WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

MISSION

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses established to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of registered professional nurses and dialysis technicians.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with WV Code §30-7-1 et seq. the Board will:

1. Function according to the Code of Conduct.
2. Be accessible to the public.
3. Assure the quality of the basic education process for registered professional nurses.
4. Assure the quality of the basic education process for the dialysis technician.
5. Assure initial and continuing competence of the registered professional nurse.
6. Assure initial and continuing competence of the dialysis technician.
7. Define the scope of practice for registered professional nursing and advanced practice nurses.
8. Define the scope of practice for the dialysis technician.
9. Provide a disciplinary process.
10. Review issues related to the nursing shortage.
11. Support the mission of the West Virginia Center for Nursing
12. Support the nurse health program, WV Restore.

STATUTORY HISTORY

The Board of Nursing is mandated under Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code to:

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Review and evaluate National Council of State Boards of Nursing registered nurse licensure examination scores of each program in relation to the standard.
2. Conduct on-site visits to at least two nursing education programs annually.
3. Issue licenses to qualified persons in a timely fashion.
4. Provide educational information to registered nurses, dialysis technicians, nursing education programs, employers and the public related to:
   a. Discipline
   b. Orientation to the Board
   c. Advanced Practice
   d. Licensure
   e. Practice Issues
   f. Conditions that affect an individual's safe practice
5. Process complaints from health care professionals and the public in a timely fashion.
6. Respond expeditiously to public requests related to Board operations.
7. Evaluate regulatory solutions to address borderless health care delivery.
8. Provide and evaluate the effectiveness of the nurse health program WV Restore.
9. Provide multiple modes of communication opportunities with the Board.
10. Establish a Practice Committee for discussion of practice issues as needed.
11. Seek legislative authority to obtain criminal background checks on all new applicants.

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Continue updating computer equipment and database program. Evaluate and provide personnel, equipment, and database programs.

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