doctorate of Nursing Practice Programs in Pennsylvania

Three schools of nursing will soon offer the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) curriculum of study: University of Pittsburgh, Drexel University and Waynesburg College. These schools will join nearly 200 programs in the planning stages nationwide. As proposed by the AACN, the DNP will be the terminal clinical practice degree designed for those in direct clinical practice and areas that support clinical practice-administration, organizational management and leadership, and policy. It is proposed that the master's level curriculum of study will transition to the DNP curriculum by 2015. Perspectives on opposing points of view regarding this new approach to advanced educational clinical preparation are provided in the articles listed below –

Meleis, A & Dracup, K. (2005) The case against the DNP: History, timing, substance, and marginalization. *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*, 10:3, accessed 8/11/06 at http://www.nursingworld.org/ojin/topic28/tpc28_2.htm

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Marion, L., O'Sullivan, A., Crabtree, K., Price, M.; Fontana, S., (2005) Curriculum models for the practice doctorate in nursing. *Topics in Advanced Practice Nursing eJournal*, 5 (1). Accessed 8/11/06 at: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/453247>.

President's Message

Laurie R. Murray RN, DSN

The PLN is focused on providing quality development programs to our members. This year we have planned several programs which hopefully will meet the diverse needs of our membership. In October we have Dr. Gail Baumlein presenting on "Strategies that Bring Your Teaching to Life!" It sounds like a great way to get energized about teaching and preparing nurses for the future. In the spring we have Linda Christensen, JD, MSN, RN speaking on "Legal Issues in Nursing Education". These programs coupled with our Area programs enable our members to continue to update and rejuvenate their effectiveness as educators.

The Board of the PLN is committed to keeping our member informed about political initiatives within the state and nation. The Pennsylvania legislature has passed continuing education requirements for nurses. The specific date of compliance has not yet been issued. Registered Nurses within the state will need to begin to document continuing education units earned for RN licensure renewal. We will try our best to keep you abreast of the specifics as they are announced.

The PLN Board would like to hear from our members. If you have any issues you wish to share and ideas for future programs or endeavors please contact one of the Board members. The list of the Board of Directors can be found below on this page.

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Report of Area I Chair: Dr Mary E. Wombwell

The SPLN Board held two meetings during 2005-2006. Juanita Watson resigned January 23, 2006 and Mary Wombwell assumed the Chair 1/23/06 (will remain in office until 12/08, the President -Elect will be placed on the ballot to assume office 12/07). Secretary K. Molden has not been available to serve this year. M. Barbieri has also resigned the position as member of Nominating Committee. The SPLN Board voted to approve reimbursement for clerical services when needed. A Ballot was not mailed in June 2005, as a result 3 Directors and the Treasurer's positions were not filled. One Director and the Treasurer agreed to stay on the Board until the new officers assume the Board positions in 12/06.

Ballot 2006: Ballot to be mailed June, 2006. Offices include: Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Directors, & 3 Nominating Committee members

Scholarships: 3 scholarships were awarded to students (2 RNs & 1 LPN). **Educational Program:** Spring Dinner Meeting held April 19, 2006. *Legal Issues* in Nursing Education by Janine Fiesta, JD, RN

Report of Area II Chair: Dr Vera Brancato

Area II held two dinner/program meetings this year in addition to the Board of Directors planning meetings. The first program was held on October 17, 2005 and focused on "Operation Smile" presented by Jodi Mills. It was held at DeSales University and was jointly sponsored with the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, District #2, PERONAL, and various local Sigma Theta Tau chapters. Many nursing students as well as nurses attended the program which was a huge success. The second program was presented by Dr. Earl Goldberg, a professor at LaSalle University, who spoke on the topic of "Social Bullying". This program was held at DeSales University and was co-sponsored with the several professional nursing groups. The program was well attended and we will continue to try to hold our programs with other participants to facilitate a larger exposure of our organization to other potential members. We are continuing to raise money at our meetings by having raffles at our program meetings. We awarded a \$500 scholarship to a senior nursing student at this year's annual meeting. We continue to strive to increase our membership and have mailed invitations to our members in their ballots so that they can also work to recruit peers. We have been successful in attracting local representation to our Board of Directors from most of the area nursing education programs.

Report of Area VI Chair: Nancy Cobb

Area VI held its annual fall meeting in October 2005 with the program topic of "Strategies for Assessing and Instructing Students Who Are at Risk". Attendance was the largest in several years. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to a senior nursing student and donations were collected with a silent auction.

Three individuals each won a \$200 scholarship to attend the NLN & PLN co-sponsored conference at St. Luke's School of Nursing.

We are currently collaborating with the PNA, District Number 6, to explore holding a co-sponsored program in the Spring of 2007.

CALL FOR 2007 PLN AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The PLN Awards Committee is seeking to honor those nurses who contribute to the Mission and Goals of the Pennsylvania League for Nursing, who carry on the traditions of revered past honorees and who exemplify the distinguishing criteria of the awards. PLN Awards will be presented at the Annual Conference to be held Spring 2007. Nominations may be made on the official nomination form and returned to PLN Awards Committee by December 15, 2006.

Nursing Education Award: Licensed Practical Nursing Program

For excellence in teaching of nursing by a PLN member who is or has been a faculty member in an accredited Licensed Practical Nursing Program of Study. Award: Elegantly framed, specially designed certificate

Nursing Education Award: Nursing In-Service Training Program

For excellence in teaching of nursing by a PLN member who is or has been a member of a staff nursing in-service education program or department in hospitals, industry, public health or other agencies. Award: Elegantly framed, specially designed certificate.

Nursing Education Award: Associate Degree Nursing Program

For excellence in teaching of nursing by a PLN member who is or has been a faculty member in an accredited Associate Degree Nursing Program of Study. Award: Elegantly framed and specially designed certificate

Nursing Education Award: Diploma Nursing Program

For excellence in teaching of nursing by a PLN member who is or has been a faculty member in an accredited Diploma Nursing Program of Study. Award: Elegantly framed and specially designed certificate

Nursing Education Award: Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Program

For excellence in teaching of nursing by a PLN member who is or has been a faculty member in an accredited Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Program of Study. Award: Elegantly framed and specially designed certificate.

Calendar of Events 2006-2007

2006

October

23 “A Practical Approach to Infusing Evidenced-Based Teaching into the Curriculum”

Presenters:

Judith A. DePalma, PhD, RN

Carol Haus, RN, PhD, CNE

West Penn Hospital

Wintergarden Auditorium

27 “Strategies that Bring Your Teaching to Life!”

Presenter:

Dr. Gail K. Baumlein

St Lukes Hospital School of Nursing,

Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center

November - TBA

December – TBA

2007

January - TBA

February – TBA

March

23 “Legal Issues in Nursing Education”

Presenter:

Linda Christensen, JD, MSN, RN

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital

Conference Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

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National League for Nursing Accrediting
Commission

www.aacn.nche.edu

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation

Commission on Nursing Education

www.nonpf.com

National Organization of Nurse Practitioner
Faculties

www.ana.org

American Nurses Association

Fall Conference: "Strategies that Bring Your Teaching to Life!" Presenter: Gail K. Baumlein, PhD, RN, CNS,
St Lukes Hospital School of Nursing, Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, October 27, 2006

Conference Description

Are your students snoozing? Wake them up with creative teaching strategies, designed to meet the needs of today's student. Set the tone for active learning in your classroom by using teaching strategies that are creative and innovative, use **all** the senses, and generate students' enthusiasm for coming to your class. Whether you have been teaching for years or are new to the world of education, you will be interested in this workshop on creative and innovative methods to wake up your students. Integrate multimedia for stimulation and to meet the needs of today's students. Have fun with music, audio, and video, as well as skits and role-play that spark the imagination! Find out many ways to use exams to enhance, as well as evaluate, student learning. Teaching today's technology-savvy students means using up-to-date strategies to keep them engaged. This workshop will examine some of the issues facing faculty, students, and administrators using technology and the Internet in education. Find answers to your questions about copyright and fair use in the educational setting. Sprinkled liberally throughout this workshop are pearls and pitfalls in using technology, multi-media, and the Internet in teaching today's active learners. Hands-on activities will have you out of your seat and excited about stimulating your students with innovative teaching strategies!

Membership Application/ Renewal

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Annual Membership/Donation (check all that apply)

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