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DATE	May 21, 2021
TO	Board Members
FROM	Marie Cordeiro, MN, RN Supervising Nursing Education Consultant (SNEC)
SUBJECT	Education Division Report

COVID-19 Pandemic

The Nursing Education Consultants (NEC’s) are back on the road conducting much needed site visits. Only the fully vaccinated NEC’s are making visits.

Programs continue to be challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some programs can return to clinical sites, while others express concerns about the lack of clinical sites to provide hands on learning for students. The NECs continue to receive temporary clinical/skills virtual online and live laboratory simulation plans from program directors for approval to accomplish the program’s clinical/skills objectives.

Issues and Challenges During the Pandemic:

- Lack of clinical sites for students
- Lack of or insufficient PPE for all students
- Difficulty transitioning to an online format due to students’ lack of computer skills, lack of access to a home computer or insufficient internet bandwidth
- Lack of training and support for faculty to teach online
- Concerns by faculty in maintaining online integrity
- Students fear of contacting COVID-19 if they are allowed back into the clinical sites
- Household disruptions with childcare, family and work obligations while trying to complete online program requirements for both students and faculty
- Dissatisfaction of students and faculty in an online learning environment versus in person

- Students reporting lack of consistent or any communication from programs regarding the pandemic plans
- Delays with program completion and the financial implications
- Requests from programs for approval to offer students up to 100 percent simulation, with little or no hands-on patient care throughout the entire program

The NECs spend up to 80 percent of their day reviewing clinical simulation plans and fielding questions and concerns from program directors, instructors, students, and stakeholders. This creates a backlog in relationship to curriculum reviews/approvals, routine Board reports, review of documents submitted by approved and proposed programs and analysis of faculty and facility applications.

Proposed Program Backlog

We developed and implemented a plan to clear this backlog. There were 60 programs on the list with 11 assigned to NECs on May 3rd. All the programs have been vetted to assess readiness to be assigned to an NEC, edited and changed any contact information and inquired as to their continued interest in pursuing a new program.

Staff Updates

Retired Annuitant, Timothy Matsumoto retired on Friday, March 26th. We wish Tim all the best in his second retirement from state service.

Staff Training

On March 11 the NECs attended the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) virtual Education Day.

Directors Forum

The Directors' Forum on March 2 and March 3 via WebEx was a success, and . 108 program directors attended. Eighty eight percent of the attendees found the content to be extremely helpful and relevant. The majority preferred the online format while a small percent preferred the in-person format. The program directors provided many future topic suggestions for our next forum.

Nursing Simulation Information Forum

On February 17, we conducted a forum to introduce the various types of simulation available. Vendors and program directors provided an overview of simulation and how it is being implemented.

Updating Forms

The NEC's are close to finishing updating all Education Division forms, policies and procedures, prior to converting them to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) format. The forms will also be made PDF-fillable as a courtesy to the programs.



Education Division Statistical Data

January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021

Executive Summary

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Approved Active Programs - VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	123	128	131	132
Feb	124	128	126	132
Mar	126	130	127	132
Apr		129	126	129
May		129	127	129
June		125	120	129
Jul		124	130	129
Aug		122	129	128
Sep		125	129	128
Oct		123	129	128
Nov		123	130	127
Dec		123	129	127

Approved Active Programs - PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	12	13	13	12
Feb	12	13	13	12
Mar	12	13	13	12
Apr		13	14	13
May		14	12	13
June		12	12	13
Jul		12	13	13
Aug		12	13	13
Sep		12	13	13
Oct		12	13	13
Nov		12	13	13
Dec		12	13	13

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Provisionally Approved Active Programs - VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	14	11	10	11
Feb	14	10	13	11
Mar	12	10	13	11
Apr		13	13	11
May		13	9	11
June		12	7	11
Jul		12	8	11
Aug		14	9	13
Sep		14	16	13
Oct		13	9	13
Nov		14	9	14
Dec		14	11	14

Provisionally Approved Active Programs - PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	1	1	1	1
Feb	1	1	1	1
Mar	1	1	1	1
Apr		2	1	1
May		2	1	1
June		1	1	1
Jul		1	1	1
Aug		1	1	1
Sep		1	1	1
Oct		1	1	1
Nov		1	1	1
Dec		1	1	1

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Assigned Proposed Programs - VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	20	11	22
Feb	9	19	11	22
Mar	9	17	10	22
Apr		16	13	21
May		16	13	24
June		16	20	24
Jul		16	22	24
Aug		14	21	24
Sep		17	21	24
Oct		14	22	12
Nov		13	21	11
Dec		13	20	15

Assigned Proposed Programs - PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	0	1	0	1
Feb	0	0	0	1
Mar	0	0	0	1
Apr		0	0	1
May		0	0	1
June		0	0	1
Jul		0	2	1
Aug		0	1	1
Sep		2	1	1
Oct		0	1	0
Nov		0	1	0
Dec		0	1	0

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Unassigned Proposed Programs - VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	43	33	32	27
Feb	52	32	32	27
Mar	57	32	32	27
Apr		33	24	28
May		34	24	28
June		35	24	28
Jul		35	24	28
Aug		37	27	28
Sep		38	29	28
Oct		41	31	19
Nov		41	33	20
Dec		41	33	22

Unassigned Proposed Programs - PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	2	1	2	0
Feb	2	1	2	0
Mar	3	1	2	0
Apr		1	1	1
May		1	1	1
June		1	1	1
Jul		1	1	1
Aug		1	1	1
Sep		1	1	1
Oct		1	1	2
Nov		1	1	2
Dec		1	1	2

**These eight categories are captured on a monthly basis and do not accumulate into yearly totals.

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Complaints Received Regarding Approved Programs

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	5	7	11
Feb	16	8	10	7
Mar	10	7	8	7
Apr		2	9	7
May		16	7	5
June		1	5	5
Jul		10	3	4
Aug		10	5	5
Sep		7	6	6
Oct		10	19	8
Nov		12	16	6
Dec		7	9	10
Total	36	95	104	81

Change Requests from Programs (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	784	460	341	375
Feb	532	425	286	126
Mar	644	548	295	126
Apr		632	253	126
May		556	302	170
June		545	418	171
Jul		614	470	171
Aug		581	435	275
Sep		496	461	276
Oct		610	453	333
Nov		523	488	206
Dec		610	426	271
Total	1,960	6,600	4,628	2,626

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Faculty Approval Applications (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	219	196	174	286
Feb	218	197	123	122
Mar	309	119	160	122
Apr		88	203	122
May		100	196	228
June		202	155	229
Jul		287	232	128
Aug		247	218	196
Sep		242	183	196
Oct		243	205	222
Nov		227	184	176
Dec		213	208	173
Total	746	2,361	2,241	2,200

Facility Approval Applications (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	183	280	141	228
Feb	286	171	147	111
Mar	480	178	162	111
Apr		31	157	112
May		69	232	96
June		212	216	97
Jul		266	155	97
Aug		341	150	181
Sep		314	165	182
Oct		333	190	146
Nov		302	199	125
Dec		250	208	109
Total	949	2,747	2,122	1,595

Reports for Executive Officer Review

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	20	19	26
Feb	6	15	9	15
Mar	5	11	13	15
Apr		5	14	15
May		15	15	13
June		12	15	13
Jul		20	13	13
Aug		8	16	16
Sep		13	17	16
Oct		20	10	13
Nov		6	11	9
Dec		11	10	13
Total	21	156	162	177

Reports for Board Meetings

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	9	8	7	8
Feb	8	9	10	2
Mar	1	6	6	2
Apr		8	5	3
May		9	11	3
June		4	8	3
Jul		9	10	3
Aug		10	8	4
Sep		4	6	4
Oct		8	6	10
Nov		8	6	7
Dec		8	5	6
Total	18	91	88	55

Inspections: Onsite

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
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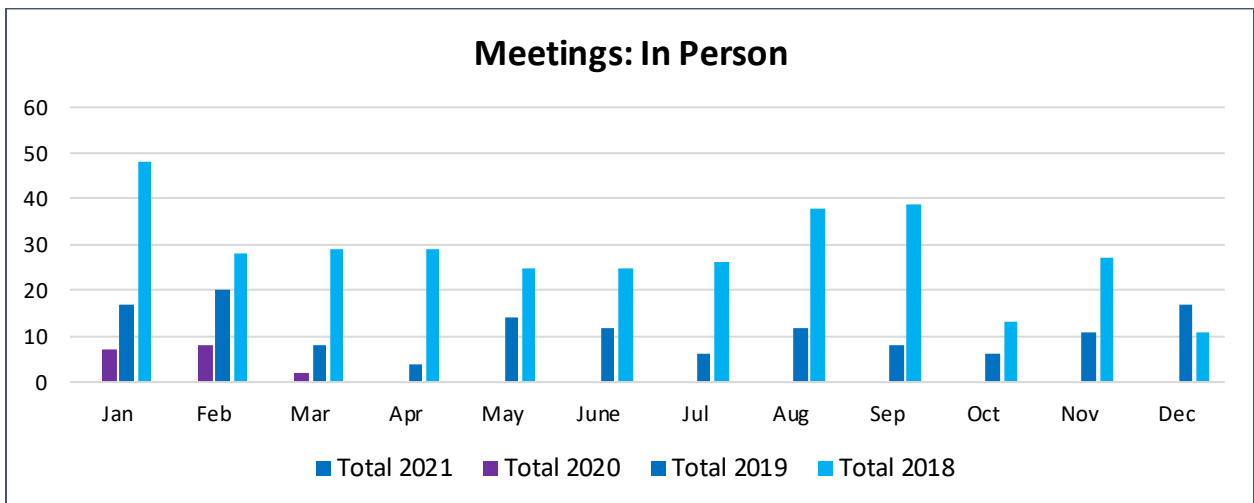
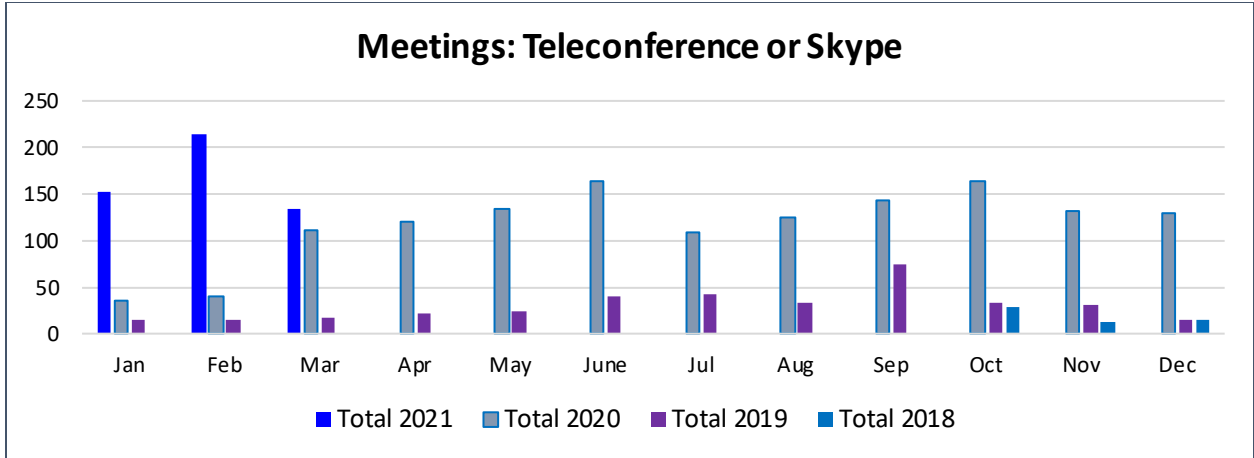
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Jan	1	4	6	6
Feb	1	3	1	3
Mar	1	2	4	4
Apr		0	5	4
May		0	4	1
June		0	3	2
Jul		1	4	2
Aug		1	4	3
Sep		1	3	3
Oct		0	4	6
Nov		0	3	4
Dec		0	4	1
Total	3	12	45	39

Inspections: Program Record Surveys completed

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	7	11	7	8
Feb	5	3	3	4
Mar	5	7	3	5
Apr		7	5	5
May		1	6	3
June		1	6	3
Jul		5	3	3
Aug		3	1	6
Sep		1	8	7
Oct		3	6	6
Nov		3	9	2
Dec		7	2	6
Total	17	52	59	58

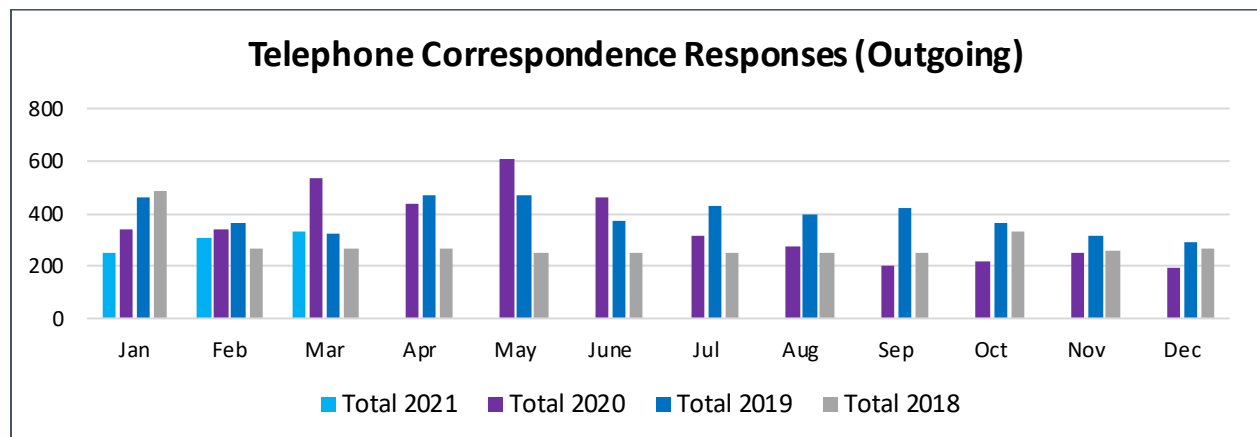
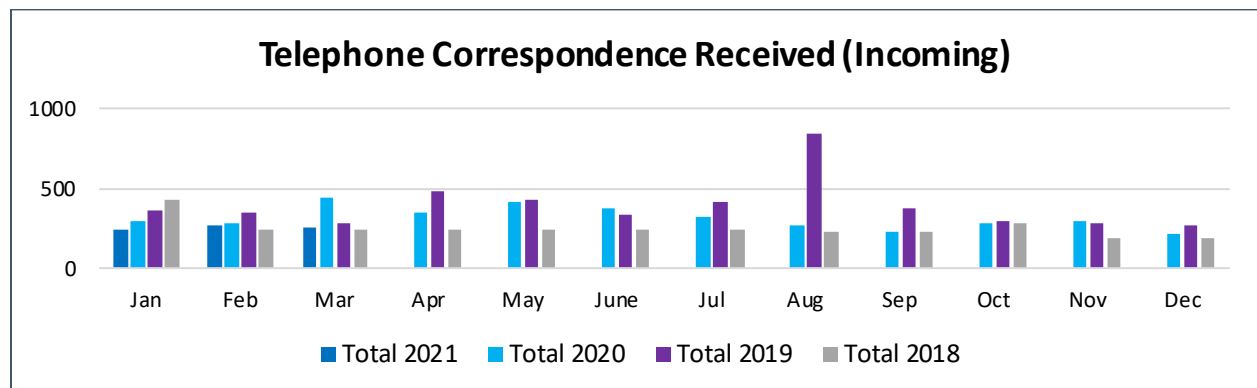
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Written Correspondence Received (Incoming)

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Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	3,655	2,729	1,407	2,509
Feb	4,393	2,593	1,338	1,465
Mar	3,737	3,717	989	1,465
Apr		3,328	1,129	1,466
May		3,322	1,353	1,317
June		2,588	1,496	1,318
Jul		2,518	2,015	1,317
Aug		2,688	1,918	1,444
Sep		2,514	2,377	1,445
Oct		2,875	1,984	1,359
Nov		2,690	1,827	1,244
Dec		2,741	1,684	1,212
Total	11,785	34,303	19,517	17,561



Scope of Practice Questions

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	67	90	62	143
Feb	110	78	62	81
Mar	92	90	133	81
Apr		74	138	81
May		95	139	82
June		96	115	83
Jul		96	66	83
Aug		60	104	96
Sep		78	89	96
Oct		51	111	85
Nov		61	101	52
Dec		63	80	35
Total	269	932	1,200	998

Psychiatric Technician Examination Development Session Preparation

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	0	10	20	5
Feb	0	19	10	1
Mar	0	1	8	0
Apr		2	16	0
May		2	0	1
June		0	1	0
Jul		0	9	1
Aug		0	6	11
Sep		0	6	11
Oct		0	12	0
Nov		0	0	0
Dec		0	12	4
Total	-	34	100	34

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Course Certification and CE Provider Applications

EDUCATION DIVISION STATISTICAL DATA

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	34	22	27	42
Feb	39	18	10	30
Mar	24	12	6	31
Apr		10	9	31
May		10	5	17
June		27	5	18
Jul		22	44	17
Aug		19	8	32
Sep		42	21	32
Oct		55	12	26
Nov		39	19	12
Dec		40	25	4
Total	97	316	191	292

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Approved License Certifications Issued in Breeze

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	269	353	362	244
Feb	297	295	309	270
Mar	313	375	274	530
Apr		248	370	447
May		155	254	370
June		254	335	510
Jul		368	519	353
Aug		380	557	508
Sep		434	185	617
Oct		462	507	285
Nov		313	306	325
Dec		421	574	414
Total	879	4,058	4,552	4,873

*Education Division team assumed responsibility for IV/BW certifications in March 2019