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TO	Board Members
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SUBJECT	Education Division Report

Staff Updates

The Nursing Education Consultant position has been filled. Rhonda Alger-Capt started in the NEC position on October 20, 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 July 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026, the NECs conducted 12 onsite program visits and 4 remote program visits. Two visits required attendance by two NECs.

Initial Approval of New School or Program

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

Since then,80 proposed programs submitted Letters of Intent for Initial Approval of New School or Program. Of the 80 proposed program applications, 78 were VN programs and two were PT programs, 63were private programs, 15were community college programs and two were adult schools.

Thirty-oneof the 80 programs were approved to start a program (30 VN programs and 1 PT program) and 37programs were removed from consideration for one or more of the following reasons: They failed to submit all required documentation with the Letter of Intent; There was a lack of communication from the program; The program was unable to complete the proposed program process in the allotted time or the program voluntarily withdrew their proposed program application.

Of the 80 proposed program applications, 63 were actively assigned an NEC, and 17 were not.

Currently, there are 11 proposed programs that are assigned to an NEC and are working toward program approval. Five proposed programs submitted Letters of Intent

along with their required documents between July 1, 2026, and October 31, 2026. Four new VN programs were approved between July and October of 2026.

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 include tracking 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 has been instituted in 2026 to create a mechanism for closer program monitoring as well as instituting identified interventions, The Analysts 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 include statistical measures on the Board report.

The Education Division continues to work on projects such as updating forms for regulations and fee changes, reviewing Article 5 regulations with counsel to improve VN and PT regulations, and the creating a dashboard with the Office of Information Services to relay program 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 post-licensure certification, and information on continuing education providers and updating current 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 while on probation to have their current employment approved.

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 continue to receive a number of inquiries from licensees about this, and . approximately 40% of the scope of practice inquiries from VNs are about this issue. A notice clarifying these regulations was put on the Board's website and sent to the listserv for licensees, but inquiries continue. The Education Division has been working with the Respiratory Care Board (RCB) to clarify and update information regarding RCB's regulations and has participated in planning with the RCB 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 2026-27 workshops for the California Psychiatric Technician Licensing Exam (CAPTLE). There will be two workshops between January and June 2027.

The Practice Update forum was held on September 24. 2026. There were 135 attendees. Topics covered included the make-up and remediation processes, an updated on completion of faculty and facility forms and what is new with AI.