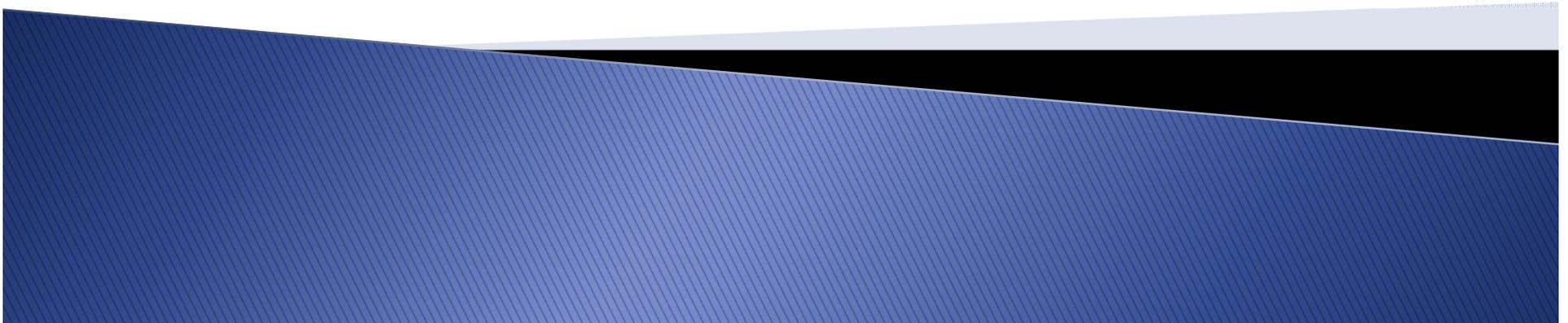


Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

**Licensing Division Update
February 26, 2014**



Outline

- Overview of Licensing Process
- Licensing Division's Workload



Overview of Licensing Process

- Ensure the licensure of safe and competent practitioners by establishing minimum entry-level requirements for licensure
- Responsible for examination and licensure of over 6,000 vocational nurses (VN) applicants and 400 psychiatric technicians (PT) applicants annually.
- Responsible for processing approximately 16,000 VN examination applications and 750 PT examination applications annually.
- Contracts with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to administer the NCLEX®-PN licensure examination to approximately 12,000 VN applicants annually at over 200 test centers nationwide.
- Develops and contracts with Psychological Services Inc. (PSI) to administer a year-round examination to approximately 1,000 PT applicants annually at 24 test centers. There is no national licensure examination for PTs.
- The average processing time for VN applications is 8-10 weeks and PT applications is 4-6 weeks.

Overview of Licensing Process

Vocational Nurse Qualification Methods

Five methods to qualify for licensure as a VN in California:

- Graduate from a Vocational Nursing Program approved by the Board.
- Graduate from an approved Out-of-State School of Practical/Vocational Nursing.
- Equivalent Education and/or Experience – Requires 51 months of paid bedside nursing experience in an acute care facility, verification of skill competency and 54-theory hours of pharmacology. Formal nursing education may be used in lieu of paid bedside nursing experience.

Overview of Licensing Process

Vocational Nurse Qualification Methods (Continued)

- Equivalent Military Education and Experience – Requires no less than twelve months of active duty bedside patient care on a hospital ward, completion of the basic course of instruction in nursing while in the armed forces and proof that service has been honorable.
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse in Another State – Requires possession of a valid, unrevoked license as a vocational nurse or practical nurse issued by another state or territory of the United States and successful completion of the NCLEX®-PN or National League for Nursing State Board Test Pool Exam for Practical Nurses.

Overview of Licensing Process

Psychiatric Technician Qualification Methods

Three methods to qualify for licensure as a psychiatric technician in California:

- Graduate from a Psychiatric Technician program approved by the Board.
- Equivalent Education and/or Experience – Completion of 576 hours of theory and 954 hours of supervised clinical experience within ten years prior to the date of application. Hours must include:
 - Pharmacology.
 - Nursing science.
 - Mental disorders.
 - Developmental disabilities.

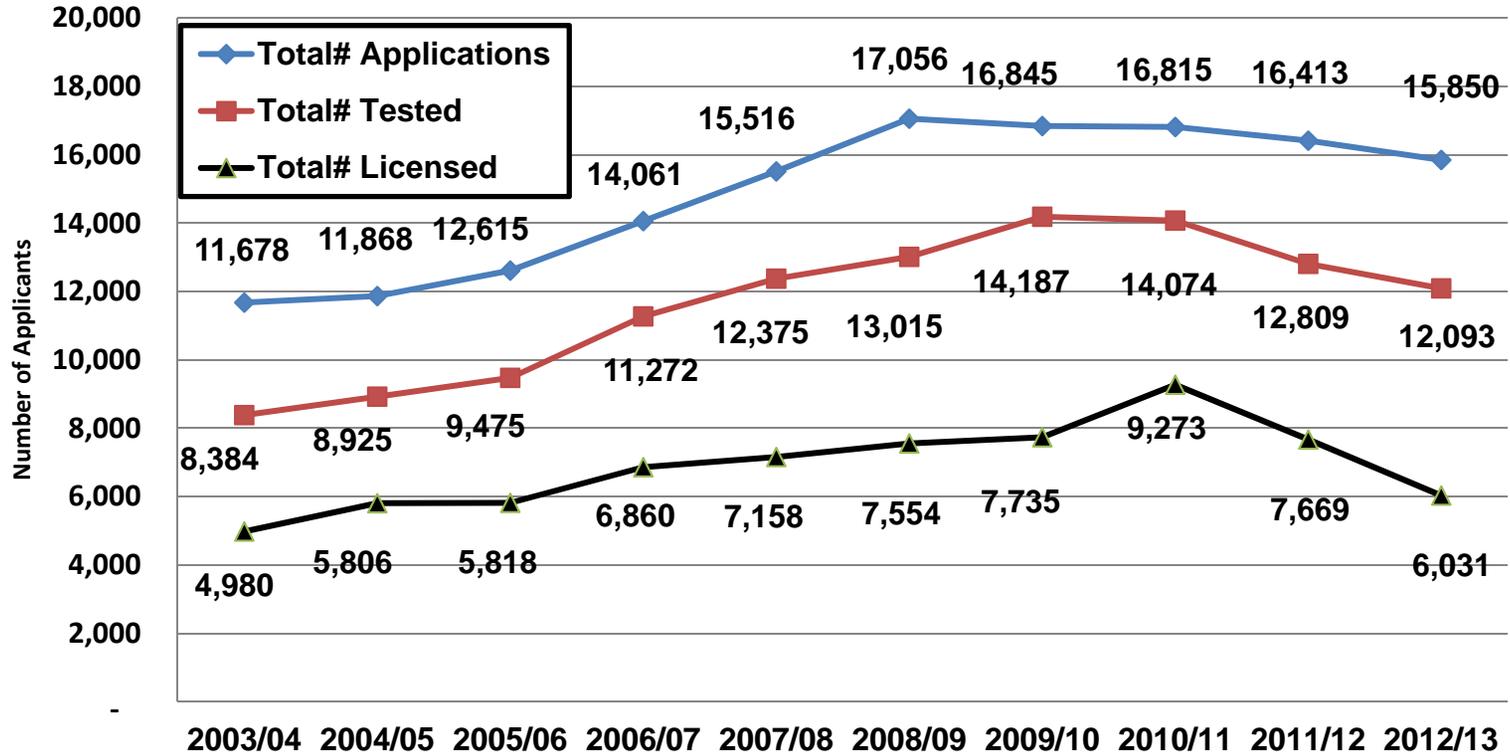
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Psychiatric Technician Qualification Methods (Continued)

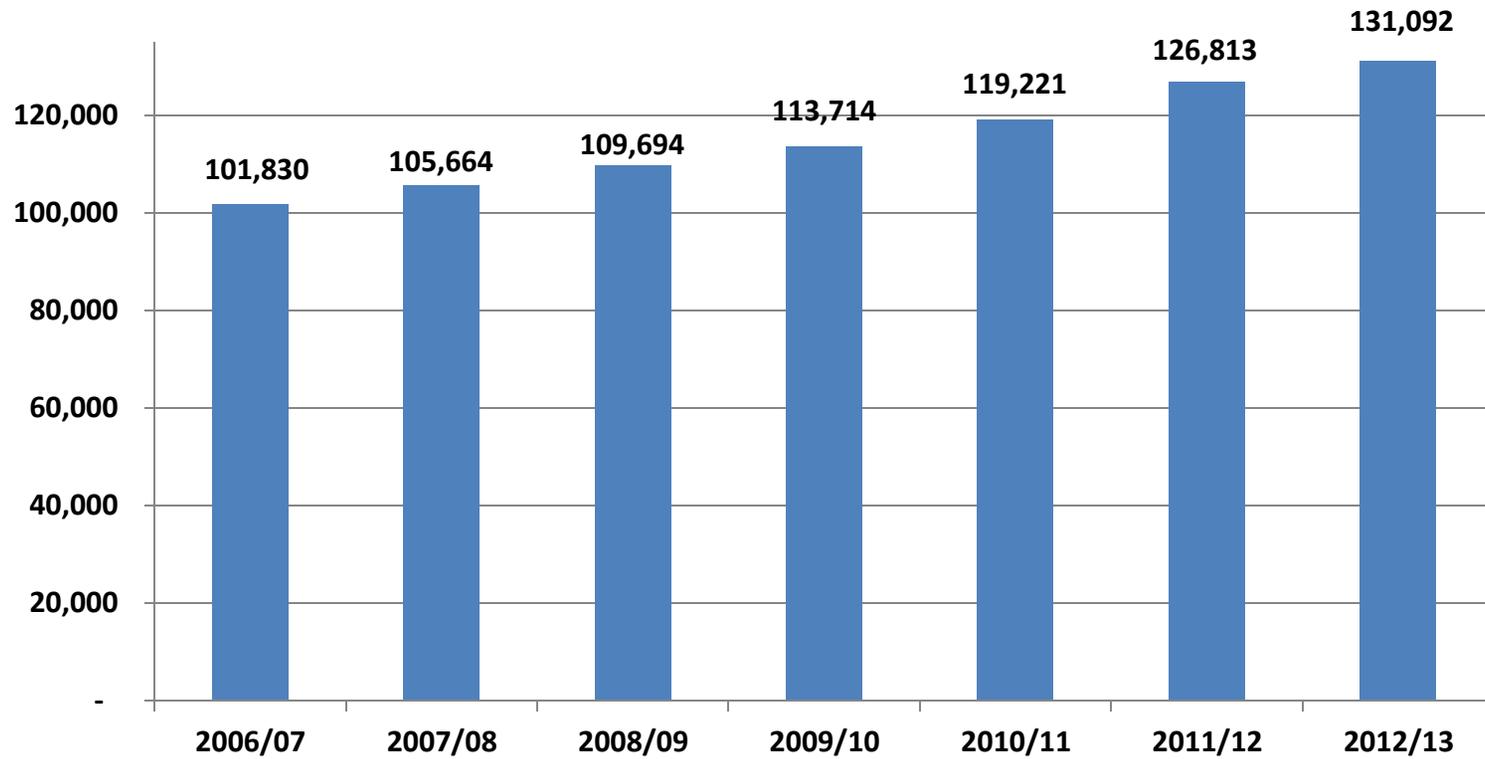
- Equivalent Military Education and Experience – The following requirements must be met:
 - Completion of an armed forces course involving Neuropsychiatric Nursing and an armed forces or civilian course from an approved school in the care of the developmentally disabled client.
 - Completion of at least one year of verified full time work experience, including at least six months in a military clinical facility rendering bedside care to clients with mental disorders and at least six months in a military or civilian clinical facility rendering bedside care to clients with developmental disabilities.

Number of VN Exam Applications Received, Tested & Licensed Annually

36% Increase in Exam Applications since FY 2003/04

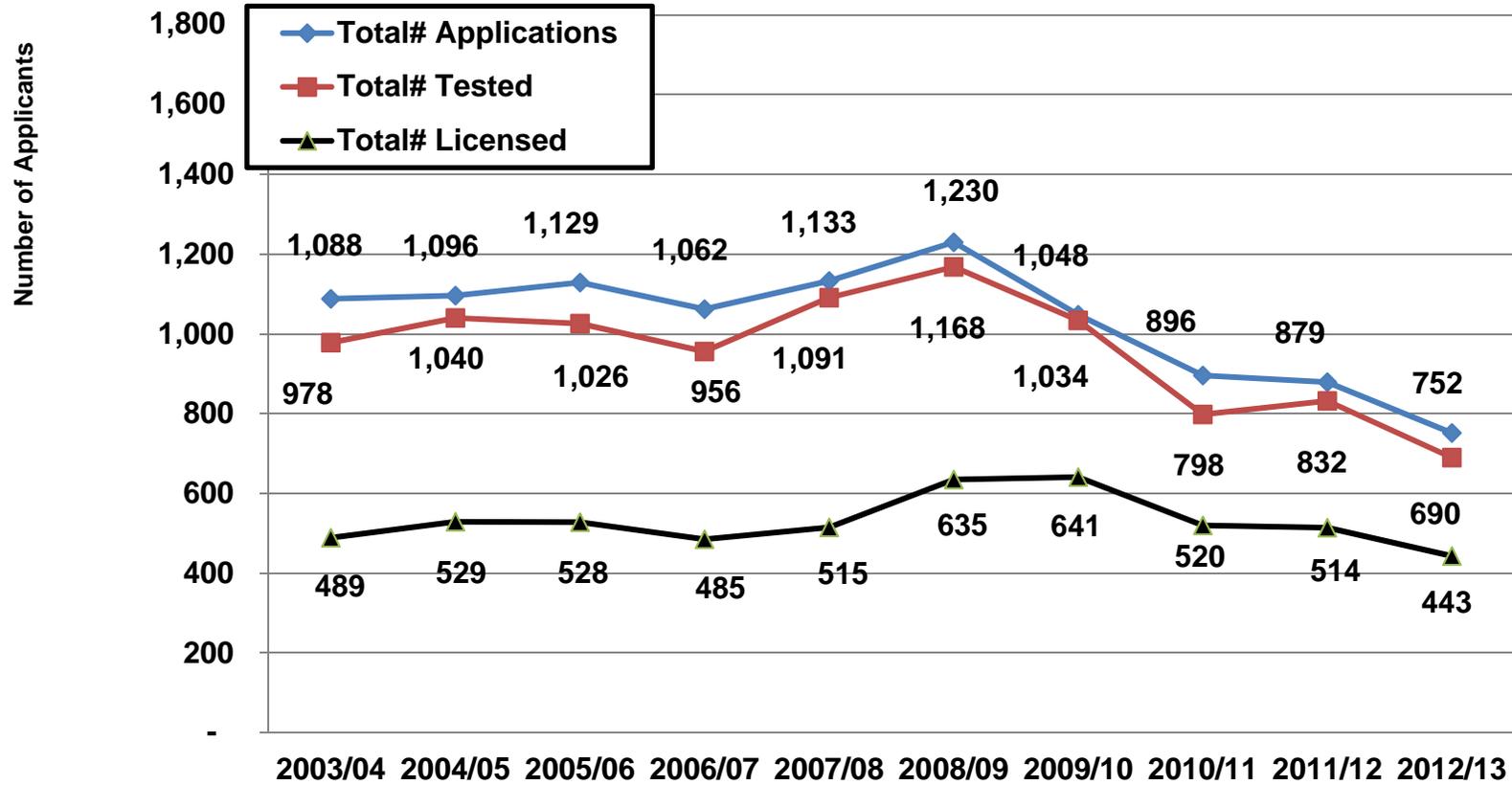


Total# of VN Licensees 29 % Increase in Licensees since FY 2006/07

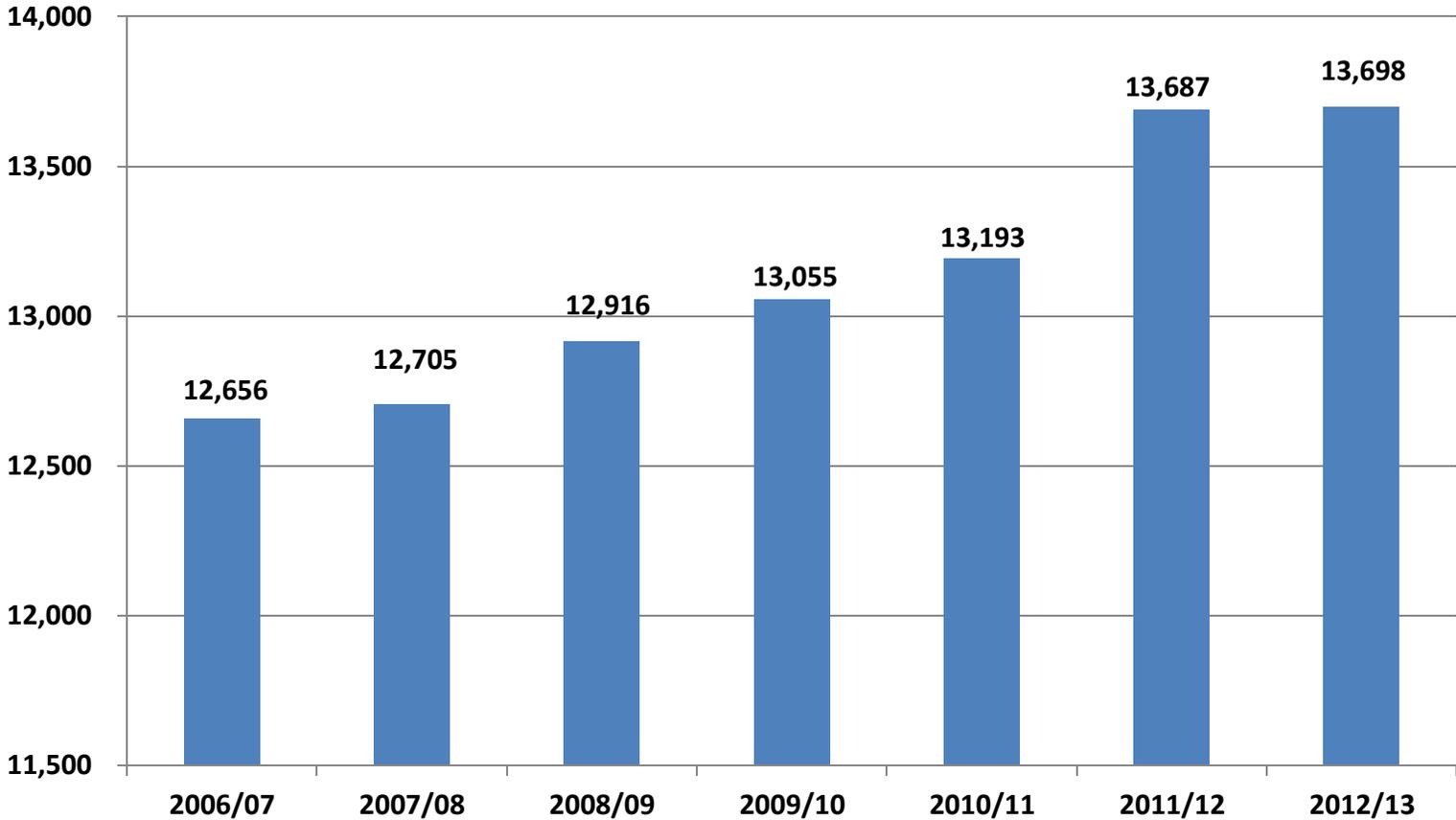


Number of PT Exam Applications Received, Tested & Licensed Annually

31% Decrease in Exam Applications since FY 2003/04



Total# of PT Licensees
8% Increase in Licensees since FY 2006/07



- VN Examination Statistics: Calendar Year 2013 (1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013)

VN Applicants	VN Applicants Tested	#Pass	%Pass	#Fail	%Fail
First-Time Applicants	8,185	5,943	73%	2,242	27%
Repeat Applicants	3,859	960	25%	2,899	75%
Overall Totals:	12,044	6,903	57%	5,141	43%

- PT Examination Statistics: Calendar Year 2013 (1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013)

PT Applicants	PT Applicants Tested	#Pass	%Pass	#Fail	%Fail
First-Time Applicants	483	413	86%	70	14%
Repeat Applicants	180	55	31%	125	69%
Overall Totals:	663	468	71%	195	29%

Table #14: Licensing Workload	VN Program		PT Program	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Public Counter Inquiries	2,418	5,185	509	382
Applications Evaluated and Processed	18,494	16,997	861	588
Applicants Approved to Test	6,054	6,742	227	241
Applicants Tested	12,833	12,059	784	664
Out-of-State License Applications Processed	562	514	0	0
Interim Permits Issued	0	13	0	0
Temporary Licenses Issued	552	568	31	72
Initial Licenses Issued	7,728	6,404	501	455
Licenses Renewed (in-house)	5,537	5,052	779	653
Intravenous Therapy and Blood Withdrawal Certificates Issued	5,531	4,572	21	16
Continuing Education Course Providers Approved	30	37	7	8
Endorsements Processed	1,442	1,459	11	5
Continuing Education Audits Completed	1,222	181	249	30
Fingerprints Processed	32,223	27,048	1,761	1,540

Question & Answer Session

