

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE GOALS

**2006-2008 EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE**

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

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES**

**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
- Review and make recommendations for Board action on programs that self-report rule violations
- 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:**

- Compile a description of clinical competency assessments/tests being utilized by nursing programs to assess student clinical performance
- Explore the feasibility of utilizing existing clinical competency tests to measure clinical competency of RNs or LPNs being investigated for practice issues/errors
- Monitor activities of NCSBN Continued Competency Committee
- Develop criteria for competency assessment.

**Goal 5: 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