

**FY2011 Year-End Promoting Competency Report**

**Introduction**

In keeping with the mission of the Board, Promoting Competency is a high priority and is a proactive initiative to promote patient safety. As nurses attend and participate in the multiple learning opportunities, nurses have opportunities to improve their practice by increasing their knowledge of the laws and rules and regulations which leads to safer practices and improved patient outcomes.

The Promoting Competency Report reflects learning opportunities offered by Board staff to promote continued competency for nurses in the state. The Promoting Competency Report includes the various formats Board staff utilizes to teach nursing jurisprudence and ethics, scope of practice, nursing delegation, nursing peer review, patient safety, and the disciplinary process.

**Promoting Competency Initiatives**

**Workshop**

The Board Workshop **Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice** is conducted by Board staff throughout the State and marketed to nurses licensed within the geographic area of the workshop. Nurses from all over the state frequently attend outside their geographic area. The purpose of the workshop is to provide nurses with current information related to licensure laws which serve as the foundation for nursing practice. While the workshop focuses on the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and the BON Rules and Regulations; additional content includes standards of nursing practice, documentation of care, principles of ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, unprofessional conduct, delegation, safe harbor and incident-based nursing peer review. Adult learning principles are applied in addition to utilizing case scenarios to promote group interaction which facilitates comprehension of the jurisprudence concepts. The Workshop has been approved for 7.0 contact hours through Texas Nurses Association (TNA). The registration fee for the participant is \$109.00.

<b>Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2011</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2011</b>	<b>3rd Quarter FY 2011</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2011</b>	<b>TOTAL FY 2011</b>
Workshop Attendance		<b>Not offered</b>			<b>874</b>
Austin (September, 2010)	192				
El Paso (March, 2011)			140		
Austin (April, 2011)			40		
Arlington (June, 2011)				432	
Austin (July, 2011)				70	

**On-Line Jurisprudence**

The on-line jurisprudence course, **Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice**, provides nurses the opportunity to keep up to date with the laws surrounding their practice at their convenience. The on-line course engages nurses with an interactive format ultimately designed to promote patient safety.

Nurses who complete the course and submit their evaluation are awarded 2.0 contact hours. The cost of the on-line course is \$25.00. To access this CNE opportunity, go to <http://bon-ce.enspire.com>.

Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2011	TOTAL FY 2011
On-Line CNE attendance	129	79	44	69	252

### **Webinars**

Following the introduction of Webinars in 2010 and continuing through 2011, nurses attended from urban and rural areas of Texas. Webinars are a cost-effective way for nurses to obtain in depth information on a specific area of nursing practice. The two webinars offered were **Nursing Peer Review: Understanding the Process** and **Safe Harbor: Ensuring Patient Safety**. The cost to attend a webinar is \$25.00 for individuals, \$200.00 for groups with up to 10 participants, and \$25.00 for each additional participant. Each activity awards 1.0 contact hour.

Webinar attendance	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2011	TOTAL FY 2011
Nursing Peer Review: Understanding the Process	25	140	348	Not offered	513
Safe Harbor: Ensuring Patient Safety	Not offered	Not offered	124	304	428

### **2012 Promoting Competency schedule**

**Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice** workshops are currently in the planning stages. Dates and locations will be announced at a later date.

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### **Jurisprudence Prep Course**

The **Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course** offers an interactive instruction and overview on the five subject areas of the jurisprudence exam. Participants are able to complete practice questions, print resources to aid study, and look-up information for further review. The course is not only for exam preparation but also assists nurses in the review of the Nursing Practice Act and Board Rules and Regulations. The cost of the course is \$25.00 and is available to participants for three weeks.

Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2011	YTD FY 2011
Course participants	853	808	1139	980	3780

### **Recommendation**

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required. Board Members are invited to attend any of the Promoting Competency opportunities.