

RN Newsletter

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- Board Goals and Objectives were reviewed and revised.
- Marshall University on-site visit report was approved.
- WVU Institute of Technology on-site visit report and curriculum changes for the associate and baccalaureate programs were approved.
- CCNE was approved as an accrediting body for schools of nursing preparing individuals for initial licensure.

- The Board approved to accept the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as an approved certifying body for advance practice.
- Patsy Haslam was elected as President of the Board.
- Diana Boyle was elected as Secretary of the Board.

August 4, 1999

- The Board approved the proposed changes to West Virginia Code of State Rules Title 19, Series 1 Policies and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments or Schools of Nursing. The rule will be filed with the Secretary of States Office.
- The Board reviewed disciplinary matters.
- The Board reviewed and approved faculty member qualifications.
- Reviewed and approved the Board Orientation Information and Process

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