



Staff Report

Date: September 16, 2026

TO: KSBN Board Members

FR: Janelle B. Martin, MHSA, RN
Nursing Education Compliance Officer

RE: September 2026 Education Staff Report

Purpose of the Agenda Item and/or the Board Action Requested:

This report is an update on the activities of the Education Compliance Officer for March 13, 2026, through Sept. 1, 2026, in support of the KSBN strategic plan. No Board action is requested at this time.

Strategic Outcome and actions to support the outcome:

Priority Objective 3 – 4 Oversee nursing education programs and continuing nursing education providers to ensure requirements in the Nurse Practice Act are met:

- **KAR 60-2-102**

- **Four completed *site surveys in the second quarter:***

- ✓ *WSU Tech College – PN reapproval survey*
 - ✓ *Mid-America College of Health Sciences – PN program – follow-up/focus survey per board action*
 - ✓ *Ottawa University – BSN program – follow up after first graduation survey*
 - ✓ *Donnelly College – nursing programs – follow-up/focus survey per board action*

- **Changes in Nursing Program and Program Administration 3/1/2026 to 9/1/2026:**

- ✓ *4/1/2026 Dodge City Community College – announced that Mechele Hailey, VP Academic Affairs will also assume responsibility as the Program Administrator for the nursing program. Nikki Debnam, MSN, RN was placed as the Interim Division Chair for nursing.*
 - ✓ *Mid-America College of Health Sciences announced a second change this year in nursing program leadership. Director Natalie Roberts-Wilner MSN/MHA, RN, Gero-BC who began 1/2/26, resigned and former Director Sue Watson, MSN, RN has been brought back as full-time Director for the PN program effective 4/26/2026.*
 - ✓ *6/4/2026 – Manhattan Area Technical College announced that Easlyn Koch, MSN, CNE, RNC-OB, RNC-MNN, C-EFM will be the new Director of Nursing for the PN and ADN programs. Easlyn has been faculty with the MATC programs prior to this appointment.*

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- ✓ 7/1/2026 – Fort Scott Community College announced a new Director of Nursing, Jodi Stewart, MSN, RN. Jodi is a FSCC nursing alumnus!
- ✓ 7/1/2026 – Southwestern College announced the retirement of Shona Turner as the Director of Nursing. Sara Denly, MSN, RN will be the new Director of Nursing.
- ✓ 7/6/2026 – Chamberlain University announced the retirement of Tona Leiker as the BSN program director of the new Chamberlain program in OP. Dr. Trisha Phipps, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE will be the new program director.
- ✓ 7/7/2026 – University of Saint Mary announced the retirement of Karen Kidder and that Dr. Christina Sirna, DNP, MSN, BS, RN will be the Interim Chair for the Nursing Division and the BSN program director.
- ✓ 9/1/2026 Flint Hills Technical College announced a new program director, Emily Dieker, MSN, APRN-CNS for the PN program.

○ **KAR 60-2-103**

- **56 Faculty Qualification Reports received in 2Q26.** Fifty-six (56) were processed and approved, 5 were incomplete and returned for additional information.
 - ✓ 43 (77%) were **initial** FQRs; Fifteen (35%) of the initials were for those on hire exceptions and degree plans, which means they did not meet regulatory requirements for faculty prior to the change in statute on 7/1/26 (K.A.R. 60-2-103). This is down from 55% for 2025 and 43% in 1Q26.
 - ✓ 13 (23%) were **updates**; 54% of updates were for those on continued hire exceptions or degree plans (same as 126); 15% were for those completing degree plans.
 - ✓ 55% were for BSN faculty (up from 35%); 25% for ADN faculty (down from 45%); 20% for PN faculty
- FQRs continue to be processed via secure email (since Sept. 2024) until new SoftDocs system is in place. No date has been set at this time for when that will be completed. Delay has been due to IT audits and cybersecurity priorities.

○ **KAR 60-2-104**

- Three Minor curriculum change requests were approved this quarter:
 - ✓ Neosho Community College
 - ✓ Washburn University
 - ✓ Fort Hays Tech|NC - Hays

Priority Objective 3 – 5 Communication provided is high quality, clear, accurate, current and includes effective methods available to give feedback to the Board:

- Submitted response and reviewed results for fifteen (15) NCSBN web surveys for Education on the following topics:
 - Clinical Placement Systems – MS BON
 - English Proficiency processes – MA BON
 - Certificates of Graduation for Licensure approval – MA BON
 - Survey costs for nursing education programs – OH BON
 - TOEFL scoring scales – WA BON
 - NP preceptorships – DE BON

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- Nursing education standards – MA BON
 - Number of approved nursing programs – OH BON
 - Out of state nursing education programs – AL BON
 - Military transition to civilian HC – VA BON
 - Student Clinical approval processes – VA BON
 - APRN fluoroscopy - LA-RN
 - Licensing APRN without graduate degree – MA BON
 - Wound care & sharp instrument debridement – MI BON
- *Education Annual Report – annual report debriefing with NCSBN*
- *The NCSBN annual core survey was completed by all 64 undergraduate programs and 18 graduate programs. Data is still in the process of being verified for reporting. Raw data is expected in-house by mid-September.*
 - *National Nursing Database on NCSBN website: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/education/national-nursing-education-database.page>*
 - *Reminder: KSBN worked with NCSBN to produce a Kansas dashboard (similar to the one just developed for the national program data). The Kansas dashboard is available on the KSBN website (2023 KS data): https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/25-KansasAggregateReport-digital_final.pdf.*
- *Other Education Activities:*
- ***LMHT task force follow up*** – *task force has not met since the changes with the KSBN Board. Plans are to re-convene this fall and discuss priorities for moving forward with a focus on regulation revision and LMHT test revision.*
 - *NCSBN Education Network monthly calls – stay connected with other state boards on education topics such as status on remote proctoring for NCLEX, Model Education Rules & Act from NCSBN, site visit guidelines, innovations in nursing education, ANCC certifications, update on the regulatory approval guidelines, and coming soon is a call regarding guidance to NRBs when legislators /policymakers want to make changes that the NRB does not feel should be made..*
 - *Attended Kansas Nurse Educator conference in Wichita, KS, July 15-16. Over 200 KS educators attended the event.*
 - *Invited to attend and participate in an event: Towards Consistency for Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals National Roundtable in Indianapolis, IN. Kansas was invited to attend after discussion regarding the current LMHT program in KS. The roundtable was convened by the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy. They will be updating the “Report on State Approaches to BH paraprofessionals” that was reviewed at the roundtable based on the feedback received during the roundtable. A final version is planned to be released by September 10th.*
 - *Attended NCSBN Annual meeting in Chicago on August 19-21. Participated in discussion with other Education consultants regarding important topics of student clinical, out of state nursing programs taking clinical spots, nursing faculty, student policies on academic dishonesty, use of AI and passing standards, regulation consistency in oversight of programs, and nursing student readiness.*

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- *Note** - assumed all responsibility for continuing education on 4/11/2026. In the ensuing time frame I can quantify the following:
 - ✓ *Long Term Providers for continuing education*
 - *Five (5) renewals and two(2) new providers – applications worked and were approved*
 - *Prepared four (4) renewal and two (2) new providers for the September board meeting*
 - ✓ *Single Provider (SP) applications – approved 12 new offerings*
 - ✓ *Individual Offering Applications (IOA) for continuing education credit*
 - *Received over 240 applications*
 - *Approved 212 applications*
 - *20 already had ANCC approval and IOA not required*
 - *8 are pending more information*
 - ✓ *100 notices for LTP annual reports and fee payments were sent in May for July 31 deadline. Follow up done in June and July for those not responding to initial email.*