



Wyoming State Board of Nursing

Education Committee Charge

Structure

Members:

The Education Committee is comprised of Board members who can provide expertise in the areas of nursing education.

As such, the Committee will be comprised of at least two Board members including the Education Representative and volunteer Ad-hoc experts (as needed basis only). The Committee members and Chair are selected at the annual meeting by the WSBN President.

Attendance at the Committee will include the WSBN Practice and Education Consultant, and may include the Board Advising Attorney and the WSBN Executive Director (all in Ex-officio capacity).

Meetings:

The Committee will meet quarterly and as needed. The date/time and type of meeting (i.e. conference call, internet call or face-to-face) will be determined by the Committee members.

Scope

Purpose:

The Committee serves to guide the:

1. Education of nurses in the State of Wyoming through interpretation of the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and Administrative Rules and Regulations and through application of evidence based practice.
2. Regulation of nursing education and in the State of Wyoming through review, evaluation, prioritization and revisions to the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and assigned chapters of the Administrative Rules and Regulations, specifically, Chapter 1: General Provisions; Chapter 3: Scope and Standards of Nursing Practice and CNA Role and Chapter 6: Standards for Nursing Education Programs.

Opportunity/Problem:

The Committee recognizes that nursing education throughout the State of Wyoming is impacted by the activities of the WSBN. The Committee provides review, discussion, guidance and recommendations.

Function

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1. To develop and provide evidence based responses and guidance to nurses and educators in the practice of nursing and nursing education in Wyoming.
2. To make recommendations to the Board regarding policy, including rule making and procedures for the scope of practice and nursing education processes.

Deliverables and Measurement:

1. Education Program and Course Approvals
 - a. Initial review and recommendation for WSBN approval of nursing education programs that are requesting to be delivered in Wyoming which includes a clinical component that requiring access to patients in Wyoming.
 - b. Annual review of WSBN approved nursing education programs to include all levels of practice and certification i.e., community colleges, universities, health care institutions.
 - c. Develop policy for Board consideration regarding out-of-state and/or distance programs review and approval.
 - d. Publish list, after annual review, of WSBN approved nursing education programs and other WSBN approved curriculums, i.e. RN/LPN refresher courses CNA courses, LPN IV course, CNA II and MA-C courses.
2. Advisory Opinions
 - a. Propose and craft new Advisory Opinions as needed for Board consideration.
 - b. Annual evaluation of published Advisory Opinions which are posted to the WSBN website and are accessible by licensees, certificate holders and the public.
3. Board Rules and Regulations
 - a. Review or recommend initiation, develop and draft proposed changes to the NPA and assigned Administrative Rules and Regulations chapters.
 - b. Inform the Committee of the Whole (COW) of proposed changes of the NPA and assigned chapters.
4. Projects
 - a. Projects or data evaluation as deemed necessary for safe nursing education and the protection of the public.