

Texas Board of Nursing Bulletin

The mission of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. The Board fulfills its mission through the regulation of the practice of nursing and the approval of nursing education programs. This mission, derived from the Nursing Practice Act, supersedes the interest of any individual, the nursing profession, or any special interest group.



Continuing Education Compliance Rates Dropping

Random audits are conducted regularly to ensure continuing education requirements have been met for timely license renewals. The number of nurses compliant with continuing education (CE) has been declining and these compliance rates were addressed at the regular meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners on April 20-21, 2006. The CE compliance rate for registered nurses (RNs) has dropped from 87.2% in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 to 80.6% in the first six months of FY 2006. For licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), the drop is much more drastic. The compliance rate for LVNs went from 81.3% in FY 2004 to 61.7% in the first six months of FY 2006. The Board requires twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education for each renewal. Nurses must obtain a minimum of ten (10) Type I contact hours (all twenty hours may be Type I). Type I contact hours have been approved by Board recognized credentialing agencies that have met nationally predetermined criteria to approve programs and providers of continuing education. Type II programs meet the same criteria in the Board's rules but have not been approved by one of the credentialing organizations.

The Nursing Practice Act was amended in the 78th Regular Session to require that two contact hours of bioterrorism continuing education be obtained as part of the twenty hours of continuing education needed for all LVNs, RNs, and APNs renewing their licenses between September 2003 and September 2007. This means that if a license is due for renewal prior to September 2007, the nurse must have obtained two contact hours in bioterrorism prior to renewing the license. This is a onetime requirement and the two contact hours may be part of the twenty contact hours already required. Each nurse is responsible for maintaining his/her own records of CE programs completed. These records should be kept for two renewal periods (four years). If selected for an audit, you will be required to submit proof of completion of continuing education.

Many continuing education offerings can be located on the internet, through local colleges, universities, nursing schools, or large hospitals. Numerous nursing journals contain a schedule of offerings, and professional nursing associations are viable resources for continuing education activities as well. For a list of approved credentialing agencies and more information regarding courses that meet continuing education requirements, please review the CE brochure and rules pertaining to continuing education on the Board's website at http://www.bne.state.tx.us under "Publications."

Fingerprinting Requirement for Renewal

According to the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §301.3011, the Board of Nurse Examiners may require fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information on all licensed nurses as a requirement for renewal. Each month, a portion of nurses will be randomly selected to be fingerprinted prior to renewal and selected nurses may not renew their license until a set of fingerprints has been received by our office. This process will be implemented over a ten (10) year period to encompass all currently licensed nurses at least once. Notification will be sent to all selected nurses with further instructions.

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Continuing Education Compliance Rates Dropping

New Minor Incident Rule Adopted

At its April 2006 meeting, the Board voted to adopt amendments to the Minor Incident Rule, 217.16. Notice of the adoption of Rule 217.16 was sent to the Texas Register. The new rule became effective on May 17, 2006. The revised rule defines a minor incident in accordance with Texas Occupations Code §301.419(a) as "conduct that does not indicate that the continuing practice of nursing by an affected nurse poses a risk of harm to the client or other person."

The intent of the Minor Incident Rule is to identify a potential pattern of poor practice by a given nurse before a more serious error occurs. In alignment with national patient safety initiatives, the adopted revisions encourage a culture of non-punitive reporting and remediation of the nurse as the initial corrective action and require that a nurse need not be reported to the Board unless certain criteria are met. Exclusionary criteria are defined in order to determine when an incident cannot be deemed minor under any circumstance including "an error that contributed to a patient's death or serious harm; criminal conduct defined in Texas Occupations Code §301.4535 or a serious violation of the Board's Unprofessional Conduct Rule, 22 TAC §217.12, involving intentional or unethical conduct such as fraud, theft, patient abuse or patient exploitation."

Documentation of the incident and action taken to remedy or correct the problem is critical in order to develop a remedial plan addressing deficits in nursing judgement, knowledge, training and skill. The nurse manager has an increased responsibility in the evaluation of multiple incidents and must initiate the peer review process if five minor incidents occur in a 12 month time period to determine appropriate actions or to report the nurse's practice to the Board.

Special considerations are identified [Rule 217.16(e)] to assist nurse managers and peer review committees in their determination as to whether an incident is minor, e.g., factors beyond the nurse's control where addressing the factor(s) contributing to the incident is more likely to prevent the reoccurrence of the incident.

The nursing peer review committee's responsibility is defined and the initiation of an informal review process utilizing a workgroup of the peer review committee is a new option for facilities to consider. The chief nursing officer continues to hold the responsibility for taking reasonable steps to assure that the minor incident rule is followed. The new rule can be reviewed under the "Rules and Regulations" section of the BNE website, www.bne.state.tx.us.

Colorado becomes 23rd State to Join the Nurse Licensure Compact

Colorado recently passed legislation to join the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Colorado will begin the rule writing process to work toward implementation of the NLC in 2007. Currently, 22 other states have enacted the legislation allowing for participation in the NLC. Other states in the Compact include: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky (still to be implemented), Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey (still to be implemented), New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the Nurse Licensure Compact or to obtain a map showing states that have implemented the NLC, visit the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's web site at www.ncsbn.org.



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Summary of Actions

A Regular meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners was held April 20-21, 2006, in Austin. The following is a summary of Board actions taken during this meeting.



The following amendments were published as adopted in the April 7, 2006, issue of the *Texas Register* and became effective April 16, 2006. The Board of Nurse Examiners adopted amendments to 22 TAC §§217.2(a)(5), 217.4(a)(5), and 217.5(a)(4) and (7) pertaining to <u>Licensure</u>, Peer Assistance and Practice. Sections 217.2(a)(5), 217.4(a)(5) and 217.5(a)(7) address criminal background checks for Licensed Vocational Nurses and §217.5(a)(4) addresses credential evaluation services (CES) of foreigneducated nurses. The amendments were adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the February 17, 2006, issue of the *Texas Register* (31 TexReg 964).

The following amendment was published as adopted in the May 12, 2006 issue of the *Texas Register*. The Board of Nurse Examiners adopted amendment with changes to 22 TAC §217.16 pertaining to <u>Licensure</u>, <u>Peer Assistance and Practice</u>. Section 217.16 specifically addresses the Minor Incident Rule contained in Texas Occupations Code §301.419 and §301.401. The proposed rule was published in the February 17, 2006, issue of the *Texas Register* (31 TexReg 965). Effective date for this amendment was May 17, 2006. (See related article on page 2.)

Texas Legislature Special Session Addresses School Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

The 79th Legislature, third called Special Session, passed House Bill 1 that amended Texas Education Code §38.015, Self-Administration of Prescription Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medicine by Students.

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, students with asthma and students who are at risk for developing anaphylaxis are entitled to carry and self administer their prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medications while at school or a school event. The students must demonstrate they are skilled in self-administering their own prescription medications to their physician or other health care provider and the school nurse, if one is available.

BNE Board Meeting Dates: 2006

July 20-21 October 19-20

All meetings to be held in Austin

APN Advisory Committee Update

The Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee met in Austin on March 31, 2006, and again on May 22, 2006. The committee was updated on recent developments to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. At this time, the committee has not made any recommendations to the Board regarding this issue. Revisions to Rule 219 relating to advanced practice nursing education programs approved by the Board of Nurse Examiners were also discussed by committee members.

RNs Performing Radiologic Procedures Must Register with BNE

Rule 217.14 requires all RNs performing radiologic procedures outside a hospital that either participates in the federal Medicare program or is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals to notify the BNE by filing an application registering the RN's license information and the name and business address of the practitioner or director of radiological services under whose instruction or direction the radiologic procedures are being performed. The application for a RN performing radiologic procedures is available on the BNE web site at http://www.bne.state.tx.us/forms.htm. If you have already registered this information with the BNE, please be aware that any changes to the information provided on the application, such as changes in the identity of the practitioner or director of radiological services, must be corrected within 30 days of the change by filing a new application. There is currently no fee to register with the Board.

Did **you** know....

APNs who prescribe controlled substances must have **both** a current permit to prescribe controlled substances from the Texas Department of Public Safety and a US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number.

Education Actions - April 20-21, 2006 BNE Board Meeting

The following is a summary of Board actions on education programs taken during the meeting.

Continued Approval Status Based on 2005 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rates and Review of 2005 Annual Reports

• Full Approval with Commendations

Alvin Community College, VN Amarillo College, VN Angelina College at Lufkin, MEEP Army Practical Nursing Program, VN Austin Community College at Austin, VN Austin Community College at Fredericksburg, VN Blinn College at Brenham, VN Blinn College at Bryan, VN Brazosport Community College at Lake Jackson, VN Central Texas College at Brady, VN Clarendon College, VN Coastal Bend College at Alice, VN Coastal Bend College at Pleasanton, VN Cy Fair College, VN Del Mar College, VN El Paso Community College, MEEP Galen Health Institute, VN Garen Health Institute, VN
Grayson County College, VN
Hill College at Cleburne, VN
Hill College at Clifton - Day, VN
Hill College at Glen Rose, VN
Hill College at Hillsboro, VN Houston Community College, VN Howard College at San Angelo, VN Joe G. Davis Hospital, VN Kilgore College at Longview, VN Kingwood College (NHMCCD), VN Lamar State College at Port Arthur, VN Laredo Community College, VN Lee College, VN McLennan Community College, MEEP Midland College - Day Program, VN Montgomery College (NHMCCD), VN Navarro College at Corsicana, VN Navarro College at Waxahachie, VN North Central Texas College, VN Northeast Texas Community College, VN North Harris Montgomery Community College at North Harris College, MEEP North Texas Professional Career Institute, VN

North Texas Professional Career Institute,
VN
Odessa College at Andrews, VN
Panola College at Shelby College Center, VN
Paris Junior College, VN
Ranger Junior College at Early, VN
Ranger Junior College at Graham, VN
San Jacinto College at Graham, VN
South Plains College at Plainview, VN
South Plains College at Plainview, VN
South Texas College at McAllen Evening Program, VN
Southwest Texas Junior College at
Del Rio, VN

Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde, VN St. Philip's College at Seguin, VN Sul Ross University, VN Temple College at Temple, VN Texas Careers, Inc., VN Texas State Technical College at Breckenridge, VN

Trinity Valley Community College at Kaufman, VN

Tyler Junior College at Jacksonville - Day Program, VN Tyler Junior College at Jacksonville -Evening Program, VN Tyler Junior College at Tyler - Day Program, VN University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas

Southmost, VN Valley Baptist Medical Center, VN

Vernon College at Vernon - Day and Evening Programs, VN Victoria College at Hallettsville, VN Victoria College at Victoria - Day Program, VN

Weatherford College/Tyler Junior College at Jacksonville - Day Program, VN

• Full Approval with Commendation and Requirement

El Centro College, VN

• Full Approval with No Recommendations and No Requirements

Angelina College at Jasper, VN
Baptist Health System, VN
Central Texas College at Killeen, VN
Childress Regional Medical Center, VN
Cisco Junior College, VN
Coastal Bend College at Beeville, VN
Concorde Career Institute, VN
El Paso Community College at Mission
del Paso, VN
Frank Phillips College, VN
Galveston College, VN
Hill College at Clifton - Evening Program,

Galveston College, VN
Hill College at Clifton - Evening Program, VN
Howard College at Big Spring, VN
Lamar State College at Orange - Day
Program, VN

Lamar State College at Orange - Evening Program, VN

McLennan Community College Traditional Program, VN
Navarro College at Mexia, VN
Panola College at Carthage, VN
San Jacinto College - North, VN
Schreiner University, VN
South Texas College at Weslaco, VN
St. Philip's College at San Antonio, VN
Texas State Technical College at
Sweetwater - Day Program, VN
Texas State Technical College at

Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater - Evening Program, VN Texarkana College, VN Tomball College (NHMCCD), VN

Tyler County Hospital, VN
Tyler Junior College at Tyler - Evening
Program, VN

Vernon College at Wichita Falls - Day Program, VN

Vernon College at Wichita Falls - Evening Program, VN

Victoria College at Gonzales, VN Victoria College at Victoria - Evening Program, VN

Western Texas College, VN

 Continued Full Approval Status with Commendation Based on NCLEX-PN[®] Examination Pass Rates, Review of 2005 Annual Report and Progress Report

Southwest Texas Junior College at Eagle Pass, VN Program Continued Full Approval Status with Commendation Based on 2005 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates and Review of 2005 Annual Report

North Harris Montgomery Community College District, ADN Education Program

 Accepted Report of Survey Visit, Continued Full Approval Status Based on NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rates, Review of 2005 Annual Report and issued commendations, recommendations, and requirements

Wharton County Junior College at Richmond, VN Program Wharton County Junior College at Wharton, VN Program

 Accepted Self-Study Report, Continued Full Approval Status Based on 2005 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates, Review of 2005 Annual Report and issued requirements

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing (formerly Abilene Intercollegiate), Baccalaureate Degree Program Tarleton State University, Baccalaureate Degree Program Tyler Junior College, ADN

 Changed Approval Status from Initial to Full Based on the NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rates for the First Graduating Class and Review of 2005 Annual Report and issued recommendation

College of the Mainland, VN Temple College at Taylor, VN South Texas College at Rio Grande City, VN Program

 Changed Approval Status from Initial to Full Approval Based on the NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates for the First Graduating Class

Brookhaven College, ADN Cy Fair College, ADN

Other Actions

 Accepted Report of Survey Visit and issued commendations, recommendations and requirements

East Texas Baptist University, BSN

 Accepted Report of Survey Visit, authorized a follow-up survey visit and issued commendations, recommendations, and requirements

Texas A&M International University, Family Nurse Practitioner Program

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Visit the BNE Web Site at: www.bne.state.tx.us

Nurses on Guard - Error Prevention and Management:

Reducing Patient Death: The Nurse's Role

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recently announced that its *Campaign to Save 100,000 Lives* has exceeded expectations by preventing an estimated 122,300 unnecessary deaths. The Campaign was developed in 2004 to implement specific evidence based life saving interventions for patients in hospital settings. Over 3,000 hospitals representing an estimated 75% of U.S. hospital beds participated in the campaign. Evidence-Based Interventions include:

- Utilize Rapid Response Teams for early intervention in deterioration of a patient's status to prevent cardiac or respiratory arrest;
- Prevent medication errors through implementation of reliable order-to-patient processes, including drug reconciliation when patients transfer from one level of care to another;
- Develop systems to deliver evidence-based care for acute myocardial infarctions (AMI) to decrease deaths from AMI:
- Prevent central line infections through implementation of a "central line bundle" during line insertion;
- Prevent surgical site infections (SSI's) through implementation of CDC quidelines across the spectrum of surgical care;
- Prevent ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP) through implementation of CDC guidelines regarding VAPs and other healthcare-acquired respiratory tract infections.

Nursing practice is central to every one of these interventions and many patients' lives would have been lost without the participation of nursing staff. Though not directly part of the above goals, the IHI and other organizations concerned with patient safety initiatives have placed emphasis on additional patient safety goals, such as prevention of skin breakdown and prevention of patient falls. The role of evidence-based intervention in carrying out the nursing process is paramount, and is an integral component of nurses being on guard to protect their patients from adverse events. The nurse's continuous presence with patients in acute care settings provides a mechanism to monitor and advocate for patients, thus providing a mitigating effect on untoward events.

Looking for New Solutions to Old Problems

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." (Albert Einstein)

The wisdom of Albert Einstein still holds true in relation to concerns about patient safety. While advances in science and technology have advanced and improved healthcare safety in many respects, it remains the hands-on nursing care that most impacts a patient's safe passage through the healthcare maze.

As the "expert" in bedside care, it is the nurse who has the best opportunity to assess a patient's status and intervene in a timely manner. In fact, these are responsibilities that are outlined in the Board's Rule 217.11, <u>Standards of Nursing Practice</u>. These standards reinforce that nurses must be proactive and sensitive to the status quo statement "but we have always done it this way" when it interferes with ensuring the safety of patients and quality nursing care.

- Do you know the most current information on how to best keep your patients safe?
- Are you or other nurses in your practice setting involved in promoting quality improvement and best practices related to patient safety?
- Do you know where to look to find information on your area(s) of practice and on specific nursing interventions?

You can begin to answer these questions by accessing Board Rule 217.11, <u>Standards of Nursing Practice</u>. Access to Board rules can be found on the home page of the Board of Nurse Examiners' (BNE) web site. In particular, standards §217.11(1)(B), (G), (P) and (R) are some of the key standards applicable to nursing initiatives aimed at error prevention/reduction for improved patient safety.

Other helpful information is in the Board's position statements found under the Nursing Practice Information Section on the BNE's web site. For instance, Position Statement 15.14, <u>Duty of a Nurse In Any Practice Setting</u>, explains why the nurse is responsible for taking appropriate actions to maintain client safety.

A number of web links follow this article, and are for informational purposes only. Their inclusion here is not an endorsement of any organization or web page, public or private, and no attempt has been made to include all web sites that provide information on various patient safety issues.

- IHI links to information on Critical Response Teams, Central Line Bundles, Ventilator Bundles: http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Topics/CriticalCare/IntensiveCare/
- CDC recommends: http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/cdc Recommends/AdvSearchV.asp
- CDC Guideline for preventing healthcare acquired pneumonia: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_hcpneumonia.html
- CDC Prevention of Surgical Site Infections: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_surgicalsite.html
- CDC Prevention of Intravascular Catheter Related Infections: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_intravascular.html
- American Heart Association: (in AHA publication Currents, Vol 16, #4, Winter 2005-2006)Highlights of 2005 Guidelines for CPR and ECC: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter. jhtml?identifier=3035517
- National Center for Patient Safety (falls tool kit, hand hygiene, etc): http://www.patientsafety.gov/Safety
- Information on Hendrich II Fall Risk Model: http://www.ahendrichinc.com/hfrm/study.php
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), patient safety information and links: http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/
- National nursing organizations related to specific practice settings are also recommended resources for evidence-based best practices.

Note: Though references in this article target patient safety concerns in the acute care arena, nurses practicing in other settings, such as long-term care and independent living environments, are encouraged to utilize appropriate nursing resources on best practices and advances in care in order to advocate for nursing actions and patient care systems that promote patient safety.



Practice Questions and Answers



On September 28, 2004, new Rules 217.11, <u>Standards of Nursing Practice</u>, and 217.12, <u>Unprofessional Conduct</u>, were adopted. Since that time, many questions have arisen regarding issues such as licensed vocational nurse (LVN) scope of practice and the nursing process, "supervised practice," and registered nurse (RN) co-signature of LVN documentation. The most frequently asked questions regarding these issues and staff's responses to those questions are provided below. It is important to note that the answers to these questions are interrelated and rely on the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and Board Rules as well as other applicable laws and regulations related to the specific practice and employment setting. Additional resources that address differences in scope of practice based on educational preparation of LVNs and RNs are available on the "Nursing Practice Information" page of the BNE web site under the "Scope of Practice" heading.

Q: Can a LVN perform an "initial" assessment?

A: As with most practice questions, the answer depends on many factors. Board of Nurse Examiners' (BNE) Rule 217.11, Standards of Nursing Practice, refers to focused assessments performed by LVNs [§ 217.11(2)(A)] and comprehensive assessments performed by RNs [§ 217.11(3)A)]. Nothing in Board Rule refers to initial assessments; therefore, the BNE does not define nor does it determine whether a LVN may complete an initial assessment. Staff recommends contacting the agency that regulates the specific type of practice setting to determine if other laws and regulations apply. If other regulations require that a RN perform the initial patient/client assessment, then the LVN cannot perform the assessment by proxy for the RN.

In situations requiring comprehensive assessments by a RN, the LVN cannot begin by performing a focused assessment and have the RN follow up with an assessment of only those parameters not assessed by the LVN. A comprehensive assessment is a different level of assessment requiring that the RN use his/her own independent nursing judgment. Rule 217.11(1)(S) and (T) clarifies that a nurse is responsible for accepting assignments within his/her individual educational preparation, experience, knowledge, skills and abilities. Likewise, these same factors must be considered when nurses make assignments to other nurses.

Q: Can a LVN initiate/develop the nursing care plan?

A: Staff recommends you review Rule 217.11, <u>Standards of Nursing Practice</u>, as well as the *Guideline for LVN Scope of Practice* (available on the "Nursing Practice Information" section of the BNE web site under "Scope of Practice.") Rule 217.11(2)(A)(ii) and (iii) clarifies that LVNs may not initiate care plans, but they should contribute to the planning and carrying out of nursing care and participate in the development of and modifications to the ongoing nursing care plan. Only the RN may develop the initial nursing care plan and make nursing diagnoses [Rule 217.11(3)(A)(ii) and (iii)]. This difference between LVN and RN scope of practice is based on differences in educational preparation of nurses licensed at each level as defined in the *Differentiated Entry Level Competencies for Graduates of Basic Nursing Education Programs in Texas* (DELC). DELC may be viewed in its entirety or downloaded from the "Nursing Education Information" page of the BNE web site.

Q: Must a RN sign behind or "co-sign" nursing actions performed by a LVN?

A: In general, BNE staff does not recommend a nurse co-sign anything unless he/she has directly witnessed an act (such as narcotic wastage) or has gone behind another nurse and personally performed the same assessment with the same findings. As discussed above, each licensed nurse is responsible for accepting assignments that are within the educational preparation, experience, knowledge, and physical and emotional ability of the individual nurse [Rule 217.11(1)(T)]. Both LVNs and RNs are required to document the nursing care they render; each is held accountable for doing it accurately and completely.

The question of a RN co-signing after a LVN most often arises in situations when an attempt is made to expand the LVN's scope of practice by holding the RN responsible for expanded tasks performed by the LVN. The RN co-signing for something that is beyond the LVN's scope of practice does not legitimize the LVN's actions. A nurse never functions "under the license" of another nurse. Therefore, if a patient requires a comprehensive assessment performed by a RN, the assignment (or a portion thereof) may not be given to a LVN. If such an assignment is inadvertently given to a LVN, he/she is responsible for notifying the nurse who made the assignment that it is beyond his/her scope of practice to perform the assigned task. Each nurse has a duty to maintain client safety [217.11(1)(B)] that includes communication with appropriate personnel. Position Statement 15.14, *Duty of a Nurse in Any Setting*, further explains a nurse's duty to a client.

Q: Describe what "supervision of practice" means in relation to a LVN functioning with a directed scope of practice "under the supervision of..."

A: Section 301.353 of the NPA and Rule 217.11(2) require a LVN to practice under the supervision of a RN, advanced practice nurse, physician, podiatrist, dentist or physician assistant. The supervision requirement correlates with § 301.002(5)

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of the NPA that states that LVNs have a directed scope of practice. It should be noted that Position Statement 15.25 clarifies that supervision and carrying out medication orders may be expanded to include "any other practitioner legally authorized to prescribe the ordered medication(s)."

Although BNE requirements preclude a LVN from practicing in a completely independent manner (that is, without supervision), there is nothing in the NPA or rules that requires direct (on site or on unit) supervision of a LVN. A resource person must be accessible to the LVN at least telephonically or by similar means. However, proximity to the LVN's practice setting and the type of licensure of the supervisor should be determined on a case-by-case basis with input from the LVN and his/her supervisor. Factors to be considered should include: (1) the type of practice setting; (2) the stability of the patient's condition; (3) the tasks to be performed; (4) the LVN's experience and (5) any laws and regulations that apply to the specific practice setting. To illustrate, consider the LVN who performs routine nursing tasks or nursing tasks learned through ongoing continuing education (such as intravenous therapy) and compare with a LVN who performs a delegated medical act (such as botox administration). These are different situations and will differ in who (RN, physician) is appropriate to supervise the LVN as well as the proximity of the supervisor. Other regulations, such as those related to reimbursement, may also be a factor in the latter situation.

As noted previously, remember that whether a task is a nursing act or a delegated medical act, the nurse (LVN or RN) is responsible for the tasks he/she chooses to perform. See Position Statement 15.14, <u>Duty of a Nurse in Any Setting</u>, located under the Nursing Practice Information section of the web page for complete information on a nurse's duty. Staff further recommend review of documents listed on the BNE web page under "Scope of Practice" in the Nursing Practice Information section for additional guidance on how a nurse can determine what is within his/her scope of practice.

Paramedics/EMTs in the Emergency Department (ED)

Q: Can a RN delegate starting a peripheral IV saline lock to an EMT/Paramedic in the Emergency Department (ED)? Some of the "techs" in our ED are "licensed paramedics" who also work for EMS. What other kinds of tasks can be delegated to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)/Paramedics in the ED setting?

A: The rules governing EMTs and Paramedics are located in Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Section 157.2. This rule limits the scope of practice of EMTs/Paramedics to performing duties in the "pre-hospital and inter-facility transport" settings. Therefore, whether certified or licensed, the BNE delegation rules view EMTs, Paramedics, or other similarly trained staff as "unlicensed assistive personnel" (UAPs) when working in acute care settings, such as the ED.

Each RN decides on a case-by-case basis what nursing tasks may be delegated to unlicensed personnel in accordance with Rule 224 (relating to RN delegation in acute care settings or for patients with acute conditions). It should be noted that position descriptions developed by employing institutions can neither mandate RN delegation, nor force RN delegation by facility policy or physician order.

The BNE's delegation Rule 224 is not prescriptive to specific procedures or tasks that may or may not be delegated. Rule 224 permits a RN to delegate starting a peripheral IV saline lock to an unlicensed person providing all of the delegation criteria are met. The applicable section of Rule 224 in delegating this task is §224.8(b), <u>Discretionary Delegation Tasks</u>, under (2)(A), <u>Sterile Procedures</u>. Section 224.8(c)(5) does prohibit delegation of administration of IV fluids, so an unlicensed tech in the ED could not connect and administer a bag of IV fluid under RN delegation.

Other laws outside of the BNE's jurisdiction may prohibit performance of certain tasks by unlicensed personnel, even if a physician is willing to delegate a task. Under physician delegation, the physician must willingly make the decision and delegate the task(s) and such delegation must be permitted by hospital/facility policy. BNE staff cannot speak as experts on the Texas Medical Board's (TMB) rules; however, Rule 193 of the TMB Rules addresses "physician delegation." You may wish to contact the TMB at (512) 305-7010, or check their web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us for more information on this law.

The delegation rules also address the RN who may be supervising an unlicensed person to whom the physician has delegated tasks. The RN always has a responsibility to protect client safety [§217.11(1)(B)], so the RN has a duty to intervene if he/she sees something being done incorrectly by the unlicensed person, and to notify the delegating practitioner of the incident. For additional information on EMTs and Paramedics in the pre-hospital and interfacility transport setting, check the Texas Department of State Health Services web site at http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/default.htm, or, to access applicable laws, see Texas Legislature Online at www.capitol.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/default.htm, or, to access

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IMPOSTER WARNING

If you have any knowledge or information regarding the employment practices of the following individual(s), please contact the Board's Enforcement Division immediately at (512) 305-6838.

SANDRA LEIGH HARRELL

Sandra Leigh Harrell secured employment as an occupational nurse in Sherman, Texas, on January 9, 2006. Ms. Harrell was instructed to bring her license for verification, and she stated that she had her purse stolen and didn't have a copy of it. Ms. Harrell reported that she also had a Mississippi License, but the employer was unable to verify it. Later that day, Ms. Harrell gave the employer a copy of her Florida license which showed the name Sandra Lee Smith with an address in Clearwater, Florida, and also provided a Mississippi license with the number. Several attempts were made to verify the licenses on line and by calling the boards, but nothing was found. A call to the Texas Board was placed and no record of a Sandra Harrell, Sandra Smith, or Sandra Burngardner was found. Ms. Harrell was terminated from employment effective January 19, 2006, and the information was reported to the board. The case was referred to the Grayson County District Attorney's Office, Sherman, Texas.



ERICKA L. CRAIG ADAMS

Ericka L. Adams applied for employment as a school nurse with a school district in east Texas on August 6, 2004. Ms. Adams informed the school district that she was a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and wanted to substitute in the school clinic. School district staff asked Ms. Adams for a copy of her nursing license. Ms. Adams stated she had already faxed a copy to their office; however, no license could be found. On August 20, 2004, Ms. Adams was scheduled to work at a school clinic and was told that if she could not get a copy of her license, she would not be allowed to work. On August 20, 2004, Ms. Adams worked in the school clinic unsupervised from 7:30am to 8:50am. Staff called the Board of Nurse Examiners and discovered there was no record of Ms. Adams ever being issued a nursing license in the State of Texas. Ms. Adams stated that she was licensed in California and assumed that made her licensed in Texas. Ms. Adams was terminated from employment on August 20, 2004. The case was referred to the Gregg County District Attorney's Office, Longview, Texas.



ALEJANDRO R. RODRIGUEZ

Alejandro R. Rodriguez secured employment as a LVN with a long term care facility in Brownsville, Texas, on December 20, 2005. On January 24, 2006, while the Director of Nursing (DON) was reviewing the new hire personnel files, he conducted a criminal history check on Mr. Rodriguez and found that he had a record. The DON also checked the Board web site and was unable to find a license for Mr. Rodriguez. The DON contacted Mr. Rodriguez and requested that he bring a copy of his license. The DON also telephoned the board office to verify Mr. Rodriguez's license and was told that no license exists for Mr. Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez was terminated from employment on January 24, 2006, and the information was reported to the board. The case was referred to the Cameron County District Attorney's Office, Brownsville, Texas.



NANCY STIVERS CROSS PARHAM

Nancy Stivers Cross Parham secured employment as a LVN with a research company in San Antonio, Texas, on January 3, 2006. Ms. Parham presented a resume which listed thirty (30) years of LVN experience. Ms. Parham was informed that a copy of her license would be needed, and she reported that she had moved and lost the license. On January 24, 2006, Ms. Parham had not provided the copy of the license, and staff was unable to verify the license on line. They continued to allow Ms. Parham to work until February 27, 2006, when she was told not to return to work until she provided the license. Ms. Parham called the office and told them that she found the license, which was under her maiden name when she was living in Beaumont. The staff were suspicious and they contacted the licensee in Beaumont and verified that it was not the same person. They confronted Ms. Parham with the information, and she admitted to never having a nursing license. She was terminated immediately. The case was referred to the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, Texas.



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Texas has a system to mobilize nurses in the event of a disaster or other crisis where large numbers of nurses may need to be mobilized quickly. It is called *Ready Texas Nurses Emergency Response System*. Nurses who want to add themselves to the database can do so on the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) web page at http://www.texasnurses.org. Click on the "Ready Texas Nurses" link to add or update your profile.

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following nurses had disciplinary action taken against their licenses. If you would like to receive additional information regarding the disciplinary action that has been imposed, please send your written request to the Board of Nurse Examiners, Enforcement Division, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701-3944. Citations Violated information may be viewed on line under "Publications" at www.bne.state.tx.us

NAME Adair, Lisa Christine	<u>LICENSE #</u> LVN 186582	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 302.402(a)(10)	DISCIPLINE Reprimand w/ Stipulations	DATE OF ACTION March 21, 2006
Airington, Tobie Leann	LVN 163806	22 TAC \$239.11(2)(3)(4)&(27)(G) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Allison, Kimeshia Nicole	RN 679053	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Anderson , Bruce Duane	LVN 170572 LVN 121020	22 TAC §217.11(2)(3)(4)&(18) TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 23, 2006
Ashton, Orrilea	RN 651463 LVN 116621	22 TAC §217.12(13) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(11)&(18)	Remedial Education	April 21, 2006
Atkinson, Debra Ranae	RN 248390	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(12)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Baggett, Carrie L.	LVN 99225	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.1(3)&(27)(A)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 21, 2006
Baikauskas, Laurie Ann	RN 570211	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)	Voluntary Surrender	May 30, 2006
Baker, Barbara Desha	LVN 99996	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(A)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 1, 2006
Ballesteros, Oscar	LVN 188856	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(G)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	May 17, 2006
Banhart, Cynthia G.	RN 254878 LVN 90984	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Barker, Shanna Von	RN 651952	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 22, 2006
Barnwell, Terri Gay	LVN 128403	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)(C),(3)	Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006
Barrett, Glenda Carol	LVN 91059	&(10)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Barthels, Malinda Kay Bass, Kolby Wayne	RN 557154 RN 605982	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006 March 21, 2006
Bean, Swanhild C.	RN 594538	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)	Voluntary Surrender	April 5, 2006
Beaver, Gerry Bob	LVN 178984	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(T)	Remedial Education	May 16, 2006
Benavidez, Karen Alice	RN 714193	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(E) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(A) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)	Remedial Education & Fine	June 12, 2006
Benefield, Shannon Lea	LVN 183211	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Remedial Education	April 17, 2006
Bent, Sybil Marcea	RN 575243	TOC 301.452(b)(7)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(8)(11)(19) (20)&(21)	Limited License	April 20, 2006
Bernal, Minerva	LVN 64966	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 8, 2006
Bindel, Elizabeth Ann	LVN 169076	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Bishop, Melissa F.	RN 614245	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(3)&(4)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Blain, Frank	RN 636962 LVN 158619	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Suspend/probate	March 21, 2006
Bland, Debra Ann Boehm, James Michael	RN 529777 RN 635152	TOC 301.452(b)(1) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(A)(D)(iv) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)(4)(6)(G) &(10)(B)(C)	Enforced Suspension Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006 May 9, 2006
Brady, Rennye DeeAnne	LVN 146856	Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9) TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(4)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	March 10, 2006
Brannon, Brittany Tara	LVN 184816	22 TAC §239.11(8)(28)&(29)(iv) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006

<u>NAME</u> Brewer, Laurie Lynn	<u>LICENSE #</u> LVN 145084	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(10)	DISCIPLINE Remedial Education	DATE OF ACTION May 23, 2006
Bright, Angela	RN 593750 LVN 122016	22 TAC §239.11(2) TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	March 27, 2006
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Broglie, Sue	RN 629346	TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(5)	Enforced Suspension	March 21, 2006
Brown, Janet Avon	RN 237703 LVN 25553	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(5)&(20)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Brown, Rebeca Susana	LVN 165990	TOC 302.402(a)(3)(B)&(10) 22 TAC §239.11(29)(A)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Brown, Tina L.	RN 532813	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(D)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Buan, Evelyn Maniacup	RN 599103	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(D)(G) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)	Remedial Education	June 12, 2006
Burrows, Deborah Lynn	RN 693444 LVN 140325	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(4)(7)&(16)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Calderon, Carolyn Ivy Caldwell, Patrice Diane	RN 564167 RN 685656	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$217.12(2)(3)(4)&(12)	Voluntary Surrender Reprimand w/ Stipulations	May 16, 2006 April 20, 2006
Campbell, Pamela Coyle	LVN 92436	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(5)(10)(A)&(D)	Voluntary Surrender	May 15, 2006
Canchola, Mario	LVN 143502	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Cantin, Ann Marie	RN 612336	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(B)(C)&(D)	Remedial Education	May 24, 2006
Cao, Ginger Diane	LVN 125960	TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(5)(6)(7)&(28) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(E)(4)(5)(6)(G)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Carman, Karen Lee	LVN 149405	(8)&(10)(A)(B)(C)(D)(E) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(2)	Remedial Education	April 17, 2006
Carroll, Mary Ann	LVN 87626	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(2)	Remedial Education	March 7, 2006
Carton, Lise Catherine	RN 708910	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(D)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Casarez-Reber, Angela Michelle	LVN 174849	TOC 301.452(b)(1) 22 TAC §217.12(9)&(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Ceballos, Maria Elena	RN 594000 LVN 138312	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(A)(C)&(12)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Cole, Jodie Gaye	LVN 177399	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	April 20, 2006
Collier, Francine Rae	LVN 179081	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(5)(11)(B)	Voluntary Surrender	February 24, 2006
Collins, Kali Dilynn	LVN 125064	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)&(D)(iv) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)(4)(6)(G) &(10)(A)(D)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Consavage, Kathleen M. (Jones)	RN 626078 LVN 144710	TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(12)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Cooper, Tamara Sue	RN 645195	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(3)&(4)	Remedial Education	March 9, 2006
Copley, Tiffany Lashell	RN 662131	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	March 20, 2006
Corrie, Donna Joan	RN 598674	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(2)(3)&(4)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Couch, Lynda Anne Covington, Rhonda M.	RN 245162 LVN 171167	TOC 301.452(b)(12) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(10)(E)	Voluntary Surrender Voluntary Surrender	April 7, 2006 April 21, 2006
Craig, Lillian H.	RN 249699	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(A)&(4)(B)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 19, 2006
Critz, John Kaiser	LVN 164433	22 TAC §222.6(b)(1) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(27)(A)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Daniel, Cathy Louise	LVN 156156	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(E)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Davis, Bessie B.	RN 516501 LVN 88282	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(2)(3)&(18)	Remedial Education	April 13, 2006
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NAME Davis, Kimberly Denise Davis, Rheba Elaine	<u>LICENSE #</u> RN 540032 LVN 135196	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(12) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	DISCIPLINE Voluntary Surrender Warning w/ Stipulations	DATE OF ACTION April 17, 2006 March 21, 2006
Delp, Kimberly Denice	LVN 120560	22 TAC \$239.11(2)(3)&(27)(K) TOC 302.402(a)(3)&(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Delacruz, Danilo Villaram	RN 640061	22 TAC §239.11(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(4)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Deleon, Rosalinda	LVN 157554	TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(6)(8)&(28)	Voluntary Surrender	April 17, 2006
Denson, Martha Murphy	RN 660600 LVN 160779	22 TAC §217.12(6)(G) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(20)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Dobbs, Betty J.	LVN 100779 LVN 104582	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 9, 2006
Doering, Debra Kay	RN 531692	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) Art. 4525(b)(9) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(23)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 10, 2006
Dolan, Margaret Joyce	LVN 76929	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(8)&(13)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Draper, Spencer W.	RN 673838 LVN 177712	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(6)(D)&(E)	Voluntary Surrender	April 17, 2006
Duffy, Kathy Ann	RN 564449	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Dunn, Theresa Lynn Laviolette	LVN 164493	22 TAC \$217.12(6)(G)&(10)(C)(D) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9) TOC 301.452(a)(3)(4)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(28)	License Revoked	April 20, 2006
Earnshaw, Leonora Anne	RN 574647	22 TAC §217.12(5) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 10, 2006
Edley, Kathleen Susan	LVN 130807	22 TAC §217.12(12) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	March 24, 2006
English, Kathleen Denise	LVN 65894	22 TAC §239.11(2)(3)&(27)(A) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Fields, Bryan Lee	RN 600890	22 TAC §239.11(2)(4)&(27)(K) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	April 18, 2006
Fleming, Linda L.	RN 525320	22 TAC §217.12(21) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	June 6, 2006
Frederick, Mae O.	LVN 82908	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Frosch, Sandy	LVN 176628	22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(B)(C)&(6)(A) TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(4)&(27)(K) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Fulkerson, Janet Sue	LVN 69463	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(E)(5)(8)(10)(B) (E)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	March 21, 2006
Fuller, Misty Dawn	RN 670571 LVN 172139	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(H)&(10)(E)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Garner, Neal Eugene Geters, Carla Annese	LVN 135297 RN 521859	TOC 301.452(b)(1) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	License Revoked Remedial Education & Fine	April 20, 2006 March 8, 2006
Gibson, Raymond Leon	RN 654587	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) Art. 4525(b)(2)&(9) TOC 301.452(b)(8)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Gilmer, Marian Adele Goodwin, Jr., Garvis Lester	LVN 189435 RN 571987	22 TAC \$217.13(1)&(17) TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)&(22)	License Revoked Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006 May 4, 2006
Gordon, Marie Antoinette	RN 675082 LVN 148184	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Gravell, Matthew	RN 638326 LVN 146135	22 TAC \$217.12(9)(10)&(22) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(3)&(9) Art. 4525(b)(3)&(9) 22 TAC \$217.13(6)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Graves, Reginald Carl	RN 711952 LVN 167106	22 TAC \$239.11(22) TOC 301.452(b)(1)(2)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$217.11(3)(4)&(28) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)(6)(G)(10)(B)(C) (E)&(23) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(2)(4)(6)(10)(27)	Voluntary Surrender	February 15, 2006
		(B)(G)(K)&(28)		

NAME Grays, Sonya Kay	<u>LICENSE #</u> LVN 154881	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)	DISCIPLINE License Revoked	DATE OF ACTION May 9, 2006
Green, Chinesea Fantansia	RN 668283	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)&(19)	Enforced Suspension	March 21, 2006
Griffin, Ericka H.	RN 672215 LVN 119424	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 6, 2006
Guenther, Deitra Annelle Guerra, Laura Ann	LVN 119424 LVN 125908 LVN 200621	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)	Voluntary Surrender Remedial Education & Fine	February 22, 2006 June 7, 2006
Guinn-Pigg, Janice I.	RN 516899	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(E)&(6)(G) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)&(2)	Remedial Education	April 17, 2006
Hale, Mandy	LVN 185177	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006
Hall, Jackie Lavonne	RN 558777 LVN 90453	22 TAC \$217.12(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(B) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)	Remedial Education	May 15, 2006
Hansen, Tammy F.	RN 695790	22 TAC \$239.11(27)(F) TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)(12)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(D)(iv) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(4)(6)(G)(10)	License Revoked	April 20, 2006
Hardeway, Judy Beck	LVN 85499	(A)(C)(E)&(12) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(3)&(9) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(8)&(29)(A)(iv)	Suspend/Probate	March 21, 2006
Harmon, Kristi Lynelle	RN 535675	22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C) 22 TAC \$217.12(3)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Harris, Ernestine	RN 537372	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Harris, Sheri Lynn	LVN 105844	22 TAC §217.12(1)(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)	Voluntary Surrender	May 23, 2006
Harvey, Paula Sue Hashagen, Arlene Marie	LVN 74118 RN 700121	TOC 302.402(a)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(3)(E)(5)(6)(7)	Voluntary Surrender Reprimand w/ Stipulations	June 8, 2006 April 20, 2006
Hawkins, Marsha Lanett	LVN 168222	&(8) 22 TAC \$217.12(2)(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(K)(i)(ii) &(iv)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 21, 2006
Hecker, Michael T.	RN 619074 LVN 147747	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(B)(4)&(6)(G) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(3)(4)(18)&(19)	Enforced Suspension	May 9, 2006
Heeren-Rohrbough, Barbara Ann	RN 650257	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(4)	Remedial Education	April 13, 2006
Helm, Debra Kim	RN 257765	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Henderson, Kimberly Lannette	LVN 154894	TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(28)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Hernandez, Jennifer Priscilla.	LVN 180827	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)	Voluntary Surrender	May 18, 2006
Herndon, Susan A.	RN 641449	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(17)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 4, 2006
Hightower, Jennifer Currie	RN 602236	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(D)&(N) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Hill, Susan	RN 230557	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	Limited License	April 20, 2006
Hobbs, Belinda J	RN 504967	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(4)&(19) TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)&(D) 22 TAC \$217.12(5)(10)(A)(D)(11) (B)&(13)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Hobbs, Christeen	RN 611490	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(3)&(4)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Holliday, Jr., Melvin Lee	RN 676186 LVN 168354	TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(H)(I)&(13)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 27, 2006
Hunt, Tami Lynnette	LVN 136095	TOC 301.452(b)(8)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Imouokhome, Juliet Aliletu	RN 704469	TOC 302.402(a)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(B)(D)(M) &(3)(A)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
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NAME Jackson, Ruby Mae	LICENSE # LVN 181817	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(D)	DISCIPLINE Remedial Education	DATE OF ACTION May 18, 2006
James, Kenneth Waford	RN 554782	22 TAC §217.12(1)(C) Art. 4525(b)(9)	Remedial Education	April 20, 2006
Jamison, Lisa Moynihan	LVN 158523	22 TAC \$217.13(11) TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Jefferson, Shirley Faye	LVN 47319	22 TAC \$239.11(10)&(28) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(2)(3)&(27)(A) (H)(K)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Jennings, Pamela Doris Clark Jervis, Diane Elizabeth	RN 433481 RN 554797	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$217.12(12)	Voluntary Surrender Remedial Education	April 26, 2006 June 12, 2006
Jett, Kaylette Marie	LVN 172428	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(27)(G)&(28) 22 TAC \$217.12(7)	Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006
Johnson, Cynthia Renea	LVN 145317	TOC 302.402(a)(3)(B)&(9) TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(29)(iii) 22 TAC \$217.12(6)(G)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Johnson, Dawn Elaine	LVN 130572	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(27)(L)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Johnson, Jr., Donald Ray Johnson, Sarah Louise	RN 610429 RN 605459 LVN 135464	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(D)&(3)(A)	License Revoked Remedial Education	May 9, 2006 May 2, 2006
Jones, Grace S.	RN 676619	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(4)&(20)	Limited License	March 21, 2006
Jorden, Shellie G. Joseph, Philomena	LVN 48706 RN 556406	TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Suspended Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006 March 21, 2006
Juarez, Yolanda	RN 622599 LVN 110043	22 TAC \$217.12(2)(4)&(20) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(2) Art. 4525(b)(2) TOC 301.452(b)(1)(3)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(8) 22 TAC \$217.13(1)&(17)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Kalar, Kathy P. (Gallagher)	LVN 155917	22 TAC §217.12(13) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Keen, Kimberly Kaye	RN 702185 LVN 170185	TOC 301.452(b)(1)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(11)(B)	Voluntary Surrender	March 22, 2006
King, Mary K.	LVN 115627	Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9)&(11) 22 TAC §239.11(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 24, 2006
King, Patricia Anne	LVN 158459	TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(4)(27)(G)&(28) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(4)(12)(18)&(19)	Voluntary Surrender	April 25, 2006
King, Robert Bradley	LVN 132723	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(G)	Voluntary Surrender	June 12, 2006
Kline, Tracey Anne	RN 686347	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(18)&(21)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Knotek, Bobbie Rae	RN 528537	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)	Remedial Education & Fine	February 21, 2006
Knudson, Jr., Jerry Edwin	LVN 188809	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)&(29)(A)	Voluntary Surrender	March 7, 2006
Kocour, Andrew Ross	RN 674583	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	February 27, 2006
Krupp, Abigail Richter Ruth	RN 601378	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(19)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	January 19, 2006
Kubena, Leslie Christine	LVN 174030	TOC 301.452(b)(1)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(9)(10)(A)(D)	Voluntary Surrender	February 27, 2006
Kulhanek, Anjanette Tresce	LVN 192601	&(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(C)(D)&(F)	Enforced Suspension	April 20, 2006
Lamb, Shekateda Warren	LVN 151755	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(I)	Remedial Education	June 12, 2006
Lancaster, John W.	RN 625629 LVN 153069	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)	Voluntary Surrender	March 21, 2006
Landers, Maribeth	RN 596260 LVN 93044	22 TAC \$217.12(1)&(13) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(6)(G)(10)(E)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	February 24, 2006

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NAME Langin, Donna Mae	LICENSE # RN 572548 LVN 128491	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(3)&(4)	DISCIPLINE Remedial Education	DATE OF ACTION May 25, 2006
Leblanc, April M.	RN 688043	TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	February 10, 2006
Lederman, Regina P.	RN 550745	TOC 301.301(f) TOC 301.452(b)(1)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 14, 2006
Ledesma, Reva Emily	LVN 129560	TOC 301.452(b)(1) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(M)	Remedial Education	May 30, 2006
Lee, Jeong Hee Yim Lee, Mary Alice	RN 440973 RN 652357 LVN 162114	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(D)(T) &(3)(A)	Voluntary Surrender Warning w/ Stipulations	April 13, 2006 May 9, 2006
Lemons, Kelley Carson	RN 661201	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)&(B) TOC 301.452(b)(8)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Lewis, Edith Alexander	LVN 135526 LVN 97921	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	March 22, 2006
Lindley. Patti Ann	LVN 148544	22 TAC §239.11(2)&(3) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 2, 2006
Lippe, Gregory Brandon	RN 670740	22 TAC §217.12(6)(H)(I) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12)	Remedial Education	March 21, 2006
Long, Shelly Marie	LVN 143462	22 TAC §217.12(5) TOC 302.402(a)(10)&(12)	Voluntary Surrender	April 26, 2006
Loper, Tessa Dawn	LVN 166657	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC \$239.11(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(5)&(12) TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 2, 2006
Lopez, Iesha Ranay	RN 676253	22 TAC \$217.12(6)(G)(8)&(13) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Lowery, Stephanie Ann	RN 698798	22 TAC \$217.11(1)(O)&(P) 22 TAC \$217.12(6)(H) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Lutrick, Ann Camille	RN 710926	22 TAC \$217.11(1)(A)(B)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(D)(U) &(3)(A)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Lyons, Clayton Roger	LVN 198958	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(F)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(11)(B)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Magee, Ursula Trynette	RN 659852	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Magnon, Constance Lynn	LVN 125342	TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(2)(27)(K) &(28) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)&(6)(G)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Manuel, Susan Rea	RN 687316 LVN 168780	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	April 20, 2006
Martell, Maria Carmen	RN 559014 LVN 70029	22 TAC §217.12(1) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Martin, David Wayne	RN 555050	22 TAC §217.12(2) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	Enforced Suspension	May 9, 2006
Martinez, Lupe	LVN 103968	22 TAC \$217.12(1) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(3) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Mathews, Sadiq	RN 459785	22 TAC §239.11(4)&(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Matthews, Angela	RN 630178	22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(12) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	March 27, 2006
McCann, Lori Lee	RN 601534	22 TAC \$217.12(11)&(16) TOC 301.452(b)(1)(9)&(10)	Suspend/Probate	May 9, 2006
McClaine, Patsy	RN 568156	22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(1)	Suspend/Probate	March 21, 2006
McConnell, Michael Shaun	LVN 124461 RN 572808	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Voluntary Surrender	April 6, 2006
McConnell, Nancy Joan	RN 547235	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
McCoy, Connie Dean	LVN 172516	22 TAC \$217.12(1)(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(27)(F)&(29) (A)(iv)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006

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NAME	LICENSE #	CITATION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE	DATE OF ACTION
McCray, Darrell Deweese	LVN 167220	TOC 302.402(a)(3)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
		22 TAC §239.11(28)&(29)		
		22 TAC §217.12(13)		15 1 21 2004
McDonald, Nancy Carol	LVN 170810	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(9)&(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
McKinsey, Linda	LVN 132283	TOC 302.402(a)(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
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McLemore, Aundrea Leshe	LVN 188385	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(E)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	April 6, 2006
McNutt, Camille Dian	LVN 121703	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
		22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)		
Medalle, Fortunato Joel Enriquez	RN 726406	22 TAC §217.12(1)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 2, 2006
		TOC 301.251		
Madallin Montha Cua	I VIN 55047	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	May 0, 2006
Medellin, Martha Sue Minot, Stephen R.	LVN 55047 RN 238987	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006 March 21, 2006
-		22 TAC §217.12(17)		
Mirzadeh, Lisa Lynn	LVN 153239	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Mitchell, Debra Carole	LVN 180196	TOC 302.402(a)(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
,		TOC 301.452(b)(10)		,
		22 TAC §239.11(10)(27)(B)&(28) 22 TAC §217.12(7)		
Moeller, Samuel Paul	RN 672530	TOC 301.452(b)(8)(9)(10)(12)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	May 30, 2006
,		22 TAC §217.11(1)(D)		• ,
Monroe, Sandra Kay	RN 249361	22 TAC §217.12(5)(10)(A) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Wiomoe, Bandra Kay	LVN 54443	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Electise Revoked	Way 7, 2000
Montez, Evangelina	LVN 161729	Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9)	Voluntary Surrender	March 30, 2006
		TOC 301.452(b)(10) TOC 302.402(a)(10)		
		22 TAC §217.12(10)(D)		
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Montgomery, Linda A. Darnell	RN 224863 LVN 30814	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(19)	Voluntary Surrender	May 23, 2006
		22 TAC §217.12(2)(3)&(5)		
Morrow, Kenneth J.	LVN 183853	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Murphy, Donna Susan	RN 563677	22 TAC §217.12(4)(5)(6)(8)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12)	Voluntary Surrender	May 31, 2006
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Murray, Linda Sue	LVN 89281	&(19) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	Voluntary Surrender	June 5, 2006
Murray, Linua Sue	LVIN 09201	22 TAC §239.11(1)&(28)	Voluntary Surrender	Julie 3, 2000
Nathan, Michael Meyer	RN 661232	TOC 301.452(b)(8)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006
Nava, Eric Nicholas	LVN 169674 LVN 169485	22 TAC §217.12(23) TOC 301.452(b)(8)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Newman, David Lee	RN 666645	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	March 28, 2006
N D'IEI	DN 570072	22 TAC §217.12(13)	W . (G: 1:	M 0 2006
Newman-Bird, Evelyn	RN 578073 LVN 131136	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(16)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Nichols, Cheryl Jeanne	RN 683067	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 13, 2006
Namia Dalam Mania	1 VN 06040	22 TAC §217.12(3)(4)&(20)	Liamas Bassland	M 0 2006
Nortis, Debra Marie	LVN 96040		License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Olsson, David Brian	LVN 147347	TOC 301.452(b)(1)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Ortiz, Diane	RN 583856		Remedial Education & Fine	June 1, 2006
Pacumio, Marivic Policarpio	RN 636277	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Voluntary Surrender	March 8, 2006
•		22 TAC §217.12(3)&(20)		,
Payne, Pamela Ann	KN 552428		Voluntary Surrender	May 8, 2006
Pedigo, Rebecca Reese	LVN 116525	TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
		TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(13)		
Perales, III Luciano	LVN 174221		Enforced Suspension	March 21, 2006
r craics, iii, Euclaiio	2 7 1 1 1 7 7 2 2 1	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Emoreca Suspension	141011 21, 2000
		22 TAC §239.11(22)&(28)		
	DN 665200	22 TAC §217.12(7) TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	May 11, 2006
Perez, Alfred Christopher	RN 667399	TOC 501.4570007380101	i volultaty Sintender	
Ortiz, Diane Pacumio, Marivic Policarpio Payne, Pamela Ann	RN 583856 RN 636277 RN 552428 LVN 116525 LVN 174221	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(3)&(20) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(11)(B)&(13) TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$239.11(1)(2)(3)&(28) TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(22)&(28) 22 TAC \$239.11(22)&(28)	Remedial Education & Fine Voluntary Surrender Voluntary Surrender License Revoked Enforced Suspension	June 1, 2006 March 8, 2006 May 8, 2006 May 9, 2006 March 21, 2006

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NAME Perlas, Mario Pilarta	LICENSE # RN 452859	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(10)	DISCIPLINE Enforced Suspension	DATE OF ACTION April 20, 2006
Perry, Priscilla Lou Pettie, Brandy Sheree	LVN 84597 LVN 174813 LVN 179789	22 TAC \$217.12(2)&(20) TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	License Revoked Remedial Education	May 9, 2006 April 3, 2006
Phillips, Margarette D.	RN 530606	22 TAC §239.11(2)&(3) TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	June 12, 2006
Pierson, Dean Thomas	LVN 60594 RN 667401	22 TAC \$217.11(1)(2)(3)(11)&(18) TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Pinard, Jesse Blake	LVN 155416 RN 596395	22 TAC §217.11(2)(3)&(4) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)	Remedial Education	April 3, 2006
Plant, Michael Raymond	RN 647365	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(2)(A)(3)&(4)(A)	Remedial Education	March 21, 2006
Polly, Denise Mae	LVN 173475	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(2)&(3)	Remedial Education	May 8, 2006
Pongratz, Tommy Lee	LVN 81146	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Porter, Eva J.	RN 246239	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)	Voluntary Surrender	March 31, 2006
Portinga, Donna Jo	LVN 136099	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	April 13, 2006
Presley, Lydia Pruitt, Glenda F.R.H.	RN 608307 RN 220196	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(A)(D)&(4)(B) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(A)&(C)	License Revoked Remedial Education	May 9, 2006 March 8, 2006
Pruitt, Patrick Eugene	RN 701417	22 TAC §222.4(a)(1) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(9)	Enforced Suspension	March 21, 2006
Quinn, Judith Gamino	LVN 174517 RN 703769	22 TAC \$239.11(28) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(3)(18)&(21)	Remedial Education	May 1, 2006
Quinn, Melinda Layne	RN 551382	22 TAC §217.13(2)&(3) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(16)	Remedial Education	May 8, 2006
Ramirez, Jennifer Lee	LVN 193548	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(5)&(10)(D)	Voluntary Surrender	May 12, 2006
Ramirez, Jr., Luis	LVN 151114	TOC 302.402(a)(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(7)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Red, Sunny Denise	LVN 196565	TOC 301.452(b)(1)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(D)&(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Redmon, Barbara Reed-Billingsley, Brandi	RN 619254 RN 670885	TOC 301.452(b)(8) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(12)	Remedial Education Remedial Education	February 24, 2006 March 1, 2006
Reichenbach, Julie Leone	LVN 177136	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Reid, Phyllis M.	RN 255328	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(C)	Remedial Education	April 18, 2006
Rich, Steve Dixon	LVN 154087	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(2)(3)&(27)(A)	Voluntary Surrender	May 15, 2006
Riddick, William Joel	RN 596576	Article 4525(b)(9) TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(22)&(23)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 3, 2006
Ridge, Jane A. R.	RN 427137	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)&(2)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Rivera, Angelica Nicole	LVN 185790	22 TAC §221.13(c) TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(I)&(13)	Suspend/Probate	March 21, 2006
Robe, Anna W.	RN 530671	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)(2)(3)&(4)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Rodriguez, Graciela	LVN 120653	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Rodriguez, Jr., Crescencio	LVN 153651	TOC 302.402(a)(3)(A)&(10) 22 TAC §239.11(28)&(29)(A)(iv)	Suspend/Probate	April 20, 2006
Roegles, Mary L.	RN 255331	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(3) 22 TAC \$217.12(3)	Remedial Education	June 5, 2006
Rojas, Minvilli Garces.	RN 566114	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(3)&(4)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
Rollins, Sandra L. Jensen	RN 416141	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(D) 22 TAC \$217.12(4)&(5)	Voluntary Surrender	March 14, 2006
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NAME Ross, Marsha Kay	LICENSE # LVN 140570	CITATION(S) VIOLATED Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(10) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	DISCIPLINE Voluntary Surrender	DATE OF ACTION March 22, 2006
Russell, Lisa Gayle	LVN 170069	22 TAC \$239.11(28)&(29)(A)(iv) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	Remedial Education	June 12, 2006
Rutter, Diana Lynn	LVN 187502	22 TAC \$239.11(28) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)	Remedial Education & Fine	June 6, 2006
Saenz, Gabriel L.	LVN 197724	22 TAC §217.12(1)(D) TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(6)(I)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 14, 2006
Salinas, Antonio Humberto	RN 589883	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Sanchez, Anna Marie	RN 601997	22 TAC \$217.12(2)(3)(4)(18)&(19) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(3)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Sanchez, Christina Michelle	LVN 140589	22 TAC \$217.11(3)&(21) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(4)&(27)(H)(K)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Sanchez, Dana Dee	LVN 166544	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Sanchez, Misty	RN 653878	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(22)&(23)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 20, 2006
Sandoval, Maria Delia	LVN 176213	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	Voluntary Surrender	April 21, 2006
Schauer, Karen Michelle	RN 702363	22 TAC \$239.11(5)&(28) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(3)	Remedial Education	June 7, 2006
Sertich, Pamela Gordon	RN 532342	22 TAC §217.12(3)&(12) TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(13)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Sharp, Deborah S.	RN 508604	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Suspend/Probate	May 9, 2006
Shelby, Sandra S.	RN 505589 LVN 64997	TOC 301.452(b)(10)(12)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)	Voluntary Surrender	April 7, 2006
Shepard, Shellie Ann	RN 675154	22 TAC §217.12(1)(A)(B)(3)&(5) TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	May 31, 2006
Shinn, Donna Jean	RN 573605	22 TAC §217.11(1)(I)(T) TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 10, 2006
Shivers, Marian Kelly	LVN 159962	22 TAC \$217.12(6)(I) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(6)(G)&(10)(A) (B)(C)	Enforced Suspension	March 21, 2006
Sill, John Elliot	LVN 141894	Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(8)&(9) TOC 302.402(a)(9)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(8)&(28) 22 TAC \$217.12(13)	Voluntary Surrender	March 17, 2006
Singletary, Milton D.	LVN 93651	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(K)	Remedial Education	April 27, 2006
Sizemore, Debra Marie	LVN 68435	TOC 302.402(a)(10)	Remedial Education	April 19, 2006
Smith, Kathryn Talbott	RN 241387	22 TAC \$239.11(2) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(D)&(4)(A)	Remedial Education & Fine	April 24, 2006
Smith, Michael Brandon	LVN 160222	22 TAC §221.13(d)(2) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9) 22 TAC §239.11(8)	Remedial Education & Fine	June 5, 2006
Smith, Tillie M.	RN 668008	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(1)(C)(D) 22 TAC \$217.12(1)(B)(4) &(10)(C)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Smola, Charlotte Lee	RN 683968 LVN 156449	TOC 301.452(b)(10) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)	Suspend/Probate	April 20, 2006
Spaulding, Joyce May	LVN 111245 RN 559411	22 TAC §239.11(27)(F) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(17)	Remedial Education	May 9, 2006
Staggs, Edward Neil	LVN 154125	TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(13) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(3)&(9)	Voluntary Surrender	June 5, 2006
Stanley, Cisely Marie	RN 703595	22 TAC §239.11(8)&(29)(A)(iv) TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(D)	Voluntary Surrender	April 3, 2006
Starks, Sheila Renee	RN 608212 LVN 74317	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION

NAME Stephens, Mark Clifton	<u>LICENSE #</u> RN 695745 LVN 177988	CITATION(S) VIOLATED TOC 301.452(b)(9) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	DISCIPLINE Enforced Suspension	DATE OF ACTION April 20, 2006
		22 TAC §217.12(1) 22 TAC §239.11(1)(2)(4) &(27)(G)		
Stewart, Elester Edward	RN 666716	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(21)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Stewart, Evelyn L.	RN 249968 LVN 61043	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(D)(M)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Stitt, Bonnie Jean	LVN 157741	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(11)(B)	Remedial Education & Fine	March 1, 2006
Stricklin, Brenda S.	RN 630354	TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(5)&(10)(A)	Voluntary Surrender	March 20, 2006
Strong, Debbie Lynn	LVN 157573	TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Stutts, Melissa Kathryn	LVN160594	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Subia, Stephanie Grace	LVN 191157	22 TAC §217.12(1)(A)(C)&(6)(A) TOC 302.402(a)(10)	Remedial Education	May 17, 2006
Svoboda, Maria Elena	LVN 40591	22 TAC §239.11(2)(3)&(27)(H) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(10)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)&(M)	Voluntary Surrender	March 27, 2006
Szurgot, Londa Lynn	LVN 81317	22 TAC §217.12(1)(B)&(13) TOC 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(E)&(13)	Voluntary Surrender	May 30, 2006
Taylor, Karen Denise	RN 547598	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(1)(3)(12)&(16)	Suspend/Probate	April 20, 2006
Thomas, Judith L.	RN 595565	22 TAC §221.16(C) TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC §217.11(4)&(5)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 15, 2006
Thomas, Margaret Ann	LVN 132878	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)	Warning w/ Stipulations	April 20, 2006
Tice, Jr., Frederick	RN 640099 LVN 161078	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(19)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
Traurig, Linda Stakely	RN 423269	22 TAC §239.11(1) TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	June 2, 2006
Tucker, M. Charlene	LVN 81350	22 TAC §217.11(1)&(5) TOC 301.452(b)(1)&(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 23, 2006
Tyler, Charles Brooks Vana, Sandy Susan	LVN 65130 RN 627191	22 TAC §217.12(11)(B) Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(7) TOC 301.452(b)(1)(9)&(10)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations License Revoked	May 9, 2006 May 9, 2006
Vanhorn, Jeffrey Hall	LVN 127289	22 TAC §217.12(10)(A)&(11)(B) TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)(F)	Remedial Education	May 15, 2006
Vasquez, Cynthia Trevino	RN 641509	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC \$217.12(2)(19)&(20)	Warning w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
Waggoner, Kimberly Joy	LVN 129688	TOC 302.402(a)(3)(B)&(10) TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(29)(A)(ii)&(iii)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
		22 TAC \$217.12(6)((G)(10)(E) &(13)		
Waldrop, Cynthia Kay	RN 555978	TOC 301.452(b)(9)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(5)&(10)(A)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
Walker, Beverly Jean	LVN 70777	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12) 22 TAC §217.12(5)	Voluntary Surrender	April 12, 2006
Walker, Pamela Kay	LVN 180082	TOC 302.402(a)(10) 22 TAC \$239.11(2)(3)(9)(10)(27)	Voluntary Surrender	May 9, 2006
Wall, Debra R.	RN 628541	(A)&(K) TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	June 8, 2006
Wall, Jenny Faye	LVN 137167 RN 252638 LVN 73678	22 TAC §217.12(11)&(16) TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13) 22 TAC §217.11(1)(A)(C)(D)(3)	Reprimand w/ Stipulations	May 9, 2006
		(A)(i)&(4)(A)&(B) 22 TAC §217.12(1)(A)(B) 22 TAC §221.12(1)		
		22 TAC §221.12(1) 22 TAC §221.13(b) 22 TAC §222.4(a)(1)(B)		
Walters, Brenda Joy	LVN 43984	TOC 301.452(b)(10) 22 TAC §239.11(3)&(27)(A)	Voluntary Surrender	May 31, 2006
Warner, Keithley Llewelyn	RN 564658	TOC 301.452(b)(13) 22 TAC \$217.11(3)(5)&(18)	Remedial Education	May 30, 2006

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NAME	LICENSE #	CITATION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE	DATE OF ACTION
Warnock, Sylvia Brink	LVN 48527	Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(1)&(9)	Voluntary Surrender	March 8, 2006
warnock, Sylvia Billik	LVIN 40321		Voluntary Surrender	March 8, 2000
		TOC 301.452(b)(3)&(10)		
		TOC 302.402(a)(1)(2)(3)(B)&(10)		
		22 TAC §239.11(8)&(29)(A)(iii)(iv)		
		22 TAC §217.12(13)		
Warnsley, Bridgette Chevelle	RN 653800	TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	June 1, 2006
		22 TAC §217.11(2)&(3)		·
Weiss, Jolene Faith	RN 678312	TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
		22 TAC §217.11(1)&(6)		,
Wenzel, Stephen M.	RN 689837	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12)	License Revoked	April 20, 2006
Wenzer, Stephen W.	141 007037	22 TAC §217.12(1)(4)(12)(14)	Electise Revoked	71pm 20, 2000
		(18)&(20)		
White Merry Elizabeth	RN 237050	TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	May 18, 2006
White, Mary Elizabeth	KIN 25/030	(-/(-/	Remediai Education	May 18, 2006
		22 TAC §217.11(2)(C)(3)(A)(i)		
	D. 7. 4000 # 4	(iii)&(B)		
Willadson, Stacey J.	RN 630356	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Remedial Education	March 8, 2006
		22 TAC §217.12(3)		
Williams, Kathryn Leigh	LVN 187173	TOC 301.452(b)(9)&(10)	License Revoked	March 21, 2006
		TOC 302.402(a)(1)&(10)		
		22 TAC §217.12(4)(6)(G)&(10)		
		(A)(B)(C)		
Wright, Deborah Kay	RN 686510	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(12)	License Revoked	May 9, 2006
,		22 TAC §217.12(2)(3)(4)&(12)		, ,,
Wright, Nancy Jo	RN 650106	TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 4, 2006
Wilgin, I talley 50	141 050100	22 TAC §217.12(6)(I)	Tremediai Education & Time	1, 2000
Younts, Angelia Jayne	RN 594449	TOC 301.452(b)(10)&(13)	Warning w/ Stipulations	March 21, 2006
Tourits, Affgeria Jayrie	KIN 334443	22 TAC §217.11(1)(C)&(M)	warning w/ Supulations	Water 21, 2000
7 1 1 6	DN 505204	22 TAC §217.12(1)(B)(3)&(4)	D PIEL C	M 10 2006
Zachariah, Gracy Annamma	RN 585204	TOC 301.452(b)(13)	Remedial Education	May 10, 2006
7 1 . I	LVN 114657	22 TAC §217.11(3)&(4)	T	12 2006
Zelitt, Vanessa	RN 636733	TOC 301.452(b)(2)&(10)	Remedial Education & Fine	May 12, 2006
		22 TAC §217.12(6)(I)		
Zingaro, Sr. Robert Richard	LVN 131463	TOC 301.452(b)(10)	Voluntary Surrender	April 24, 2006
		22 TAC §217.12(6)(C)(D)&(E)		

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The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is responsible for developing the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing examinations by utilizing contributions from nurse clinicians and educators. NCSBN encourages all nurses to become involved in the development of the exams by participating in the item (question) development program. Qualifications for participation are listed below.

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All item development panels are held in Chicago, Illinois, and generally last 3-4 consecutive days. Panelists stay downtown in a deluxe hotel surrounded by the shopping and theater districts. Most travel and food expenses are covered and new panelists receive more than 30 CEUs for their participation.

For more information about the NCLEX-RN® item development program or to receive an application for the item development panels please call the NCSBN item development hotline at 312-525-3775 or visit our web site at www.ncsbn.org.

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• Approved Petition for Emergency Faculty Waiver

Cisco Junior College, Generic ADN

• Denied Proposal to Establish a New Nursing Education Program

American Medical Institute, VN

• Approved the Closure of Nursing Education Programs

Army Reserve Practical Nurse Program Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital, VN • Approved Proposal to Establish a New Nursing Education Program

Platt Health Careers Training, VN Hill College, ADN



Nursing Education Questions and Answers



What tasks can a nursing student in a BNE approved nursing education program in Texas perform during clinical experiences? Are nursing students practicing under someone else's license during clinical experiences?

Under the supervision of faculty, the student nurse can perform functions for which he/she has the educational foundation to perform safely. The student is not required to have a license under the exemption in the Nursing Practice Act (NPA), §301.004(6), but can practice in a student nurse role, where there is no compensation for work performed under the supervision of a qualified member of the nursing school faculty for purposes of meeting educational requirements for clinical practice. Since the student nurse is exempt, he/she is not practicing "under the faculty member's license." The faculty member is responsible to:

"Supervise nursing care provided by others for whom the nurse is professionally responsible" [Rule 217.11(1)(U)]. While maximizing a student's learning in the clinical setting is a goal of every faculty member, maintaining the safety of patients with whom the student interacts is mandatory as expressed in standard 217.11(1)(B). Faculty members should also be aware of any limitations placed on student participation in specific clinical areas that may be part of the contractual agreement between the nursing program and the clinical practice facility.

Unprofessional conduct on the part of a nursing faculty would be Rule 217.12(1)(G), "failure of a clinical nursing instructor to adequately supervise or to assure adequate supervision of student experiences." Other violations of Rules 217.11 or 217.12 may also be cited on a case-by-case basis.

In Chapter 224, Delegation of Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel for Clients with Acute Conditions or in Acute Care Environments, Section 224.2, Exclusions from Chapter, states "This chapter does not apply to RNs who instruct and/or supervise an unlicensed person in the proper performance of nursing tasks as a part of an education course designed to prepare persons to obtain a state license...."

Exemption of students by the NPA, however, does not apply to jobs in which students are employed outside of the educational experience. Students functioning as unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) for compensation may only perform tasks that do not require the use of independent nursing judgment as described in §224.8(c), *Nursing Tasks Prohibited from Delegation*. Students employed as UAPs also cannot engage in prohibited tasks "by proxy" for the RN (ex: RN co-signing a nursing assessment performed by a UAP who is a nursing student).

In addition, NPA Section 301.351 and Rule 217.10 establish the term "nurse" and related titles as being protected (i.e.: in order for a person to hold him/herself out as a "nurse," the person must possess a valid LVN or RN license). No other person may use titles or abbreviations tending to imply to the public that the person holds a valid nursing license in Texas. Rule 217.10(10) specifically addresses titles for unlicensed persons acting under the delegated authority of a RN, terms such as "nurse aide," "nurse assistant," or "nurse technician" are examples of acceptable titles. Staff would advise caution in using job titles/position descriptions such as "nurse extern" or "junior nurse" because other staff and patients may perceive such titles as a licensed nurse and not a UAP position.

FYI - Licensure Verification Information Available 24/7 for Nurse Administrators/Employers

All vocational nurses, registered nurses and registered nurses with advanced practice authorization shall ensure the verification of current Texas licensure or other compact state licensure privileges and credentials of personnel for whom the nurse is administratively responsible, when acting in the role of nurse administrator [22 TAC §217.11(1)(V)]. Nurse administrators/employers hiring graduate nurses, registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, or advanced practice nurses can check the licensure status of nurse applicants through the Board of Nurse Examiners' web site at: https://www.bne.state.tx.us/olv/olverif.htm. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. BNE customer support representatives can be reached for phone verification during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The phone number is: 512 305-6809.

Your Feedback to Appear in the October Bulletin...

The Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) conducted a Customer Service Survey by mail and on the BNE web site, asking for feedback on BNE customer service, the BNE web site and the *Bulletin*. A summary of the survey results will be included in the October 2006 *Texas Board of Nursing Bulletin*.

In the following article, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) describes Texas' Medicaid case management program serving children with health conditions/risks and women with high-risk pregnancies.

What's New? DSHS is recruiting providers for the CPW program

Case Management for Children and Pregnant Women (CPW) provides services to children from birth through 20 years of age with a health condition/health risk and high-risk pregnant women of all ages in order to encourage the use of cost effective health and heath-related care. Together, the case manager and family assess the medical, social, educational, and other related service needs of the eligible recipient.

Case Managers assist eligible recipients in gaining access to necessary medical, social, educational, and other services. With the client's family, the case manager completes an assessment to determine unmet needs. A service plan is developed to determine the course of action to access needed services. Followup visits are conducted to verify services are received and to help problem-solve solutions if barriers are encountered.

Services are reimbursed, fee for service, by Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP). The reimbursement rates are \$54.58 for face-to-face comprehensive and follow-up visits, and \$18.00 for telephone follow-up visits.

RNs or agencies they work for may apply to become providers of CPW services. RNs must be licensed and in good standing

in the State of Texas with at least two years of experience working with children and/or pregnant women. Experience must include assessing psychosocial and health needs and making community referrals to services for this population. To become a provider, you must submit an application and be approved by DSHS before enrolling with TMHP.

To obtain an application to become a provider of CPW Services, contact the Director of Social Work at the DSHS Regional Office nearest you for a pre-application appointment. Address and telephone information for DSHS regional offices can be obtained at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/caseman/HSRSWDirectors.shtm.

If you know a child or a pregnant woman that would benefit from CPW services, referrals can be made to existing CPW providers by calling (877) 847-8377.

For questions or comments regarding this program, call Bob Johnson, RN, at (512) 458-7111, Ext. 6630 or e-mail: **Bob.Johnson@dshs.state.tx.us**.

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