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SUBJECT	Education Division Report

Staff Updates

The is a Nursing Education Consultant position that is vacant. Interviews for the position are being conducted on January 15, 2026.

Site Visits

The Nursing Education Consultants (NECs) have continued conducting onsite program visits, mostly related to the continued approval process. During the period from October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, the NECs conducted seven onsite program visits and two remote program visits.

Initial Approval of New School or Program

The Board created its new Proposed Program Application Process in October 2022.

Since then, 66 proposed programs submitted a Letter of Intent for Initial Approval of New School or Program.

Of the 66 proposed program applications received since October 2022, sixty-four were VN programs and two were PT programs. Of the 66 proposed program applications received since October 2022, fifty were private programs; sixteen were community college programs.

Of the 66 proposed program applications received since October 2022, twenty-four programs were approved to start a program (23 VN programs and 1 PT program) and forty-two programs were removed because of having not submitted all required documentation with the Letter of Intent because there was a lack of communication from the programs or because the programs were unable to complete the proposed program process in the allotted time or because the programs voluntarily withdrew their proposed program application.

Of the 66 proposed program applications received since October 2022, fifty-three were actively assigned an NEC, while thirteen were not actively assigned an NEC.

Currently, there are nine proposed programs that are assigned to an NEC and are working toward program approval. We had seven proposed programs submit a Letter of Intent along with their required documents between October 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025. Five new programs were approved between October and December of 2025.

Education Division Projects

The Education division has revised the statistical measures included in the Board report to better reflect the workload of the division. The changes will include measuring the reasons for site visits by the NECs and types of violations, in anticipation of creating new cite and fine regulation. A new acuity system is being instituted in 2026 to create a mechanism for closer program monitoring as well as instituting interventions as identified. As well, the AGPAs have increased their number of projects and complexity of tasks, and this will be better reflected in the statistics. In addition, the supervising nursing education consultant will be using statistical measures to be included on the Board report.

The Education Division continues to work on projects such as updating forms for regulations and fees changes, reviewing Article 5 with counsel to improve VN and PT regulations and the creation of a dashboard with the Office of Information Services to relay analytics to prospective students and the public. The Education tab on the BVNPT's website continues to be reviewed for updates, including webpages like the LVN Fact Sheet and about post-licensure certification, and continuing education providers and updating statistics. This facilitates public access and helps reduce the number of calls to our division. The Education Division has been working with the Enforcement to help with evaluation of licensees' scope of practice within their job descriptions.

Education Division Events

On October 1, 2025, the new Respiratory Care regulations for basic respiratory tasks and services (California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.365) took effect. The NECs have seen an increase in the number of inquiries from licensees about this issue, with approximately 70% of the scope of practice inquiries about this issue. A notice was put on the website and sent to the listserv for licensees to clarify these regulations, but inquiries are continuing. The Education Division will be working with the Respiratory Care Board to clarify and update information regarding their regulatory process and participating in future planning for education regarding respiratory tasks.

Currently, the Education Division is working with the California Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to assist with the fiscal year 2025-26 workshops for the California Psychiatric Technician Licensing Exam (CAPTLE). The first workshop was held on December 2, 2025, with five PT

subject matter experts. A report of the results of the Occupational Analysis for Psychiatric Technicians is now available to all of the psychiatric technician programs. Our NEC, Jessica Gomez, has developed a Director Educational Meeting to familiarize the Program Directors with forms, help facilitate better understanding of regulations and answer any questions on processes that may cause confusion for directors. She will hold her second session on January 29, 2026.

The next Director's Forum will be held on May 6, 2026.