Why this topic, Why now?

ANA is declaring 2017 to be the Year of the Healthy Nurse! In past years, ANA has featured an annual, year-long initiative highlighting an important component of nursing. 2015 was the Year of Ethics, 2016 focused on the Culture of Safety. Join us as every month we tackle specific wellness issues that all of us can improve.

ANA defines a healthy nurse as someone who actively focuses on creating and maintaining a balance and synergy of physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, personal and professional well-being. We feel that nurses are ideally positioned to be the best role models, educators, and advocates of health, safety, and wellness. So come participate with us fully this year as we focus on YOU!

For 2017’s Year of the Healthy Nurse, specific health, safety, and wellness topics have been selected for each month.

Further information can be found on the ANA website, www.nursingworld.org.
Welcome Spring! Much has changed since our first edition for 2017. South Carolina has a new governor and lieutenant governor. The nation has carefully monitored President Trump’s first 100 days. We at SCNA have been monitoring both state and federal legislation that would potentially have an impact on nursing in SC. However, for this issue, I would like to focus on you!

May we will celebrate National Nurses Week. Each year we celebrate nurses for their outstanding contribution to nursing and health care. We celebrated. The American Nurses Association designated 2017 as the “Year of the Healthy Nurse.” This year’s theme for National Nurses Week is “Nursing: the Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit.”

To provide the best care to our patients, we must balance. To provide the best care to our patients, we must take care of ourselves. We forget that there needs to be a balance. To provide the best care to our patients, we must take care of ourselves. We forget that there needs to be a balance so that you can maximize your ability to take care of your patients. We must remember to take care of ourselves so that we can be healthy.

During National Nurses Week, take some time to focus on you. Focus on obtaining the balance of mind, body, and spirit. Imagine how your work performance and the care that you provide would change if you found balance. Celebrate yourself!

Happy National Nurses Week!

Sheryl Mitchell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC
President

Call for Resolutions

Any SCNA member may research, write and submit resolutions for consideration at the 2017 SCNA Annual Meeting. Resolutions should be submitted in form for printing to the Reference Committee through SCNA at 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 802, Columbia, SC 29201. Resolutions are due by May 1, 2017.

Guidelines for writing and submitting resolutions can be downloaded from http://www.scnurses.org/SCNAAnnualMeeting.pdf

Call for 2017 Nominations

The SCNA Nominating Committee has called for member suggestions for the 2017 election. Nominations are due by May 1.

In 2017, members will elect:
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Commission Chair-Public Policy/Legislation
- Commission Chair-Professional Advocacy and Development
- Commission Chair-Nursing Education Development
- Commission Chair-Professional Practice and Development
- Commission Chair-Strategic Planning
- Commission Chair-Research and Development
- Commission Chair-External Affairs

Current Officers Eligible to run again:
- Sheryl Mitchell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, President
- Selina Hunt-McKinney, APRN, FNP-BC, President-Elect
- Mary Alice Hodge, APRN, FNP-BC, Vice Chair
- Mary Wessinger, APRN, FNP-BC, Secretary/Treasurer
- Ava Pridemore, Psychiatric-Mental Health Chapter Chair
- Maggie Johnson, Women and Children's Health Chapter Chair
- T. K. Pugh, Commission Chair-Professional Advocacy and Development
- Stanley Harris, Commission Chair-Public Policy/Legislation
- Carol Cash, Commission Chair-Nursing Education Development
- Stan Clements, Commission Chair-Professional Practice and Development
- T. K. Pugh, Commission Chair-Strategic Planning
- Caroline Benjamin, Commission Chair-External Affairs
- Sheryl Mitchell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, President

Current Board Members Eligible to run for other offices:
- Stanley Harris
- TK Pugh

SCNA Chapters will also hold elections for:
- Vice Chair
- Secretary/Treasurer

SCNA Chapter Ballot will be with the SCNA ballots for those SCNA members who are also signed up as SCNA Chapter members. Nominations may be submitted at the same time as nominations for SCNA officers. All nominations are due by SCNA by May 1, 2017.

Note that both the nominator and nominee for the SCNA 2017 election must be SCNA members in good standing. Call SCNA at 803-252-4781 if you would like more information on any of these positions.

Please consider this the official call for any suggested SCNA bylaw revisions for consideration at the 2017 SCNA Annual Meeting. Revisions must be submitted to SCNA by May 1, 2017. Please forward to:

SCNA-Bylaws Committee
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 802
Columbia, SC 29201
FAX: (803) 779-3870
Winter and Spring seem to be having a battle as to what season it really is at this point. The fluctuations in the weather remind me that life itself is full of fluctuations as we move from day to day. Some moments take us to the highest points of joy in each day; others remind us that each day is not always going to be perfect. We must be prepared to roll with whatever “punches” might be coming our way.

SCNA has welcomed a new team of members to the Board and that is always a great step since it means that the organization is continuing in an orderly way…just as we would all want it to do. This Board is a mixture of seasoned and newish leaders, another good sign for the organization. We are hard at work working at the future of what SCNA wants to be doing and what it is doing at the present.

Part of the future work is a continuation of work to ensure that the healthcare system of South Carolina will have the full benefit of the expertise, knowledge, and skills of those Registered Nurses who are also Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. In other words, we are back at the SC General Assembly with legislation to move the practice of advanced practice registered nurses forward into the 21st century. South Carolina should not continue to suffer from a paucity of providers of healthcare at all professional levels. The stakes are too high. So, we shall pursue our goals with great vigor and we shall persist.

Meanwhile, as this is the last issue before Nurses Week, 2017, I wish each of you a wonderful week of celebration of being nurses. The theme this year is a great one since it is not just about nursing and what it brings to our country, but, is very much focused on those of you who are nurses. So, enjoy, treat yourself well and Happy Spring to all!

ONWARD!

Recognized for Excellence!

Greenville Health System (GHS) congratulates Greer Memorial Hospital on receiving Magnet Recognition Program® status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

This designation reflects nursing professionalism, teamwork and superiority in patient care. The ANCC Magnet Recognition Program distinguishes organizations that meet rigorous standards for nursing excellence.

With this credential, Greer Memorial joins the global community of Magnet-recognized organizations. Just 448 U.S. healthcare organizations out of more than 6,300 U.S. hospitals have achieved Magnet recognition. Greer is the fourth hospital in the state and the first and only hospital in Greenville County to achieve this status.

If you would like to join the special healthcare team at Greer Memorial or any of GHS’ other excellent facilities, please visit ghs.org/careers.
Exhibits and Sponsors
Wanted for the 2017 SCNA State Convention and APRN Pharm Conference

November 3-4
Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head, SC

Exhibitor Level - $500
Supporter Level - $1000
Sustainer Level - $1500
Champion Level - $5000

If you are interested in supporting our Convention in a larger amount than is mentioned above please contact SCNA’s office 803-252-4781.
http://www.scnurses.org/event/2017Exhibits-Supporters

SCNA Annual Meeting
The SCNA shall hold an annual meeting of the membership at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. All members of SCNA who are in good standing are eligible to attend this meeting and to vote on all matters coming before the meeting. The Annual Meeting is open to all members of SCNA.

SCNA’s Annual Meeting for 2017 will take place November 3, 2017 at the Sonesta Hilton Head Resort in Hilton Head, SC.

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*Updated February 2017

2017 Convention November 2-4, Sonesta Hilton Head Resort
December 16th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Directors Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in compliance with laws of SC for corporations. This meeting had been scheduled to take place during the Convention that was to have taken place in October. The purpose of the meeting was satisfied by adoption of the calendar for 2017.

The Board of Directors then met to review and consider the proposed budget as created by the finance committee. Each budget item was carefully discussed and the budget was approved. An exciting new venture was presented for discussion by the Board, participation in a Nurses Day at the Southern Women's Show in Charleston. Following discussion a motion was made and passed to approve this venture.

January 14th Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was led off by a swearing in of all elected SCNA officers and SCNA Chapter officers. We had a remarkably good turnout based on numerous schedule changes.

The meeting was then called to order for the purpose of business and annual orientation of all officers present. The SCNA President presented a comprehensive report from the ANA Leadership Meeting that she attended in December. A new mission statement was adopted. “The mission of the South Carolina Nurses Association is to represent all South Carolina registered nurses in a membership organization to promote and advocate the role of the registered nurse to improve health for all.” The Board began the official review of the current strategic plan. It will be revealed at the 2017 Convention.

During discussion of the events surrounding the cancelation of the 2016 Convention a number of issues were covered. The plan to refund all registrations and donations to the Convention was completed well before the end of the SCNA fiscal year. Plans were discussed concerning activating the event cancelation insurance policy for the 2016 Convention.

2017 Lobby Day

Once again a great crowd of APRNs and students for Lobby Day. Many visits were made to both House and Senate members. S.345 has been heard in Senate Medical Affairs Sub-committee twice. The chief sponsor in the Senate, Senator Tom Davis, has scheduled a meeting of two decision makers from the Coalition for Access to Healthcare and the SCNA and SC Academy of Family Practice Physicians for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 to attempt to see if there can be a working out of items still in question. STAY TUNED...and watch for emails!
New and Reinstated SCNA/ANA Members
November 22, 2016 – February 20, 2017

Jorinda Archard
Myrtle Beach, SC

Carol Archuleta
Anderson, SC

Sara Ayer
Ehruart, SC

Kelli Burna
Columbia, SC

Chastin Carrillos
Leesville, SC

Susan Castillo
Hilton Head Island, SC

Theresa Chandler
Blythewood, SC

Helen Cook
Conway, SC

Collene Cox
Columbia, SC

Lerryn Crocker
Hilton Head Island, SC

Benita Curnell
Hollywood, SC

Falinda Delfy
Greer, SC

Frenatta Dinkins
Sumter, SC

Montana Duntun
Augusta, GA

Sharon Edwards
Johnstown, SC

Savannah Hightower
Travelers Rest, SC

Theresa Hillary
North Augusta, SC

Tara Hinson
West Columbia, SC

Amanda Howard
Towson, SC

Wendy Howell
Hartsville, SC

Lauryn Johnston
Wolow Cove, SC

Cheryl Gates
Hilton Head Island, SC

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Pacote, SC

Deborah Logan
Central, SC

Andrea Maddray
Summerville, SC

Mary Mangione
Lexington, SC

Donna Martin
Aimee Martin
Charleston, SC

Gretchen Overstolz
Charleston, SC

Rhonda Peterson
Isle Of Palms, SC

Ali Pylar
Lexington, SC

Elizabeth Prosperity
Prosperity, SC

La'Quandra Rampersant
Charleston, SC

Lori Rash
Cleveland, SC

Angela Ravennel
Santer, SC

Michael Rawl
Irmo, SC

Megan Reno
Elgin, SC

Taurie Rhoten
Sumter, SC

Kelli Scheibenbhofer
Taylors, SC

Linda Sherriff
Irmo, SC

Hannah Sherrill
Isle Of Palms, SC

Constance Simons
Holly Hill, SC

Renee Soler
Blythewood, SC

Pamela Stampfli
Greer, SC

Tracy Stichert
Aiken, SC

Margo Stilley
Myrtle Beach, SC

Stacie Stone
Johns Island, SC

Talamesha Strickland
Conway, SC

Melody Sumter
Rock Hill, SC

Melissa Taylor
Lexington, SC

Amelia Taylor
Greebham, SC

Zerlinna Teague
Moncks Corner, SC

Judith Thompson
North Charleston, SC

Sarah Turnbull
Goose Creek, SC

Andrea Tyner
Charleston, SC

Monta Vander-Heyden
Elgin, SC

Tracey Yazvac
Beaufort, SC

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Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health is currently hiring Full Time, Part Time and PRN nurses for Day and Evening Shifts. 8 or 12 hour shifts available.

Competitive Pay, Great Benefits, Shift Differentials and Sign on Bonus Offered!

Nurses for Psychiatric and Substance Use Treatment Units. Nurses provide patient care and ensure the safety and well-being of the patients while supporting the maintenance of a therapeutic milieu.

Qualifications
• One year of clinical experience preferred
• New Grads welcome and encouraged to apply!
• SC Nursing License in good standing required

Resumes can be emailed to Sheila.simpson@ubhsinc.com

Apply online at: www.palmettobehavioralhealth.com/LC/Jobs

Happy Nurses Week May 6-12, 2017 – Here’s to Healthy Nurses!!

You’ve heard the saying, “The grass is always greener on the other side.”

Well, on our side, it’s true.

Benjamin, 
Clinical Supervisor

Aiken Regional Medical Centers (ARMC) provides nearly 50 specialty services through our 250-bed acute care facility, behavioral health hospital, and Cancer Care Institute of Carolina. We’re a smaller hospital with a big reputation. Aiken team members enjoy a family atmosphere and flourish under leadership that focuses on appreciation of talent, skills and dedication.

The beautiful city of Aiken offers award-winning schools, year-round recreation, shopping, dining, and parks. Downtown is just blocks away from the Aiken Steeplechase, a historic horse race and one of the oldest running historical events.

Professionals across the nursing spectrum are welcome to find out more about ARMC’s career opportunities, great benefits, and outstanding local and national reputation. Please visit our website and discover a better career. And a better life.

Aiken Regional Medical Centers
www.aikenregional.com/careers
As a member of SCNA there are several options available to you to enhance your membership experience. SCNA has Chapters that are open to members of SCNA. You are welcome to join any of the chapters listed, think about creating others, or simply enjoy your state membership in SCNA. For more information about SCNA Chapters go to [http://www.scnurses.org/?SCNAChapters](http://www.scnurses.org/?SCNAChapters)

There is currently one geographical Chapter:

- Piedmont Chapter (Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union, and York Counties)

There are currently five practice based Chapters:

- APRN Chapter
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Chapter
- Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Chapter
- Women and Children's Health Chapter
- Nurse Educator Chapter

Sign up for chapter membership by going to [https://scnurses.site-ym.com/?page=ContributeChCh](https://scnurses.site-ym.com/?page=ContributeChCh)

**Dues Deductibility for the SC Nurses Association**

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**Full Membership**

- ANA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 19.57% for a figure of $28.57 of your full ANA dues of $146.00.
- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 14.5% for a figure of $19.87 of your full SCNA dues of $137.00.
- Therefore, a total of $48.44 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $283.00.

**Reduced Membership**

- ANA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 19.57% for a figure of $14.29 of your full ANA dues of $73.00.
- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 14.5% for a figure of $9.93 of your full SCNA dues of $68.50.
- Therefore, a total of $24.22 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $141.50.

**Special Membership**

- ANA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 19.57% for a figure of $7.14 of your full ANA dues of $36.50.
- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 14.5% for a figure of $4.97 of your full SCNA dues of $34.25.
- Therefore, a total of $12.11 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $70.75.

**SCNA Only Membership**

- SCNA dues that are non-deductible is 14.5% for a figure of $27.11 of your SCNA Only dues of $187.

**ANA Only Membership**

- ANA dues that are non-deductible is 19.57% for a figure of $37.38 of your ANA Only dues of $191.

Please check with your accountant as to whether in your individual case any of your SCNA dues fee is deductible for business/professional expenses as this varies widely.

This information is published each year in the South Carolina Nurse or you can call 803-252-4781.

Thank you for your continued support of your profession through your professional organization.

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**Clinical Nursing Instructors**

Clinical Instructors needed for the Nursing Assistant, the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing Programs

Qualifications: Nursing Assistant Instructors must have an Associate's Degree in Nursing or higher with 1 year long term care experience. Practical and Associate Degree Instructors must have a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing. Master's degree preferred. Two years recent experience required in Med/Surg or Long-term care. Must have current South Carolina Registered Nurse license. Contact Kimberly Cochran at cochrank@midlandstech.edu for more information.

Interested persons should submit resume and unofficial transcripts stating Social Security Number to:

Midlands Technical College
Nursing, Kimberly Cochran
PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202

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**RNs for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility in Rock Hill, SC**

(PRN Status)

- Applicants must possess a current license in good standing as a RN in a state with compact privileges
- Two-years nursing experience required
- Competitive Pay and Benefits (Medical/Dental/Vision Plans, 401(k), etc.)

Contact Kimberley Cochran at cochrank@midlandstech.edu for more information.

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Learn more at [http://www.viliving.com/careers](http://www.viliving.com/careers)
SCNA Nursing Flash and Legislative Updates – Members gain access to informative SCNA Nursing Flash including timely updates during the legislative session, national news & policy updates and vital information for all nurses.

Member Discounts on SCNA Convention and Event Registration – SCNA members receive special discounts on all SCNA events. Discounts available as well for ANA Events.

Free quarterly SCNA newspaper The South Carolina Nurse.

New leadership opportunities – Get involved with SCNA. Statewide recognition and professional development. Become a chapter member, participate in a task force or committee and run for elected office for a chapter or SCNA BOD.

SCNA Career Finder – Find a new opportunity on SCNA’s online career center, http://nurses.scassociationcareernetwork.com

Connect with Leaders in the nursing profession – SCNA/ANA members will find numerous opportunities to connect with peers through special events, chapter involvement, the SCNA website, and other services.

SCNA Chapters – Get involved with SCNA at the chapter level and you will have the opportunity to connect with nursing professionals who have the same interest/specialty as you!

Dedicated professional staff & lobbyist – By joining SCNA, you will gain access to a staff of dedicated professionals and skilled lobbyist, who advocate for you at the state and federal level.

Lighthouse Behavioral Health Hospital is an inpatient psychiatric hospital offering treatment for those suffering with mental health or substance abuse disorders. LBHH offers the following services:

- Adult Admissions O Diagnoses O Geriatric O Children’s O Adolescent Psychiatric Services as well as
- Adolescent Residential Treatment and Chemical Dependency and Rehabilitation

We are seeking an RN with management experience to coordinate the activities of several nursing units. The ideal candidate will have a BSN, master's degree preferred, management and mental health experience.

To apply please submit a resume to ljob@lighthousehosp.com

LBHH is conveniently located in Conway, SC roughly 10 minutes from Myrtle Beach. SC. Lighthouse is committed to assist our patients in their treatment of these disorders.

The Great South Advisory Group is the approved retirement income planning firm to the South Carolina Nurses Association. As a benefit of membership in the SCNA, you can receive your personalized Retirement Income Analysis report for no charge. Simply call to schedule your complimentary appointment at 803.223.7001. Visit their website at www.greatsouthadvisorygroup.com.

Snazzy Travel program

We have an exciting opportunity for you to receive exclusive access to Snazzy Traveler, America’s Fastest Growing Travel Company. As a valued supporter you are receiving FREE access to Snazzy Traveler for a whole year! Snazzy Traveler is an exclusive members only travel website valued at $99 with rates on Hotels, Rental Cars, Luxury Cruises and Activities up to 75% off online retail prices. Visit www.snazzytraveler.com/SCNA and enter Promo Code: SCNATravel

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Exclusive Discounts For Over 500 Orlando Area Lodging and Attractions Contact SCNA to request discount code http://www.orlandodealplacements.com/

OneMain Loan Program

To help nurses enjoy the things that matter most, the South Carolina Nurses Association has teamed up with OneMain to offer financial solutions. Because you are a member, you can apply for a loan with rates on money for things you need like a home improvement project or a vacation with family. OneMain can help you take the money to make a dream vacation. The application is simple and OneMain has friendly, knowledgeable loan specialists in your area ready to answer your questions.

SCNA/ANA Benefits

Some of the many great services, discounts and opportunities you will access as a member of SCNA/ANA:

- The LARGEST Discount on initial ANCC Certification.
- SCNA/ANA members save $$ on initial certification.
- The LARGEST available discount on ANCC re-certification $$ for SCNA/ANA members.
- The ONLY discount on ANCC Review/Resource Manuals – SCNA/ANA members only.
- Journals & Publications – a free subscription to The American Nurse Today for $18.95. Value: online access to OJIN: The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing. Members also have the first opportunity to access OJIN & TAN content online!
- ANA Nursing Knowledge Center Free Webinars & CE opportunities – SCNA/ANA members can access frequent educational webinar offerings from ANA at no cost to the members.
- ANA SmartBrief – SCNA/ANA members receive ANA’s SmartBrief electronic newsletter via email on a weekly basis. SmartBrief provides members with up-to-date nursing news and information in a convenient format.
- Members may self-nominate to participate in ANA task forces as they arise for issues of interest and concern to nursing.

With ANA’s partnership with Nationwide®, ANA members can get great rates on Nationwide’s Auto and Home Insurance. ANA members can save up to 4% off of Nationwide’s great rates, and when you add features like Vanishing Deductible® you can save $100 off your deductible for every year of safe driving, for up to $500 in savings.

Many nurses mistakenly believe they are covered by their employer’s liability insurance. Until a lawsuit is filed and they find that no one is advocating for their interests. Protect yourself and your career with professional liability insurance. ANA has partnered with Mercer, a global leader in insurance, to offer liability coverage specifically geared to nurses. Malpractice judgment awards exceed $3.7 billion annually and are growing. Becker’s Hospital Review, 5/14/14. Remember, you can be sued even if you did nothing wrong, and an investment in liability insurance will protect your future and the future of your family. Get the protection you need without paying more than is necessary by taking advantage of Mercer’s competitive rates for ANA members.

Nurses know that without proper planning, the costs of long-term care provided services can wipe out a lifetime of savings. Many may feel uncomfortable relying on their children or family members for support and find that Long-Term Care (LTC) insurance would significantly cover these expenses and help to keep them personally in control. Securing quality LTC insurance protection is a serious undertaking; that is why proper planning for ourselves and our families is increasingly critical to us all. ANA has teamed up with Anchor Health Administrators to access special LTC rates through a company that for almost 20 years has only worked with nurses and their families. ANA members will receive a 5% discount on top of any other available discounts, and will have personal access to specialized licensed advocates who help nurse’s every day with their LTC needs.

Do you have enough term life insurance to help ensure that your family is covered if you were to pass away? Would there be enough to provide for your children, your mortgage and save for college, not to mention unpaid medical bills and funeral expenses? To help, ANA has partnered with AutoWINS Group Benefits administrators to offer term life insurance with Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company. With this plan you can receive term life insurance at competitive group rates, negotiated just for nurses by ANA. Because you are a member, you can apply for a plan with up to $250,000 in coverage at economical rates.2

National Nurses Week Gifts – ANA has a full line of nursing gifts available every year for National Nurses Week and throughout the year.

Fact sheets and resources – ANA offers many fact sheets, tip cards and Toolkits to help guide you in your work with patients and colleagues. Topics cover a vast range from dealing with bullying and workplace violence to what you need to know about social networking for nurses. Members can also download the Code of Ethics, Social Policy Statement, Scopes and Standards of Nursing Practice and the full text of ANA’s principles and position papers.

ANA membership gives you free access to a variety of tools such as CINHAL, PubMed Citations and Vanishing Deductible® and other essential nursing resources to help your professional needs. Must log in as a member to have access.

Professional Tools

CINHAL
Drug Name Error Finder Tool
Global Disease Alert Map
PubMed Citations

Resources

Essential Nursing Resources
ANA Pubs Archive
ANA Principles
ANA Foundation Documents
Tena Hunt McKinney is SCNA’s representative to the Alliance for a Healthier SC.

Dr. Patrick Hickey of Columbia, SC was awarded the Luther Christmas Award which is given to an individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to nursing that also reflects highly on men in nursing or significantly contributes to American Assembly for Men in Nursing’s mission.

Dr. Katharine Brendell of Columbia, SC has been awarded the 2016 Novice Faculty Excellence in Didactic Teaching Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Laura Hein of Columbia, SC has been re-elected Vice President for External Affairs for GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality.

Dr. Peggy Hewlett of Columbia, SC was granted Emeritus Membership in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Tena Hunt McKinney of Columbia, SC and JoAnne Herman of Columbia, SC have had a paper published in the Journal of Nursing Education.

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell of Columbia, SC will receive the 2017 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence. SCNA’s CEO Judith Thompson will receive the 2017 Advocate State Award for Excellence.

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell of Columbia, SC has been appointed as the Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at USC College of Nursing.

Dr. Stephanie Burgess of Gilbert, SC has a new role. Her current role as Associate Dean for Practice is being expanded to Associate Dean of Practice and Health Policy at USC College of Nursing.

The Care and Concern of SCNA...

is sent to:

Sheryl Mitchell and family on the recent death of her mother-in-law, Charlotte Mitchell.

The care and concern of SCNA are sent to:

Judith Curfman Thompson on the death of her husband, Robert.

Obituary for Robert Smith Thompson

Robert Smith Thompson beloved husband of Judith Curfman Thompson, died March 15, 2017. He was the son of the late Dr. Milton Needham Thompson and Marian Smith Thompson of Cambridge Ohio. He was born on November 28, 1937 in East Cleveland, Ohio.

A graduate of Oberlin College AB in History; Harvard University Graduate School, AM in Asian Studies; and University of Michigan, PhD in Political Science. In 1957 through 1958, he studied the politics of war at the London School of Economics, this giving him one his numerous lifelong interests while allowing him to spend countless hours wandering through the British Museum and other English museums, another lifelong passion.

Dr. Thompson had several great passions. First was his loving wife Judith and their daughter Polly. Second was his pursuit of scholarship focused on several topics including International Relations and American Government. He was an avid leaner of languages from Western European to Japanese and Chinese.

The Thompson family shared a love of music. Everywhere they lived until settling in Columbia they both sang in church and community choirs. He was a former member of the Master Singers and Eastminster Choirs.

Dr. Thompson taught at the University of South Carolina from 1970 until retirement. Following retirement, he joyfully returned to teaching in the South Carolina Honors College each semester until August 2017. Over the course of his distinguished career, he received multiple awards from Mortar Board, American Political Science Association and PI SIGMA ALPHA. Dr. Thompson rejoiced everyday he was in a classroom of undergraduate students who provided him with great excitement about the future.

A specialist in international relations, Dr. Thompson spent 1983-1984 as a Fulbright Scholar in Beijing, China teaching the American Constitution to students at Beijing University. A prolific author, he published eleven books on a variety of topics in political history and why nations war. His most treasured work was a book of stories hand written for his beloved daughter Polly for Christmas 1977.

Recent, Dr. Thompson returned to an early love of art in drawing and painting and the last class he created was not able to teach was on Art, Architecture, and Empire. For this course he returned to one his early interests—architectural drawing. His course syllabus included his own illustrations for the course.

Dr. Thompson was married to Judith Curfman Thompson from 1967. He was the father of the late Pauline Alexandra Thompson. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Jane Curfman and Michael Barrett Hoge of Cincinnati, Ohio as well as nephews, Andrew and Aaron Hoge and niece, Kate Hoge Graham. Also surviving are several cousins and their children.

At this time no service is planned. Dunbar Funeral Home is in charge of the cremation. Memorials to the South Carolina Honors College, the University of South Carolina or a charity of your choice.

SCNA Advocacy Fund

The SCNA Advocacy Fund is now two years old. This fund assists in covering costs of the advocacy work done by SCNA. Costs increase as opportunities for action increase. There are opportunities for advocacy in all areas of nursing practice.

All members of the SCNA Board of Directors have also been asked to contribute in addition to all the volunteer time that they provide for advocacy on behalf of the nursing profession. SCNA Chapter members have also been challenged to participate.

The Advocacy Fund augments the SCNA budgeted amounts that are needed for a variety of costs related to advocacy. Contributions may be made by anyone to SCNA. The Fund is not a tax-deductible item for individuals due to the fact that it will be used for advocacy and lobbying. Donations should be made using the information found on the SCNA WEB site www.scnurses.org. Donations may be made by check or by credit card and can be paid monthly.

Join your peers as they work to ensure that nursing will continue to be a forward moving profession!
National Nurses Week celebrates the contributions nurses make every day to improve the health of their patients.

• The American Nurses Association (ANA) has a long-standing commitment to ensuring the health and wellness of nurses in all settings. ANA has designated 2017 the “Year of the Healthy Nurse” and the ANA Enterprise will launch the “Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation™ Grand Challenge” in May.

• Nurses are recognized by the public for upholding high ethical standards. An annual Gallup survey shows that the public has ranked nursing as the top profession for honesty and ethical standards for 15 years straight.

• The Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation Grand Challenge is a national movement designed to improve the health of the nation’s 3.6 million registered nurses. A Grand Challenge is a socially beneficial goal that addresses a systemic and embedded problem through collaboration and joint leadership.

• The Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation™ Grand Challenge will connect and engage individual nurses, employers of nurses, state nurse organizations, and specialty groups.

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Anderson University and the AU School of Nursing would like to say “Happy Nurses Week 2017” to our outstanding AU faculty. Thank you for your excellence in servant leadership in preparing our students in a Christian environment to pursue their calling in nursing.

“Many thanks to our remarkable faculty in the MUSC College of Nursing. These exceptional educators take our College to a higher level by encouraging and inspiring the best and brightest minds to care for our patients, families and communities, while leading the way in the nursing profession. You are truly amazing!” —Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of the MUSC College of Nursing

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is currently seeking licensed Registered Nurses to join its team. The Department’s mission is to purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost to the taxpayer.

Medicaid is South Carolina’s grant-in-aid program by which the federal and state governments share the cost of providing medical care for needy persons who have low income. Nurses in the Program Integrity program assist in identifying waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program by performing reviews on providers of Medicaid services.

Nurses in the Long Term Care program conduct pre-admission screening for persons seeking Medicaid sponsored nursing home placement and for persons seeking admission to various Medicaid waivers and programs. Nurses may also monitor the residential activities associated with the Optional State Supplementation (OSS) program and determine the medical level of care of residents participating in OSS. Optional Supplemental Care for Assisted Living Program, Complex Care service, and the nurse aide program.

Salary may range from $40,000 - $65,000, depending on position and experience.

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The Francis Marion University Nursing Faculty have been recognized by the NLN as creating a Center of Excellence. Administration is thankful to every nursing faculty member for creating an awesome team and giving their best to students every day!

Hospice & Palliative Care Regional Director

Hospice & Palliative Care
Charleston Region, one of the nation’s largest and most innovative providers, is seeking a dynamic leader to direct our regional operations in the Southern Piedmont of South Carolina.

The Hospice of Laurens County Regional Director oversees a program delivering unparalleled hospice care to patients and families in an eight-county service area. In addition, the Regional Director will lead effective and efficient administrative operations as well as build upon a strong and vibrant community base of generous donors and caring volunteers.

The ideal candidate will be a BSN, preferably Masters prepared in a related field such as MSN, MPH or MBA, have more than 2 years of relevant experience, as well as have a proven leadership track record, Marketing, people development, critical thinking and excellent communication are all skills that will ensure success in this key role.

The selected candidate will be one who leads with integrity and can uphold our Core Values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Excellence and Stewardship.

Hospice of Laurens County, located in Clinton, SC, provides exceptional care wherever the patient calls home, including our beautiful 12 bed Hospice House.

For more information or to find out how to join our premier team, visit rppcar.org or hospiceoflaurencounty.com.
The Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation™ Grand Challenge will connect and engage nurses, employers of nurses, state nurse organizations, and specialty nurse associations to take action within five domains: physical activity, rest, nutrition, quality of life and safety.

- There are 3.6 million registered nurses in the United States and nurses make up the largest group of all health care professionals.
- Registered nurses are on the frontlines of our health delivery system, providing care to millions of people.
- When nurses are healthy, it ensures the delivery of quality health care to their patients, families and communities.
- Health care delivery requires 24/7 support and the demands of shift work challenge the health of nurses. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nurses have the fourth highest rate of injuries and illnesses that result in days away from work when compared with all other occupations.
- As the largest group of health care workers, nurses are critical to America’s health care system. Their well-being is fundamental to the health of our nation.
- Nurses have a critical responsibility to uphold the highest level of quality and standards in their practice, including fostering a healthy lifestyle.
- Nurse leaders can ensure tools and resources are available to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

During National Nurses Week we often thank a nurse; we do not always thank the people responsible for helping us achieve our goal of becoming a nurse. Most nurses would say they became the excellent nurse they are today because of a nursing instructor. That instructor might have been tough, pushing them to their limits; yet, supported and guided them while instilling in them the desire to continually strive to be the nurse with the knowledge, skills, and compassion needed to deliver high quality healthcare. A special thank you to all the full-time and part-time nursing faculty at Midlands Technical College for the compassion and support you give the students on their path to become the next generation of nurses. Your dedication to nursing education is seen in the nurses who graduated from this college. -Trilla Mays, MSN, RN, Nursing Department Chair

In honor of your dedication and hard work, wishing you a Nurses Week filled with gratitude and appreciation.

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“Happy Nurses Week to Claflin Nursing faculty for your untiring dedication to helping nurses attain a BSN degree. Your work is helping to build a strong professional work force!”

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Life Insurance: Do You Need It?

At some point in your life, you’ll probably be faced with the question of whether you need life insurance. Life insurance is a way to protect your loved ones financially after you die and your income stops. The answer to whether you need life insurance depends on your personal and financial circumstances.

Should you buy life insurance? You should probably consider buying life insurance if any one of the following is true:

- You are married and your spouse depends on your income
- You have children
- You have an aging parent or disabled relative who depends on you for support
- Your retirement savings and pension won’t be enough for your spouse to live on
- You have a large estate and expect to owe estate taxes
- You own a business, especially if you have a partner
- You have a substantial joint financial obligation

such as a personal loan for which another person would be legally responsible after your death

In all of these cases, the proceeds from a life insurance policy can help your loved ones continue to manage financially during the difficult weeks, months, and years after your death. The proceeds can also be used to meet funeral and other final expenses, which can run into thousands of dollars.

If you’re still unsure about whether you should buy life insurance, a good question to ask yourself is: If I died today with no life insurance, would my family need financial support? If so, then you need life insurance.

If you need life insurance, don’t delay. Once you decide you need life insurance, don’t put off buying it. Although no one wants to think about and plan for his or her own death, you don’t want to make the mistake of waiting until it’s too late.

Periodically review your coverage. Once you purchase a life insurance policy, make sure to periodically review your coverage—especially when you periodically review your coverage—especially when you have a significant life event (e.g., birth of a child, death of a family member)—and make sure that it adequately meets your insurance needs. The most common mistake that people make is to be underinsured. For example, if a portion of your life insurance proceeds are to be earmarked for your child’s college education, the more children you have, the more life insurance you’ll need. But it’s also possible to be overinsured, and that’s a mistake, too—the extra money you spend on premiums could be used for other things. If you need help reviewing your coverage, contact us for complimentary consultation.

About The Great South Advisory Group
The Great South Advisory Group is the approved retirement income planning firm to the South Carolina Nurses Association. As a benefit of membership in the SCNA, you can receive your personalized Retirement Income Evaluation report for no charge. Simply call to schedule your complimentary appointment at 803.223.7001. Visit their website at www.greatsouthadvisorygroup.com.

Meet our New Officers
Newly elected officers for 2017 include:

- Dr. Dawn Henderson – President
- Anita Boland – Vice President
- Dr. Jerdone Davis – Secretary
- BJ Roof – Treasurer
- Christy Porter – Immediate Past President
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- Congratulations to these members and thank you for your service.

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Dear Ms. Thompson:

As Director of the Magnet Recognition Program, I am pleased to inform you that the Commission on the Magnet Recognition Program has voted to confer Magnet designation to the Greer Memorial Hospital in Greer, South Carolina. This letter will serve as formal notification to your organization about the Magnet designation for this health care organization. Please share this information with the President and other stakeholders of your organization. We would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Commission, as well as the Magnet Program Staff, for your participation in the application process for this facility. The participation and involvement of the Constituent and State Nurses Association in the Magnet Program process is vitally important. We believe that you will see positive benefits for your Constituent and State Nurses Association from the Magnet Recognition Program and your involvement in it.

Sincerely,

Janice W. Moran, MPA, BSN, RN
Director, Magnet Recognition Program®
American Nurses Credentialing Center

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CONSUMER ALERT

It has been pointed out to the South Carolina Nurses Association staff that some nurses in South Carolina may have been sent a letter from a company for long term care insurance that may have been mistaken for the insurance program that the South Carolina Nurses Association and the letter that was sent to South Carolina Nurses. Both advertise long term care insurance. Both are for nurses in South Carolina. Only one is endorsed by SCNA, on SCNA letterhead and signed by the current SCNA President. Only one provides a discount on the insurance for members.

The South Carolina Nurses Association is making no claims against the quality of the product represented by the letter that is not from SCNA. The purpose of this alert is to be certain that any of you who are interested in this very important insurance product are aware of a product that is being endorsed by SCNA so that you know that the association is standing behind the advertising of the product.

SCNA is proud of the quality of all of the products that it chooses to approve as being endorsed by SCNA. We have been glad to work with those of you who have called our office in the past to confirm that we have indeed endorsed a long term care product. We welcome questions and are proud of our work with this company. So, Buyer Be Alert!

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SCNA is proud to announce that Weatherly Brice, MSN, RN-BC will be serving SCNA as the new Chair and Nurse Peer Review Leader of the CEAC. Mrs. Brice is the Coordinator of the Clinical Education Nursing Professional Development Department at the Medical University of South Carolina. Weatherly is also active on the national level with the Association for Nursing Professional Development.

Weatherly follows Dr. Lawrence Eberlin in the role of Chair and Nurse Peer Review Leader of the CEAC. Larry had been a member of and Chair of the SCNA Continuing Education Approver Committee for at least the past twenty years. Dr. Eberlin was an excellent leader for his team and has truly mentored them and prepared the way for his successor to be ready to become the new Chair. Under Larry’s guidance SCNA was among the first states in the nation to completely computerize the application and evaluation process for our applicants and renewing applicants. Larry, we know that we shall always be grateful for your excellent work, well done, and freely given.

The CEAC has recently been notified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center that our ANCC Accreditation statement should be revised to reflect our approval with distinction. The South Carolina Nurses Association is accredited with distinction as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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For More Information

Go online to palmettocollege.sc.edu, or contact the Palmetto College Information Center at 888-801-1053 or pcmdm@mailbox.sc.edu.
Update from The South Carolina Nurses Foundation

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF) is proud to announce the 2017 recipients of scholarships from two unique funds, BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) of South Carolina and a bequest from the family of Julia Whitten. Notification was sent to all South Carolina Nursing Schools, the Chief Nursing Officers of all South Carolina hospitals, and to the South Carolina Student Nurses Association in October 2016 advertising the BCBS doctoral scholarship, and the Julia Whitten master’s and baccalaureate scholarships. The Julia Whitten applicants needed to be graduating in May of 2017. The total application packets received consisted of 8 Doctoral applications, 15 graduate applications, and 13 undergraduate applications. Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients.

**BCBS doctoral scholarships:**
- Elijah Mayes, Bradley Reeder, Whitney Smith, and Amy Stewart

**Julia Whitten undergraduate scholarships:**
- Amber Davis, Roseanne Leah, Marie Petrie

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How you can help:
- Please like our Facebook Page – “SC Nurses Care” and follow us on Twitter @SCNursesCare. This will be our primary means of communication on giving day.
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**The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program Announces the 2017 Recipients**

The Palmetto Gold Steering Committee and all affiliates would like to congratulate the 2017 Palmetto Gold recipients. The 100 recipients will receive formal recognition during the April 22, 2017, sixteenth annual celebratory Gala. The 2017 Palmetto Gold Scholarship winners will be recognized during the celebration as well. The 100 Palmetto Gold Recipients are:

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MISSON OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing. This mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses or advanced practice registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

BOARD VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. Board members serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Board members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

REMINDER – IMPORTANT MANDATORY

S. C. CODE ANN. SECTION 63 7 310. Persons required to report.

(A) A physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner, or coroner, or an employee of a county medical examiner’s or coroner’s office, or any other medical, emergency medical services, mental health, or allied health professional, member of the clergy including a Christian Science Practitioner or religious healer, school teacher, counselor, principal, assistant principal, school attendance officer, social or public assistance worker, substance abuse treatment staff, or childcare worker in a childcare center or foster care facility, foster parent, police or law enforcement officer, juvenile justice worker, court taken-in-care or other person responsible for the child’s welfare, the reporter believes that the act or omission was committed by a person other than the parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare, the reporter must make a report to the appropriate law enforcement agency. (C) Except as provided in subsection (A), a person, including, but not limited to, a volunteer non attorney guardian ad litem serving on behalf of the South Carolina Guardian Ad Litem Program or on behalf of Richland County CASA, who has reason to believe that a child’s physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by acts or omissions that would be child abuse or neglect if committed by a parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare, must report in accordance with this section. (D) Reports of child abuse or neglect may be made orally by telephone or otherwise to the county department of social services or to a law enforcement agency in the county where the child resides or is found.

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NEW CE TECHNOLOGY ON THE HORIZON

The South Carolina Board of Nursing has chosen CE Broker to implement an efficient online system that will bring simplification and automation for South Carolina nurses and their continuing competency (CC).

With the new system, South Carolina nurses can choose from a variety of account options that best suit their needs, ranging from a free basic account to a comprehensive, new concierge service that includes their own account manager. Nurses will only need to verify their name and license number to get started managing CC. In addition, a fully trained support center will be available to nurses for any questions related to CC via phone, email, or live chat.

Nurses will be able to quickly assess their CC compliance status, search for approved courses, and review course history with an easy-to-use interface. If an educational provider has not reported a CE course already, nurses can record and upload through guided workflows that ensure accurate data collection. Course completions and documentation recorded in the system are stored indefinitely, so nurses never need to worry about keeping their own physical copies or presenting them for audit.

The system offers both mobile and web applications to help nurses quickly and efficiently manage and report their CC progress. The free iPhone and Android apps provide powerful, on-the-go tools that will help nurses to stay on track, even when away from their computers. The Board will notify nurses when the system is ready for use.

An Innovative Nurse Licensure Notification System Service (www.nursys.com)

When employers want to know if a nurse’s license is about to expire, they have to look it up one time at a time. When it comes to learning about discipline status, employers must seek out this information on their own physical copies or presenting them for audit. Nurses will be able to quickly assess their CC compliance status, search for approved courses, and review course history with an easy-to-use interface. If an educational provider has not reported a CE course already, nurses can record and upload through guided workflows that ensure accurate data collection. Course completions and documentation recorded in the system are stored indefinitely, so nurses never need to worry about keeping their own physical copies or presenting them for audit. The system offers both mobile and web applications to help nurses quickly and efficiently manage and report their CC progress. The free iPhone and Android apps provide powerful, on-the-go tools that will help nurses to stay on track, even when away from their computers. The Board will notify nurses when the system is ready for use.

Not anymore. With NCSBN’s Nursys e-Notify® system, institutions can quickly and efficiently manage and report their CC processes. The free iPhone and Android apps provide powerful, on-the-go tools that will help nurses to stay on track, even when away from their computers. The Board will notify nurses when the system is ready for use.

The Board approves new position statement

At its July 28-29, 2016 meeting, the Board of Nursing approved a new position statement recommended by the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee. Position Statements can be found on the Board’s website at http://www.lrc.state.sc.us/PDL/Nursing/index.asp?file=positionstatements.htm.

A nursing assessment is the identification by a registered nurse of the needs, preferences, and abilities of a patient. A nursing assessment includes an interview with and observation of a patient by the nurse and considers the symptoms and signs of the condition, the patient’s verbal and nonverbal communication, the patient’s medical and social history, and any other information available. Among the physical aspects assessed are vital signs, skin color and condition, motor and sensory function, nutrition, rest, sleep, activity, elimination, and consciousness. Among the social and emotional factors included in an assessment are religion, occupation, attitude toward hospital and health care, mood, emotional tone, and family ties and responsibilities. Assessment is extremely important because it provides the scientific basis for a complete nursing care plan. (Mosby’s Medical Dictionary, 9th edition. © 2009, Elsevier.

The Nurse Practice Act for the South Carolina provides clear boundaries for nursing practice:

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multistate license that permits them to provide care across state borders in other states that belong to the NLC. The NLC increases access to care for millions of patients nationally. It facilitates telehealth nursing, nursing care in the event of a disaster, online nursing education and health care travel among many other types of nursing care. There are 25 member states in the NLC. The maximum benefit to belonging to the NLC will occur when all states become members. To date, many states have not joined because there is not a requirement for criminal background checks for states participating in the NLC.

Solution: The enhanced NLC (eNLC)

In 2016, State Boards of Nursing came together to discuss how more states could joint the NLC. They agreed that all states in the NLC would adopt the same requirements for a nursing license. These requirements were put into an updated version of the NLC, what is known as, “The enhanced NLC (eNLC):”

• A Modern Nurse Licensure Solution for the 21st Century
• The eNLC will further increase access to health care by allowing more states to join, continue to protect patient safety and reduce costs while supporting state-of-the-art health care delivery – for today and in the future
• The eNLC also changes the name of the “Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators” to the “Commission” and allows this body to develop administrative and procedural rules to carry out the function of the NLC. The Commission cannot change our state’s Nurse Practice Act nor change any scope of practice.
• The eNLC authorizes the Board to require multistate background checks for states participating in the eNLC.
• The eNLC grandfathers nurses who presently hold active, unencumbered multistate licenses.
• The eNLC still allows for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to have one multistate license in their home state, with the privilege to practice in other eNLC states, however, it has been updated with uniform licensure requirements that all eNLC states will adopt.
• Uniform Licensure Requirements

The eNLC contains uniform licensure requirements that include:

1. Graduation from a nursing education program approved by the State Board of Nursing.
2. Successful passage of the NCLEX licensure exam, upon initial licensure.
3. Criminal Background Checks for all applicants applying for initial licensure.
5. Applicant for licensure has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense (misdemeanors are handled by each state on a case by case basis).
6. Applicant is not currently enrolled in an alternative program.
7. Applicant has met all other home state requirements for licensure.

Adoption of the enhanced NLC (eNLC)

As of this publication, the eNLC has been adopted by the following states: Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wyoming.

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina will introduce legislation to adopt the eNLC in the 2017 Legislative Session. The effective date of the eNLC is determined by either 26 states joining the eNLC or by the date December 31, 2018. Important information to remember as South Carolina moves forward with the eNLC:

1. South Carolina is currently one of 25 states in the NLC and has been participating since 2006.
2. The eNLC is an updated version of the current NLC with the goal to have all 50 states participating.

APRN CERTIFICATION, RE-CERTIFICATION OR RENEWAL

You must notify the Board of your certification, recertification or renewal of your eNLC multistate license. These requirements for a nursing license include a valid U.S. Social Security number and a valid U.S. driver’s license.

• Are you licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)?
• Have you renewed your certification?
• Did you know the Board does not automatically receive notification you have renewed your certification?
• Did you know it is the licensee’s responsibility to provide the Board with a copy of his or her current certification/recertification?

If you have recently become certified, recertified, or renewed your certification, mail a copy of your current certification card to: LLR-Board of Nursing, Attn: Advanced Practice Licensure, P.O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211. You may also scan your document and email to NurseBoard@llr.sc.gov or send your document by fax to 803-896-4515.

REPORTING MISCONDUCT AND VIOLATIONS OF THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT

It has come to the attention of the SC Board of Nursing that there is reluctance on the part of some employers to report violations of the Nurse Practice Act by their employees. Section 40-33-111(A) of the Nurse Practice Act states that:

(A) An employer, including an agency, or supervisor of nurses, shall report any instances of the misconduct

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or the incapacies described in Section 40-53-110 to the State Board of Nursing not more than fifteen business days, excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, from the discovery of the misconduct or incapacity. A nurse or practitioner who is not licensed by the board and who fails to timely report the misconduct or incapacity shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation upon notice of a hearing.

The Board believes it is important to note there are possible sanctions for employers who fail to report misconduct or incapacities in a timely manner to the Board. It is important for the safety of the citizens of South Carolina that employers and employers of nurses adhere to the SC Nurse Practice Act.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Nomination Form for vacancies on the Advanced Practice Committee, Nursing Practice and Standards Committee and the Advisory Committee on Nursing Education is available on the Board’s website at www.llr.sc.gov/pol/nursing under Applications/Forms.

Nomination forms submitted by interested nurses will be submitted to the Board for review and official action regarding appointment/ reappointment. Committee members’ perspectives and participation are valued and necessary to conduct business and for continuity, so regular meeting attendance is very important. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on a Board committee, please submit a completed nomination form, along with a current curriculum vitae, to Nurseboard@llr.sc.gov.

Committee members are appointed for an initial term of two years with the possibility of reappointment by the Board for three years to provide for staggering of terms. Committee members are required to attend a minimum of two meetings a year.

A list of meeting dates for this year is located in this newsletter.

Advanced Practice Committee (APC)
The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) is a standing, Board-appointed committee established to review current advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) trends and practice. APC advises the Board and nursing community on the safe and competent practice of APRNs. APC meets quarterly on the first Friday in February, May, August, and November of each year. There currently is one open position for a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Representative.

Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC)
The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) assists the Board of Nursing with issues affecting nursing practice in the state. The NPSC is charged with developing and revising advisory opinions and position statements. The NPSC meets quarterly on the second Thursday in January, April, July and October each year. There are currently positions open for a Registered Nurse Long Term Care Gerontology Representative, a Registered Nurse School Nurse Representative and an LPN Representative.

Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE)
The Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) assists the Board with planning for nursing education. The ACONE meets on the third Tuesday in February, April, June, and October. It meets on the last Tuesday in August and first Tuesday in December each year. There are currently no open positions on this committee.

Expert Case Reviewers Needed
Expert Case Reviewers assist with facilitating the complete review of complaint cases before the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. The requirements and qualifications for serving are listed on the nomination form available at http://www.fr.state.sc.us/POC/Nursing/pdf/PANEL%20-%20DIRECT%20OR%20INFORMATION%20FORM.pdf

HOW CAN I CHECK A LICENSE?

To check a nursing license, you may utilize one or all of the following options:

1. SC Licensee Lookup - Go to: https://jnlco.screams.com/license/Nurse/Nurse.aspx?div=17. As you enter information, it is recommended that you enter a portion of the name only. You will be provided with the nurse’s name, city, county state, license number, license type, date issued/expired, license status, and whether the license is multi-state or single-state.

2. Nursys QuickConfirm - Go to: https://www.nursys.com/ click on QuickConfirm and follow the instructions. You will be provided with the nurse’s name, state of licensure, license type and number, license status, license expiration date and dates of any discipline. The following states participate in QuickConfirm: AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, ID, IN, IA, KY, LA, RI, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, US Virgin Islands, WA, WV-PN, WI, and WY. Go to NCBSN.org for updates as states are added.

3. Online Services - Most states have licensee lookup/licensure verification on their websites. Links to Boards of nursing can be found at www.ncbsn.org.

You may check for discipline against a South Carolina nursing license on the Board’s website at www.fr.sc.gov/pol/nursing/.

CHANGING YOUR NAME ON YOUR NURSING LICENSE

If you have had a legal name change, submit your written request, along with a copy of the legal document(s) (copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order, etc.), to LLP, P.O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211 or you can send the request and documents by fax to 803-890-4515 to the attention of Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, P.O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211. Your request will be processed within five business days of receipt in Board offices and will be reflected on Licensee Lookup within three to five business days after the change is made.

You may verify that your name change request has been processed on Licensee Lookup on the Board’s website (fr.sc.gov/pol/nursing/). When utilizing Licensee Lookup, you do not have to enter complete names. For example, “U” and “Smith” will search for records with a last name of “Smith” and a first name beginning with “U.” Refer to Section 40-33-36(B) of the Nurse Practice Act regarding statutory requirements for your name on your license. You may view the Nurse Practice Act – Chapter 33 located under Law/Policies on the Board’s website.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Section 40-33-36(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the Board within 15 days of any address change. You do not need to report an official address change to us. If you change your address and notify the Board within 15 days, your name will be updated on the Board’s website within 15 days of receipt of your written notice. You may verify that your name has been updated in one of the following ways:

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Note: Changing your address with the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA) does not change your address on your licensing records with the South Carolina State Board of Nursing.

It is important to notify the board of changes to your e-mail address as well. The Board communicates information to its licensees through e-mail as well as through the postal service. A current e-mail also facilitates access to the Board of Nursing website services.

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VISIT THE BOARD WEBSITE OFTEN
The Board recommends all nurses licensed by or working in South Carolina visit their website (llr.sc.gov/pot/nursing) at least monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure in South Carolina. The Board of Nursing Website contains the Nurse Practice Act (Chapter 33-Laws Governing Nursing in South Carolina), Regulations (Chapter 91), Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements, License Application, Continued Competency Requirements/ Criteria, Application Status, License Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other helpful information. The Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Advisory Opinions and Position Statements are located under Laws/ Policies. The Competency Requirement and Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, are located under Licensure. You will also find the Board Meeting calendar, agendas, minutes and Board Member names and the area they represent.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.

Board of Nursing Meeting Calendar for 2017
Board and Committee meeting agendas are posted on the Board’s website at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

Board of Nursing Meeting
May 18-19, 2017
July 27-28, 2017
September 28-29, 2017
November 16-17, 2017

Advanced Practice Committee
May 5, 2017
August 4, 2017
November 3, 2017

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