

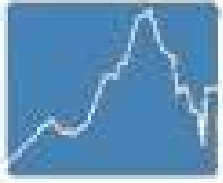
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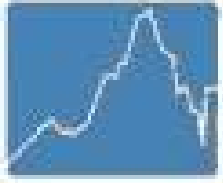
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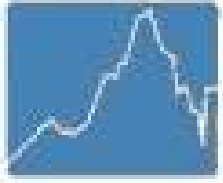
Mission of the Virginia Board of Nursing

- To assure safe and competent practice of nursing to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.



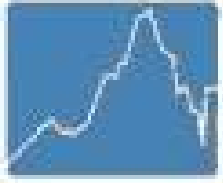
Nurse Practice Act

- Definition of Practice – §54.1- 3000
- Board of Nursing Regulations
- Qualifications for Licensure and Certification
- Approval of Nursing Education Programs
- Disciplinary Provisions



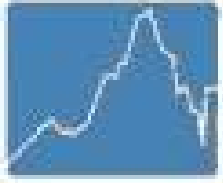
Board of Nursing

- Membership (Appointed by the Governor)
 - 7 Registered Nurses (one N.P.)
 - 3 Licensed Practical Nurses
 - 3 Citizen Members
- Full Board meets every other month (education committee) **Open to the public**
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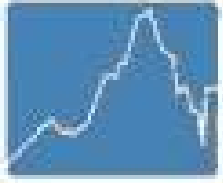
Board of Nursing Functions

- Approval of Nursing Education Programs (160)
 - Practical Nursing Programs (79)
 - Registered Nursing Programs (81)
- Approval of Nurse Aide Education Programs (230)
- Licensure and certification (approx. 180,000)
- Discipline



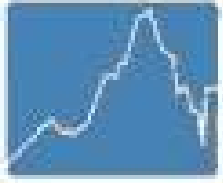
Map of Virginia PN Programs

- High School Programs (30)
- Community College Programs (20)
- Proprietary Programs (21)
- Hospital Based Programs (2)



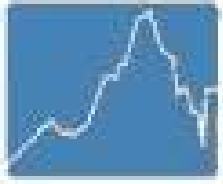
2010 NCLEX Pass-rates

- High School Programs (412) 90%
- Community College Programs (317) 88%
- Proprietary Programs (1287) 82%
- Hospital Based Programs (67) 96%



Guidance Documents

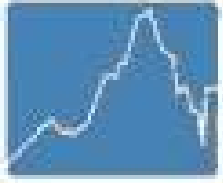
- #90-22: Requests for Accommodations
- #90-24: Use of Simulation
- #90-28: Transition/Bridge Programs
- #90-55: Impact of Criminal Conviction



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Approval Process for Education Programs

- Nurse Aide Education Programs (**No fee**)
 - *On-site review every other year
 - *Program Evaluation Report every other year
- Practical Nursing Education Programs (**Fees**)
 - *12 month application phase
 - *Provisional Approval
 - *Full Approval
 - *Conditional Approval



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