Kansas State Board of Nursing Launches Online Applications

Conveniently manage your nursing licenses online

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) is pleased to announce the launch of their online Kansas Nursing License Portal. The portal is designed to give applicants the ability to apply and pay for their license(s) from the convenience of their home – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service is available for all professions except mental health technicians.

“The goal of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to provide applicants a more efficient and convenient way to apply for their license. KSBN is very proud to offer this service,” said Mary Blubaugh.

The Online Kansas Nursing License Portal ties into KSBN’s current licensing system with its partnership with Systems Automation Corporation, a state government licensing system provider. It allows the user to apply for a Kansas nursing license, verify information, and manage changes to their license electronically. Through its partnership with the Information Network of Kansas, Inc., KSBN’s online Kansas Nursing License Portal also allows applicants to securely pay for online services via electronic check or credit card.

The Board of Nursing has received several calls and emails from nurses who have received a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue. The letter is not a scam. By law a state agency is required to collect social security numbers and upon request of the director of taxation, the agency must provide to the director of taxation a listing of all licensees along with their social security number and address. The board of nursing does not provide the information unless it is requested by the Kansas Department of Revenue. If you have received a letter from the Department of Revenue, you should contact them for further information. KSA 74-139. Licensure, certification or registration by state authority; applicants requested to provide social security number. (a) In addition to any information required to be submitted to a state authority by an applicant for original licensure, certification or registration, or a renewal thereof, the applicant shall be requested to provide the social security number of such applicant. Upon request of the director of taxation, each such authority shall provide to the director of taxation a listing of all such applicants, along with such applicant's social security number and address. (b) The provisions of this section shall apply to all such applications for licensure, certification or registration, or renewal thereof, submitted after December 31, 1988.
The nursing organizations in Kansas all have collaborative communication.
• Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN)- Protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of the Citizens of Kansas through the Licensure and Regulation process. http://www.ksbn.org/
• Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL)- is to connect nursing leaders to shape the future of health care across Kansas. http://kconl.org/
• Kansas Commission for Nursing Education and Practice (KNEP)- exists to link education and service through collaboration to facilitate the effective delivery of nursing care in the changing health-care system. http://kconl.org/KNEPCommision/
• Kansas Action Coalition (KAC)- is committed to transforming healthcare across Kansas by working to implement the IOM recommendations. http://www.kansasactioncoalition.com/index.html
• **(Historical Council Information) the Council for Nursing Articulation in Kansas (CNAK)- exists to promote educational mobility for nurses in Kansas by sustaining a statewide articulation plan for basic nursing education programs.

Education Councils in Kansas- Nursing directors that meet to ensure quality education and collaboration around the state of Kansas.
• Kansas Association of Colleges of Nursing (KACN)- Bachelor’s and Graduate/ Post-Graduate Nursing Programs
• Kansas Council of Associate Degree Nursing Educators (KCADNE)- Associate Degree Nursing Programs
• Kansas Council of Practical Nursing Educators (KCPNE)- Practical Nursing Programs
• Kansas Council for Collaboration in Nursing (KCCN)- Practical Nurse/ Associate Degree/ Baccalaureate Education Councils Meet with KONL twice a year

The Organizations in Kansas for Nursing visual was developed by Kansas Commission for Nursing Education and Practice (KNEP). The purpose of developing this tool was to provide nurses, student nurses, and other interested parties a clearer understanding of how organizations in Kansas collaborate for improved health care for citizens of Kansas. The members of KNEP are:
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Kansas Commission for Nursing Education and Practice (KNEP) developed a schematic to assist nurses, nursing students, and other interested parties understand the acronyms that are utilized for nursing organizations in Kansas. In the June 2016 issue of the Kansas State Board of Nursing Newsletter, this schematic and short description of each organization is listed.
Each organization listed on the schematic has been asked to provide a more detailed description. Below each description is the name of a person involved with the organization that would be available to assist you with additional information or you may contact Brenda Moffitt, Chairperson of the Kansas Commission for Nursing Education and Practice (KNEP) at bmodfitt@mhsks.org or by phone at 785-263-2100.
Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN): KSBN is a state agency whose mission is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians. The State Board of Nursing was established in 1913 for the purpose of protecting the citizens of Kansas from the practice of nursing by unscrupulous and unqualified individuals. The agency meets the mission by licensing individuals who met specific standards and have proven their competency to practice nursing at the level for which the license is issued, approval of nursing programs and investigations of complaints received.

Professional Organizations: Belonging to a professional organization is a vital part of each nurse’s engagement and professionalism. These organizations provide nurses with resources to improve practice, knowledge, and skills. The circle was intentionally left open except for the intersections of KSBN, KONL and KNEP. There are numerous nursing and professional organizations that nurses may belong to. In fact, there were too many to list. In an effort to allow each person to decide which organization best meets their professional goals, this area is open to the decision of the nurse.

Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL): KONL is a statewide organization which strives to provide communication, networking with colleagues, resource sharing, and educational opportunities to enhance nursing leaders’ knowledge and skills. The organization is comprised of all levels of nursing leadership divided into eight districts within the state. The goal of KONL is to facilitate the professional growth and development of new and experienced nurse leaders. www.konl.org Joyce Mattison, President 785-623-5394 joyce.mattison@haysmed.com

Kansas Commission for Nursing Education and Practice (KNEP): KNEP was formed as a Task Force in 1998 with six representatives from all levels of nursing education and five members from the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders from both rural and urban Kansas settings. The number was subsequently increased to six KONL members. KNEP became a committee of KONL in 2002 and in 2007 a commission. KNEP serves as a resource for nurses in education and practice. To see these resources go to www.KONL.org/KNEPCommission. Brenda Moffitt, Chairperson, 785-263-2100 bmoffitt@mhsks.org

Kansas Action Coalition (KSAC): KSAC was founded in 2011 with a goal toward ensuring that high quality, patient-centered nursing care is available for all Kansans. The KSAC is implementing recommendations from the Institute of Medicine’s landmark report The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. Key messages from The Future of Nursing report suggest how nursing should advance nursing education, practice, and leadership to meet the needs of individuals, families, and populations in an increasingly complex and diverse healthcare environment. The KSAC’s meets its goal through the work of nurses and non-nurses on four Teams: Education, Practice, Leadership, and Advocacy. www.kansasactioncoalition.com Cynthia Teel, Co-Lead, cteel@kumc.edu

Kansas Association of Colleges of Nursing (KACN): KACN membership includes deans, directors, and chairs of bachelor’s, graduate, and post graduate nursing programs in Kansas. Membership is voluntary. The purposes of KACN are to promote baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education by maintaining a network for nurse educators in higher education programs to facilitate communication, collaboration, legislative action participation, and advocacy for quality nursing education in Kansas. Linda Adams-Wendling, Chairperson, ladamswe@emporia.edu.

Kansas Council of Associate Degree Nurse Educators (KCADNE): KCADNE is made up of nurse educators from associate degree nursing programs that are approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. The purpose of KCADNE is to enhance communication among ADN programs and with individuals and groups who influence associate degree nursing. KCADNE promotes relationships and networking with state and national nursing organizations and agencies. They monitor, initiate, promote, and respond to legislation that relates to associate degree nursing. We also promote ADN education through faculty development, scholarships, the KCADNE Fall Forum education conference, and through member representation on state-wide organizations, councils, and committees. The council meets quarterly in Topeka with dates that coincide with KSBN meetings. Bill Rhoads, Chairperson, bill@fortscott.edu.

Kansas Council of Practical Nurse Educators (KCPNE): The purpose of the organization is to promote Practical Nursing Education in Kansas among Practical Nursing programs and others who influence Practical Nursing. This includes developing liaison relationships with the Kansas State Board of Nursing and state and national nursing organizations. A major focus is monitoring and responding to related legislation as it relates to Practical Nursing. Recruitment of Practical Nursing students is important to the organization and the future of nursing in Kansas. The organization is comprised of Nurse Administrators or representatives of Practical Nursing programs in Kansas. Cynthia Jacobson, Chairperson, cjacobson@highlandcc.edu.

Kansas Council for Collaboration in Nursing (KCCN): KCCN is comprised of all the nurse educator councils. This council meets together to discuss relevant nursing issues related to education and the practice of nursing. This council meets at least twice a year with Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL).

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June 2016 CNE Committee

The June 2016 CNE Committee was called to order June 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in room 560 of the Landon State Office Building in Topeka by J. Hiner, Chair. One revision was made to the agenda, under New Business: American Nurses Credentialing Center was removed and added to agenda for September 2016. The minutes from the March 2016 meeting were approved with corrections.

M. Kidwell reported the total number of IOA’s submitted March-May, 2016 was 344, with total denied of 50. The number one reason for denial was offerings not completed within the licensee’s renewal period, the second top reason was renewal of license prior to approval of IOA. The summary of all denied IOA’s was reviewed without further discussion.

M. Kidwell reported that The Association of Preoperative Registered Nurses (AORN) LTP renewal application remains incomplete without any response from the provider. J. Hiner recommend the provider be given until September 2016 to respond, if no response a letter will be sent to the provider letting them know they are no longer meeting the requirements of an approved KSBN Long-term CNE provider.

The following Long-term Provider 5 year renewal applications were approved pending submission of missing documents:
- Fort Scott Community College
- Case Management Society of America-Kansas City
- Community Healthcare System
- AxelaCare Health Solutions

The following Long-term Provider 5 year renewal applications were approved as submitted:
- Salina Surgical Hospital
- Via Christi Hospital, Manhattan
- Blue Valley School District Student Services

The following New Long-term Provider application was approved
- Citizen Medical Center, Inc.

J. Hiner opened discussion on the next item on agenda; should recertification/renewal courses be approved for Continuing Nursing Education? Topic discussed in detail with the Committee’s final consensus being, to discuss this topic with the full Board for final determination.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

June 2016 APRN Committee

The APRN Committee met June 14, 2016 and was called to order by Carol Bragdon, PhD, APRN, Chair at 1:30 pm in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building. Minutes from March 29, 2016 were approved.

Carol Bragdon gave an update on HB2615, new section 88 that covers the Independent Practice of Midwifery and details the four areas with a normal uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery: 1) prescribe drugs and diagnostic tests, 2) performance of episiotomy or repair of a minor vaginal laceration, 3) initial care of newborn, and 4) family planning services, including treatment or referral of male partners for STD’s. Section 92 covers the application fee for licensure of $100 to the Board of Healing Arts. This will be in addition to the Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse fee that is required by the Board of Nursing. Section 94 calls for the Board of Healing Arts in consultation with the Board of Nursing to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to practice of certified nurse midwives. Section 96 states the Board of Healing Arts will be authorized to establish a Nurse Midwife Council to advise the Board of Healing Arts in carrying out the provisions of this act. This will be in addition to the Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse fee that is required by the Board of Nursing. Section 94 calls for the Board of Healing Arts in consultation with the Board of Nursing to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to practice of certified nurse midwives. Section 96 states the Board of Healing Arts will be authorized to establish a Nurse Midwife Council to advise the Board of Healing Arts in carrying out the provisions of this act. Section 97 excludes the independent practice of midwifery to perform, induce or prescribe drugs for an abortion. The bill is to become effective January 1, 2017.

It was moved to approve the following out of state schools and their courses:
- Case Western Reserve University – RNA
- Gonzaga University – Family NP
- Lehman College – Family NP
- Northwestern State University of Louisiana – Neonatal NP
- University of Colorado – Pediatric NP
- University of North Florida – Family NP
- University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse – RNA
- Vanderbilt University – Pediatric NP
- Webster University - RNA

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Investigative Committee

The Investigative Committee met on Monday June 13, 2016. The committee reviewed the quarterly KNAP audit. There were no noticeable changes in numbers or percentages from the prior audit. The committee discussed the KNAP contract provisions speaking to monitoring of out of state Kansas licensees. They then adjourned to perform their quasi-judicial function in reviewing cases.
Practice Committee

The Practice Committee met on Tuesday June 14, 2016. The committee was updated on the Joint Pain Management Committee progress. It then reviewed KSA 65-4205 and KSA 65-1117 and the requested draft language changes regarding potential submission of evidence of CNE at the time of filing a renewal application. It was recommended by the committee that this language be presented to the Board at this June meeting for consideration of statute changes. The committee also reviewed KSA 65-4209, KAR 60-7-101 and KAR 60-7-102 as part of the regular 5 year legislative review. Delegation of cannula reinsertion as part of trache care in the school setting was discussed. The committee members were in agreement that this procedure is not delegable in the school setting. The committee directed staff to look at the APRN protocol language for updating in light of the usage of web based materials.

Rex Patty updated the committee on the IV Therapy Task Force; the task force has had two meetings so far to discuss the adding of IV Therapy to the Kansas Practical Nursing programs curriculum. The request was reviewed from KHC Management, LLC, the committee moved to approve additional site location for this current IV Therapy Provider. Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.

June 2016 Education Committee

The Education Committee met June 14, 2016 and was called to order by Patsy Zeller, MSN APRN, NP-C, Chair at 8:30 a.m. in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building. The minutes from March 29, 2016 were approved. Carol Moreland, MSN, RN presented her Education Specialist report.

The site visit report from North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays’ PN Program was reviewed. It was moved to accept the site visit report for North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays’ PN program with recommendations and to reapprove the program for a period of five years.

The site visit report from North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays’ ADN Program was reviewed. It was moved to accept the site visit report for North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays’ ADN program with recommendations and to reapprove the program for a period of time consistent with national accreditation.

The site visit report from Wichita Area Technical College’s PN program was reviewed. It was moved to accept the site visit report for Wichita Area Technical College’s PN program with recommendations and to reapprove the program for a period of five years.

The following schools presented major curriculum changes:

• National American University – Overland Park BSN Program
• National American University – Wichita BSN Program
• University of Kansas DNP Program
• Hutchinson Community College ADN Program
• Washburn University Post Graduate Certificate Program

One petition for permission to test/retest was reviewed and action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.
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KNAP is a professional assistance program designed to assist all nurses and mental health technicians who have a problem or illness that has or could impair their ability to practice safely.

The Goal of KNAP
Mental and physical illness, including alcohol and other drug addiction, can potentially impair practice and health. We estimate that at any given time, approximately 10% of the population is affected. This same percentage is thought to be true of healthcare professionals. Alcohol and other drug addiction, as well as mental and physical illnesses, are treatable. KNAP works with the program participants to obtain an evaluation, treatment (if indicated), and monitoring throughout the recovery process.

Referrals
Self-referrals to the program are encouraged, but referrals may be made by a family member, a friend, employer or anyone concerned about the nurse/LMHT. Anonymous referrals are not accepted. A person may call for information or advice without giving their name, however. Referrals may be made by calling 913-236-7575.

KNAP Providers
- Confidential services to Kansas RNs, LPNs, and LMHTs experiencing problems and illnesses which could lead to impaired practice.
- Interventions, assessments, referrals for evaluation and treatment (if indicated.)
- On-going monitoring through random urine drug screens, contact with employers and monthly groups.

Causes for Concern

Job Function
- Narcotics discrepancies, e.g.: incorrect counts, alteration of narcotic containers, increased patient reports of ineffective pain control, discrepancies on records or frequent corrections of records, unusual amounts of narcotics wasted, significant variations in the quantity of narcotics ordered for technician's unit or shift.
- Fluctuations in the quality of work performance.
- Irresponsible behavior from someone previously conscientious and responsible.
- Requests to work shifts that are the least supervised.
- Inordinate interest in patients' pain control medications.

Behavior
- Increasing isolation from colleagues, friends and family and avoiding social activities.
- Complaints from others about work performance or alcohol or drug use.
- Mood swings, irritability or depression, or suicide threats or attempts, perhaps caused by accidental overdose.

Physical Symptoms
- Obvious intoxication such as swaying, staggering or slurred speech.
- Odor of alcohol on breath or the excessive use of breath-fresheners or perfume to disguise the odor of alcohol.

KNAP is supported by funds from the Board of Nursing and, in small part, by fees charged to the participants.

For further information
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## WALL CERTIFICATES

Wall Certificates suitable for framing are available through the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Certificates are available to those RNs/LPNs/LMHTs/NS/Ps/CNSs/NMWs/RNAs who hold a permanent Kansas license. To obtain a certificate, please complete the following form.

### Address Change

You can use your user ID and password to change your address on-line OR send us the change of address in writing. Please submit within 30 days of address change. You may mail your address change to Kansas State Board of Nursing, 900 SW Jackson St, Ste 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230. The Address Change form is available at [www.ksbn.org/forms](http://www.ksbn.org/forms).

If you do not have access to a computer please include the following information in your written request:

- First and Last Name (please print complete names)
- Kansas Nursing License Number(s)
- Social Security Number

Please submit order form to:

Kansas State Board of Nursing
Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051
Topeka, KS 66612-1230

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## Nursing License Renewal Schedule

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## False/Inaccurate Information

The following individuals were fined for providing false/inaccurate information in the KSBN renewal licensing process a second or subsequent time and were fined $200.00.

- Deborah Weeks
  
  #13-77399-062
  
  Sapulpa, OK 74066

- Alaina Vaughan
  
  #13-125027-062
  
  Salina, KS 67401

- Catherine Nitcher
  
  #13-68491-072
  
  Valley Center, KS 67147

- Peter Schmitt
  
  #14-121462-062
  
  Marceline, MO 64658

- Dana Hastings
  
  #14-81428-072
  
  Gardner, KS 66030

- Daniel Bass
  
  #13-124110-082
  
  Lenexa, KS 66215

- Nuria Tench
  
  #14-113442-072
  
  Lees Summit, MO 64086

- Dianne Woolsey
  
  #14-129911-091
  
  Jenks, OK 74037

- Beth Rausch
  
  #23-28807-091
  
  McPherson, KS 67460

- Dennis Keller
  
  #23-23465-011
  
  Manhattan, KS 66502

- Melissa Romanesh
  
  #13-108281-091
  
  Wichita, KS 67235

- Karen Carpenter
  
  #13-82944-091
  
  Kansas City, KS 66102

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## Unlicensed Practice

The following individuals were fined for unlicensed practice for practicing for six (6) calendar months or more in Kansas without a license, or had a second or subsequent unlicensed practice.

- Dianne Woolsey
  
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  Jenks, OK 74037

- Beth Rausch
  
  #23-28807-091
  
  McPherson, KS 67460

- Dennis Keller
  
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  Manhattan, KS 66502

- Donna Romanesh
  
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  Wichita, KS 67235

- Karen Carpenter
  
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  Kansas City, KS 66102

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### Disciplinary Cases

#### Drug & Alcohol Violation

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<td>66839</td>
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HB 2615 Amends and Creates Law Regarding the Independent Practice of Midwifery

The following information is from the Kansas Legislative Research Department 2016 Summary of Legislation on HB 2615.

Independent Practice of Midwifery Act

The bill creates the Independent Practice of Midwifery Act (Midwifery Act). Effective January 1, 2017, the Act will allow certified nurse-midwives to practice without a collaborative practice agreement with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery within a limited scope practice as set forth in the bill. The bill also prohibits nurse-midwives engaged in the independent practice of midwifery from performing or inducing abortions or from prescribing drugs for an abortion.

Definitions

The following terms will become effective January 1, 2017:
- Certified nurse-midwife to mean an individual who:
  - Is educated in the two disciplines of nursing and midwifery;
  - Is currently certified by a certifying board approved by the Board of Nursing (Board of Nursing); and
  - Is currently licensed under the Kansas Nurse Practice Act;
- Independent practice of midwifery to mean the provision of clinical services by a certified nurse-midwife without the requirement of a collaborative practice agreement with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery when such clinical services are limited to those associated with a normal, uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery, including:
  - The prescription of drugs and diagnostic tests;
- The performance of an episiotomy or a repair of a minor vaginal laceration;
- The initial care of the normal newborn, and
- Family planning services, including treatment or referral of a male partner for sexually transmitted infections;
- Professional incompetency to mean:
  - One or more instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standard of care to a degree which constitutes gross negligence, as determined by the Board of Healing Arts;
  - Repeated instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standard of care to a degree which constitutes ordinary negligence, as determined by the Board of Healing Arts; or
  - A pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to engage in the independent practice of midwifery.

Authorization and Licensure

In order to obtain authorization to engage in the independent practice of midwifery, a certified nurse-midwife shall meet the following requirements, effective January 1, 2017:
- Be licensed to practice professional nursing under the Kansas Nurse Practice Act;
- Successfully complete a course of study in nurse-midwifery in a school of nurse midwifery approved by the Board of Healing Arts;
- Successfully complete a national certification approved by the Board of Healing Arts;
- Successfully complete a refresher course if the individual has not been in active midwifery practice for five years immediately preceding the application;
- Be authorized to perform the duties of a certified nurse-midwife by the Board of Nursing;
- Be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse by the Board of Nursing; and
- Have paid all fees for licensure prescribed in the Midwifery Act

The bill specifies, effective January 1, 2017, it will be unlawful for a person to engage in the independent practice of midwifery without a collaborative practice agreement with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, unless such certified nurse-midwife holds a license from the Board of Nursing and the Board of Healing Arts.

The bill sets forth the process for obtaining a new or renewal license and the corresponding caps on the fees for such licenses, which will be effective January 1, 2017. The Board of Healing Arts is required to remit all moneys received from fees, charges, or penalties to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer is required to deposit the entire amount in the State Treasury, and 10.0 percent of each amount shall be credited to the State General Fund and the remaining balance shall be credited to the Healing Arts Fee Fund.

Effective January 1, 2017, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation is required to provide criminal history record information as requested by the Board of Healing Arts for the purpose of the determination of the initial and continuing qualifications of licensees and applicants for licensure by the Board of Healing Arts.

Rules and Regulations

The Board of Healing Arts, in consultation with the Board of Nursing, is required to promulgate rules and regulations no later than January 1, 2017, pertaining to certified nurse midwives engaging in the independent practice of midwifery and governing the ordering of tests, diagnostic services, prescribing of drugs, and referral or transfer to physicians in the event of complications or emergencies.

Statutory Oversight

Effective January 1, 2017, a certified nurse-midwife engaging in the independent practice of midwifery will be subject to the provisions of the Midwifery Act with respect to the ordering of tests, diagnostic services, and prescribing of drugs and not subject to the provisions of the statute that governs advanced practice registered nurses on those specific topics.
Standards of Care
The standards of care in the ordering of tests, diagnostics services, and the prescribing of drugs shall be those standards which protect patients and are comparable to those for persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery providing the same services.

Disciplinary Procedures
Effective January 1, 2017, the Board of Healing Arts will be allowed to deny, revoke, limit, or suspend any license or authorization issued to a certified nurse-midwife to engage in the independent practice of midwifery that is issued by the Board or will be allowed to publicly censure a licensee if an applicant or licensee is found after a hearing:
• To be guilty of fraud or deceit in practicing the independent practice of midwifery or in
or in procuring or attempting to procure a license to engage in the independent practice of midwifery;
• To have been guilty of a felony or misdemeanor involving an illegal drug offense unless the applicant or licensee establishes sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust, except that no license would be granted to a person with a felony conviction for a crime against persons as specified in Kansas law;
• To have committed an act of professional incompetence as defined above;
• To be unable to practice the healing arts with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of impairment due to physical or mental illness or condition or use of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances (provisions related to confidentiality of records related to impairment would expire on July 1, 2022, unless otherwise enacted upon by the Legislature);
• To be a person who has been adjudged in need of a guardian or conservator, or both, and who has not been restored to capacity under the Midwifery Act for obtaining a guardian or conservator;
• To be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the Board of Healing Arts;
• To have willfully or repeatedly violated the provision of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant to that Act;
• To have a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a practical nurse denied, revoked, limited, or suspended; to be publicly or privately censured; or have other disciplinary action taken against the applicant or licensee by a licensing authority of another state; or
• To have assisted suicide in violation of Kansas law.

No person shall be excused from testifying in any proceedings before the Board of Healing Arts under this act or in any civil proceedings under this act on the grounds that such testimony may incriminate the person testifying, but such testimony shall not be used against the person for the prosecution of any crime in Kansas, except perjury.

Nurse-midwives Council
The bill establishes a Nurse-midwives Council to advise the Board of Healing Arts in carrying out the provisions of the Midwifery Act. The Nurse-midwives Council consists of seven members, all residents of Kansas, appointed as follows:
• Two members licensed by the Board of Healing Arts to practice medicine and surgery and whose specialty and customary practice includes obstetrics, appointed by the Board of Healing Arts;
• The president of the Board of Healing Arts, or a Board member designated by the president; and
• Four members who are certified nurse-midwives licensed and appointed by the Board of Nursing.

If a vacancy occurs on the Nurse-midwives Council, the appointing authority of the position that has become vacant shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill the vacant position for the unexpired term, if any. Finally, the bill amends the definition of “mid-level practitioner” to include a certified nurse-midwife engaging in the independent practice of midwifery under the Midwifery Act.
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ATTENTION KANSAS NURSES

College Course are not approved Continuing Nursing Education Hours for License Renewal Unless Approved by IOA Prior to Renewal of License

College course are not approved for CNE contact hours without submission of an Individual Offering Approval (IOA) form, prior to renewal or reinstatement of license. Even with the submission of an IOA not all college courses are eligible for CNE contact hours. College courses acceptable for CNE with an IOA may include any of the following: any college courses in science, psychology, sociology, or statistics that are prerequisites for a nursing degree. Contact hours shall not be recognized by the board for any of the following: an incomplete or failed college course or any college course in literature and composition, public speaking, basic math, algebra, humanities, or other general education requirements unless the course meets the definition of CNE. Please note if you have successfully completed a college course within your renewal period and the course meets the definition of CNE, you must submit the course for official approval by IOA to the Board PRIOR to renewal of your nursing license.

The Individual Offering Approval Application (IOA) can be found on www.ksbn.org or go to: http://www.ksbn.org/ioa.pdf.

Definition of CNE: K.S.A 65-1117 (a) Continuing nursing education means learning experiences intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the registered professional and licensed practical nurse for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.

March 7, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Salina, KS
Post-Partum Depression, Psychosis, or Baby Blues?
Spon: Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Drive, PO Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901-1002. Contact: JoDee Aldridge Ball, Coordinator of Allied Health, 785-243-1435 or 1-800-729-5101 ext. 372 or 375. Fac: Jennifer Kirkwood-Mars ell, MSN, APRN, FNP-C.
Aud: RN, LPN. This class will explore the often taboo or overlooked area of post-partum mental illnesses. These different diagnoses are often ignored until tragedy strikes. This class will help nurses distinguish between the key features of each. Available treatments will be discussed and resources for both healthcare providers and the new parents will be available during this class. This will help prepare nurses to recognize and maybe prevent tragedies caused by these diagnoses through early identification of those at risk and refer for early treatment. *Cloud County Community College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Provider #L.T. 0012-0749. Fee: $89.50. Reg. by: March 3, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.

March 14, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Belleville, KS
“What do I do when my patient is not an adult?”
Pediatric Nursing Care Update.
Spon: Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Drive, PO Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901-1002. Contact: JoDee Aldridge Ball, Coordinator of Allied Health, 785-243-1435 or 1-800-729-5101 ext. 372 or 376. Fac: Terri Johnson, MSN, APRN. Aud: RN, LPN. What do I do when the mother carrying her two month old told me she was feeding him and he suddenly stopped breathing? What do I do when I see the 18 month old not responding after the mother tells me he fell from the shopping cart and landed on his head? What do I do when dad brings in his son newly diagnosed with diabetes who is flushed, sweaty, and throwing up? What do I do when the ambulance brings in the 3 year old who was hit by a car as she ran into the street after her ball? This program will discuss what and how to assess, how to treat, and how to evaluate response to treatment of infants and children in common critical situations. *Cloud County Community College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Provider #L.T. 0012-0749. Fee: $89.50. Reg. by: March 10, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.

March 23, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Salina, KS
Parish Nursing: A Health Ministry.
Spon: Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Drive, PO Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901-1002. Contact: JoDee Aldridge Ball, Coordinator of Allied Health, 785-243-1435 or 1-800-729-5101 ext. 372 or 375. Fac: JoVeta Wescott, RN, MSHA, PCSG, Faith Community Nurse. Aud: RN, LPN. Learn the history and basics of this wholistic (body, mind, spirit) nursing specialty that occurs in our faith communities. Our primary purpose is the intentional care of the person’s spirit. There are parish nurses in every state and many foreign countries. We will discuss some of my ministry experiences in parish nursing in Australia and Pakistan where I introduced parish nursing to them. *Cloud County Community College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Provider #L.T. 0012-0749. Fee: $89.50. Reg. by: March 21, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.

March 25, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Salina, KS
Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Spon: Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Drive, PO Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901-1002. Contact: JoDee Aldridge Ball, Coordinator of Allied Health, 785-243-1435 or 1-800-

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REGION 5

April 26, 2017, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wichita, KS

REGION 9

March 9, 2017, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Newton, KS
Breastfeeding 2017. Spon: Kansas La Leche League, 2700 Jester Creek Rd, Sedgwick, KS 67135. Contact: Theresa Weigel, theresa.weigel@gmail.com, 785-643-1800. Fac: Alison Stuebe, MD, MSc, FACOG. Aud: RN, APRN, LPN, all settings. Topics will include: Establishing the 4th Trimester; Breastfeeding and postpartum depression; Does breastfeeding prevent metabolic syndrome, or does metabolic syndrome prevent breastfeeding?; Building a breastfeeding culture. Fee: $110.00. Reg. by: March 22, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.

March 9, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Clay Center, KS
Weight Loss...Naturally! Spon: Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Drive, PO Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901-1002. Contact: JoDee Aldridge Ball, Coordinator of Allied Health, 785-243-1435 or 1-800-729-5101 ext. 372 or ext. 375. Fac: Beth Whisler, MA. Aud: RN, LPN. This workshop will explore all facets of Autism. New research and treatments will be discussed and studied so that participants can be exposed to the new and exciting developments. The importance of early diagnosis and beginning of treatment will be emphasized.*Cloud County Community College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Provider #L.T. 0012-0749. Fee: $89.50. Reg. by: March 7, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.

STATEWIDE

March 10, 2017, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Newton, KS
Breastfeeding 2017. Spon: Kansas La Leche League, 2700 Jester Creek Rd, Sedgwick, KS 67135. Contact: Theresa Weigel, theresa.weigel@gmail.com, 785-643-1800. Fac: Alison Stuebe, MD, MSc, FACOG. Aud: RN, APRN, LPN, all settings. Topics will include: Establishing the 4th Trimester; Breastfeeding and postpartum depression; Does breastfeeding prevent metabolic syndrome, or does metabolic syndrome prevent breastfeeding?; Building a breastfeeding culture. Fee: $110.00. Reg. by: March 22, 2017. Contact Hours: 8.
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by: March 6, 2017, walk-ins welcome. Contact Hours: Applications pending for CEUs. Check registration at KansasLL.org after January 2, 2017. KSBN approved provider statement: Continuing Education credits will be applied for through the KS State Board of Nursing, KS Department for Aging and Disability Services, and International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

April 4 & 5, 2017, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm both days, Wichita, KS
APHON (Pediatric) Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Class. Sponsor: Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67214. Contact: Linda Long, 316-962-3080 Fac: Courtney Friesen, APRN, FNP-C, CPHON. Aud: RNs with minimum of 6 months experience in Oncology. Provides knowledge base and key principles to safely and competently administer chemotherapy and biotherapy to children and adolescents. The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. California BRN Provider # CEP 14513. Fee: $200.00. Reg by: March 3, 2017. Contact Hours: 13.75.

April 26, 2017, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wichita, KS

HOME STUDY

Healthy, Holistic Weight Management Strategies. Sponsor: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Judi Gyalay, PhD, L.C.S.W., RN. Aud: All levels of nursing. This course will provide strategies needed to manage your time effectively and wisely. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $100.00. Contact Hours: 10.5.

About Time: Getting the Right Things Done. Sponsor: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Judy Zinn, ACSW. Aud: All levels of nursing. Time is our most precious resource, this course will provide strategies needed to manage your time effectively and wisely. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $40.00. Contact Hours: 3.6.

The Truth About Antacids. Sponsor: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Lisa Everett, RPh., FACA, CCN. Aud: All levels of nursing. Learn the truth about one of the most common complaints, acid reflux or GERD, and what is the correct course of action to get permanent relief. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for

The Pathway of Grief: Terminal Diagnoses Through Bereavement. Sponsor: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Jody Gyalay, PhD, L.C.S.W., RN. Aud: All levels of nursing. This course will provide strategies needed to manage your time effectively and wisely. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $70.00. Contact Hours: 7.5.
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Assertiveness: New Perspectives. Spon: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Judy Zinn, AC|SW. Aud: All levels of nursing. This course will provide strategies needed to assertively manage challenging communication issues with patients, physicians and other members of the health care treatment team. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $15.00. Contact Hours: 1.0.

Patient Compliance: A New Look. Spon: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Judy Zinn, AC|SW. Aud: All levels of nursing. This course will provide information needed to prevent and manage non-compliant patient behavior. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $40.00. Contact Hours: 3.3.

Conflict Management: Skills for Uncertain Times. Spon: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Judy Zinn, AC|SW. Aud: All levels of nursing. This course will provide strategies needed to manage conflict with patients, physicians and allied health professionals. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $35.00. Contact Hours: 2.4.

The Holistic Art of Self-Health. Spon: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Carol LaRue, OTR/L. Aud: All levels of nursing. This unique course will help you expand personally and professionally, you will increase your knowledge and awareness of the imbalances of illness and disease while learning practical applications and activities to nurture the seven dimensions of well being and recognize the connection between mind, body and spirit. This course is available on-line or by textbook. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $65.00. Contact Hours: 6.0.

Tick-Borne Diseases in the United States. Spon: Professional Continuing Education, Inc., PO Box 8528, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Contact: Ruthanne Schroeder at Ruthanne@healthcare-pce.com, 913-341-5627, fax 866-381-0345. Fac: Christine Kerns, BA, RN. The incidence of Tick-Borne Disease has skyrocketed, learn the reasons for this increase and the identifying signs and symptoms and treatment approaches. Professional Continuing Education, Inc., is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0053-0949. Fee: $25.00. Contact Hours: 2.0.