

Virginia Board of Nursing
Licensure Committee Minutes
May 18, 2011

TIME AND PLACE: The Licensure Committee of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2011 in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce A. Hahn, Ph.D.,APRN, NEA-BC (Chair)
Peregrin C. Francisco, RN, MSA

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John M. Horn, LPN

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC
Paula B. Saxby, RN, PhD

OTHER PRESENT: James Pickeral, Virginia Nurses Association
Hunter Jamison, McCauley and Burtch

The charge of the Committee is to develop regulations as required by the recently passed legislation that authorized the Board to issue a provisional license in certain circumstances.

DISCUSSION: The committee discussed the information that would be included in the law related to Registered Nurse Provisional License. The Board is considering issuing a provisional license to registered nurse applicants who have graduated from a program outside of Virginia that does not have the required 500 clinical hours in their program and who have passed the NCLEX-RN exam. The provisional license would allow the applicant to obtain additional clinical hours under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.

Points that were discussed by the committee included:

- Provisional licenses shall expire six (6) months from the date of issuance and may be renewed for an additional six months;
- Hours of clinical experience must include experiences across the lifespan;
- Clinical hours on the official transcript shall be counted toward the 500 hours;
- Allow 150 hours of credit towards the 500 hours for persons who hold a current, active license as an LPN;
- Requirement for verification of number of hours of clinical experience from employer;

- Requirement for the RN supervisor to be on-site and physically present where the provisional licensee is providing clinical care of clients;
- Limit the number of provisional licensees to two for one supervisor;
- Requirements for supervisor to notify the Board and document the supervision of a provisional licensee;
- Requirement that supervisor have at least two years of active clinical practice as an RN;
- Requirement that supervisor will intervene if necessary for the safety and protection of clients;
- Disclosure of licensure status to the client.

Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, will develop draft regulations based on the discussion of the committee and present the language to the committee members. Once the committee members have agreed on the draft language, the final draft will be presented to the full Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
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