

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**

April 29, 2025
TEAMS Meeting
1210 Northland Avenue #120

Members Present: Lynette How, Summer Hagy, Jessica Mieke, Tracy Sonterre-Rieger via TEAMS Meeting

Members Absent: JaCinda Downs

Staff present: Deb Schuhmacher and Melissa Wolfe via TEAMS Meeting

Call to order: by Lynette How

Approval of Agenda

Motion by J. Mieke; seconded by T. Sonterre-Rieger. All approved.

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the January 2, 2025, meeting minutes: J. Mieke made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by T. Sonterre-Rieger. All approved.

Motion passed

Revisit MN Statute 148.271 Exemption for nursing students

- Nursing students practicing under supervision of instructor

MN Statute 148.271 (7) *Professional or practical nursing practice by a student practicing under the supervision of an instructor while the student is enrolled in a nursing program approved by the board under section 148.251.*

Discussion on what Statute states that nursing student needs to be enrolled in a nursing program and have supervision of an instructor as this relates to internships for students. Internships may vary in school course progression; schools may not have an internship course throughout the year. Look to both Board Statute and Accrediting Body Standards for meeting their requirements. Stay in conversation to differentiate internship and preceptor requirements.

Informational

Discuss Action Plan for 2025-2027 (align with Board Strategic Plan)

Board Strategic Plan is currently under development, decision to revisit action plan for Education Committee once Strategic Plan is developed.

Informational

Discuss Awards for Nursing Schools

Discussion on how to fairly and equitably recognize the good work in nursing schools. NCLEX pass rates is a factor of success and a great idea to recognize, yet what might be barriers and/or implicit bias in this one factor of success? Decision to consider other options for recognition to schools with 100% NCLEX first time pass rates.

Informational

Review Letter of Interest (LOI) for pre-licensure BSN program

Discussion on Phase I of proposal to initiate a pre-licensure BSN program with LOI.

Approval of LOI for pre-licensure BSN program: T. Sonterre-Rieger made the motion to accept the LOI; seconded by S. Hagy.

Motion passed

Determine Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee decided to meet every-other-month, opposite of Board meeting months: January, March, May, July, September, November. Will schedule for one month at a time to find a time that works for everyone, starting in July 2025. Committee will meet as needed beyond this regular schedule.

Informational

Presentation of Occupational English Test (OET) Center

- Guest: Joy Ingwerson, Subject Matter Expert and Consultant

Presentation: The Occupational English Test (OET) is the only globally accepted English language proficiency test that is specific to healthcare, covering 12 healthcare professions. The **unique focus** on use of English **in healthcare scenarios** engages candidates significantly more than general English tests designed for academic purposes such as college admission. The candidate is better prepared for the workplace by developing language skills that support patient safety and interprofessional communication. The test was commissioned by the Australian Federal Government in the late 1980s, driven by a recognition of the unique importance of relevant communication skills in the healthcare sector. The test is accepted by all the major worldwide nursing regulators in UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and in the US is accepted by HRSA, CGFNS, Josef Silny, IEE and by over 40 US state boards of nursing for healthcare worker certification and licensure.

Discussion with Recommendation of OET for Board approval: T. Sonterre-Rieger made the motion to recommend OET; seconded by S. Hagy.

Motion passed

Next meeting: July, 2025, date to be scheduled

Recorder: D. Schuhmacher