

# EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

### MEETINGS:

The committee meets every 5-8 weeks at **9:30 am** at the AZBN Board Room. Meetings are open to the public.

**October 16, 2014 December 5, 2014 February 20, 2015 April 10, 2015**  
**June 12, 2015 August 7, 2015 October 16, 2015 December 4, 2015**

### PURPOSE:

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 legally sound and evidence based 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 and an on-time graduation rate of 60% or higher.**

Activities:

- Monitor quarterly reports and pass rates
- Monitor annual on-time graduation rates
- Recommend strategies for nursing programs with a pattern of lowered NCLEX pass rates or on-time graduation rates, as needed
- Develop action strategies to address lowered pass rates and/or on-time graduation rates statewide, as needed
- Review and provide feedback on proposed changes to the NCLEX® 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 experiences in practice settings and evidence-based use of simulation provide sufficient opportunities for nursing students to develop clinical competence at a novice level.**

- Support efforts to encourage collaboration between education and health care institutions to enhance and improve the preparation of nursing graduates.
- Review existing literature, gather evidence and disseminate information regarding best practices in clinical placements, simulation and preceptorships.
- Evaluate and recommend effective innovative options and alternatives to traditional methods of clinical instruction.
- Support implementation of evidence-based evaluation of clinical competency for all nursing students.

**Goal 5: Recommend curriculum strategies based on evidence that promote safe patient care and optimal student outcomes:**

- Review curriculum standards of accrediting agencies and national trends.
- Examine evidence from a variety of sources regarding curricular change.
- Issue at least one official publication to guide programs in evidence-based curricular design consistent with the Board's public protection mission.

**GOAL 6: Support the Arizona Action Coalition work related to education, specifically:**

Recommendation 4: Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80% by 2020.

Recommendation 5: Double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.

Recommendation 6: Ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning.

- Review proposals to support Arizona nurses' access to baccalaureate education.
- Propose innovative models and solutions to RN to BSN program completion rates.
- Review applications for implementation and expansion of DNP programs in the state.
- Review practices implemented elsewhere that have increased the number of doctorally prepared nurses.
- Support continuing education offerings provided by the Faculty Development Collaborative.
- Encourage access to continuing education courses by public and private colleges and universities.

**Goal 7: 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

**COMMITTEE  
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2014-2016**

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