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2010-2012 EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose: The purpose of the Education Committee is to make recommendations to the Board on matters related to nursing education.

Goal 1: Nursing programs in Arizona meet regulatory requirements of the Board and are sufficient to prepare graduates for safe nursing practice.

Activities:

- Review and make recommendations on nursing program applications (RN, LPN, and APRN) and site surveys for proposal, provisional, full, and renewed approval
- Review and make recommendations on applications from out-of-state nursing programs planning to conduct clinical learning in AZ
- Review and make recommendations on applications for program change
- Review and make recommendations on refresher program applications for initial and renewed approval
- Develop strategies to improve nursing education within the context of faculty shortages and limited clinical sites
- Explore new and innovative processes/strategies for assessing and assuring the quality of nursing education in Arizona.

Goal 2: Nursing programs in AZ maintain a first time NCLEX pass rate of 90% or higher.

Activities:

- Monitor quarterly reports and pass rates
- Recommend strategies for nursing programs with a pattern of lowered NCLEX pass rates, as needed
- Develop action strategies to address lowered pass rates statewide, as needed
- Review and provide feedback on proposed changes to the test plan as requested by NCSBN

Goal 3: Changes in rules, statutes, and advisory opinions of the Board related to nursing education are based on available evidence, best practices, and expert opinion.

Activities:

- Review and suggest revisions to proposed rules affecting nursing education and practice
- Review and respond to proposed statutory changes affecting nursing education
- Review and revise advisory opinions related to nursing education, as necessary

Goal 4: Clinical competence of licensees investigated by the Board for practice breakdown is assessed using sound criteria.

Activities:

- Monitor progress on NCSBN “Measuring Competency with Simulation Grant”
- Support efforts of the Board to implement the grant by recruiting volunteers and providing expertise

Goal 5: Competency requirements to maintain an RN or LPN License are developed based on sound evidence and benefit to the public

Activities:

- Appoint a sub-committee/ad hoc Continued Competency Committee
- Review existing literature and gather evidence
- Explore costs and benefits of a variety evidence-based competency mechanisms
- Analyze regulatory implications for proposed competency measures
- Propose rules to address competency requirements

Goal 6: Education Committee processes and outcomes are sufficient to meet or exceed the goals of the committee.

Activities:

- Discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of current policies, practices, and goals of the Education Committee
- Implement strategies to enhance the effectiveness of the Education Committee