

South Carolina Board of Nursing
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MISSION OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.

This mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses or advanced practice registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

BOARD VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. Board members serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Board members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by appointment of the Governor.

Pursuant to Section 40-33-10(A) of the Nurse Practice Act, when appointing members to the Board of Nursing, the Governor will give consideration to include a diverse representation of principal areas of nursing, but not limited to hospital, acute care, advanced practice, community health, and nursing education. Registered nurse and licensed practical nurse members must be licensed in South Carolina, must be employed in nursing, must have at least three years of practice in their respective professions immediately preceding their appointment and must reside in the district they represent. Lay members represent the public at large as consumers of nursing services and may not be licensed or employed as a health care provider. No Board member may serve as an officer of a professional health-related state association.

There are two vacancies for licensed practical nurse representatives from the State at large.

An individual, group or association may nominate qualified persons and submit written requests to the Governor's Office for consideration and appointment to the State Board of Nursing. If you or someone you know is interested in the licensed practical nurse positions on the Board of Nursing, a letter of request, along with a resume or curriculum vitae, should be submitted to Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor, Post Office Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211-1829.

ADVISORY OPINION #59

FORMULATED: March 2012

QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of the Registered Nurse (RN) to utilize ultrasound guidance and assistance for peripheral IV catheter placement?

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The Board of Nursing for South Carolina recognizes that it is within the role and scope of the Registered Nurse to utilize ultrasound guidance and assistance for peripheral IV catheter placement. The RN must complete a formalized education program regarding the use of ultrasound guidance and assistance for peripheral IV placement, and demonstrate competency.

The Board recognizes that this responsibility requires special education and training for the RN. If the nursing department determines that implementation is in order, the appropriate policies, procedures, and protocols should be developed. Protocols must specify qualifications, special education, and training for use of ultrasound guidance and assistance for peripheral IV placement, and include didactic and clinical competencies.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe practice.

RENEWAL TIME IS OVER

Did you renew your South Carolina nursing license? If not, you may not practice nursing in the State of South Carolina until you reinstate your license. You may verify your expiration date on Licensee Lookup at <https://verify.llronline.com/>.

If your license has lapsed and you wish to reinstate your license, please visit the Board's website at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/ for information and requirements.

LICENSE CHECK

To check a nursing license, you may utilize one or all of the following options:

1. **SC Licensee Lookup** - Go to www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/, click on Licensee Lookup (Magnifying Glass) and choose Nursing. As you enter information, it is recommended that you enter a portion of the nurse's name only. You will be provided with the nurse's name, city and state, license number, as well as license type, date issued/ expires, license status and whether the license is multi-state or single state.
2. **Nursys QuickConfirm** - Go to <https://www.nursys.com/> click on QuickConfirm and follow the instructions. You will be provided with the nurse's name, state of licensure, license type and number, license status, license expiration date and discipline status. The following states participate in QuickConfirm: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Idaho, Indiana,

Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana-RN, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, *South Carolina*, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia-PN, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Go to NCSBN.org for updates as states are added.

3. Other States - Most states have licensee lookup/licensure verification on their websites. Links to boards of nursing can be found at www.ncsbn.org.

You may check for discipline against a South Carolina nursing license on the Board's website at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/ under Disciplinary Actions.

Name Change on Nursing License

If you have had a legal name change, submit your written request along, with a copy of the legal document(s) (copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order, etc.), to the LLR – Board of Nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211. Please indicate in your request whether you will use your middle name or maiden name for your middle initial or if you wish to hyphenate your name. For example, if Jane Ann Doe marries John Smith will she use Jane Ann Smith? or Jane Doe Smith? or Jane Ann Doe Smith? or Jane Ann Doe-Smith Your request will be processed within five business days of receipt in Board offices and will be reflected on Licensee Lookup within three to five business days after the change is made.

You may verify that your name change request has been processed on Licensee Lookup on our website (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/). When utilizing Licensee Lookup, you do not have to enter complete names. For example, "J" and "Smith" will search for records with a last name of "Smith" and a first name beginning with "J." Refer to Section 04-33-36(B) of the Nurse Practice Act regarding statutory requirements for your name on your license. You may view the Nurse Practice Act –Chapter 33 located under Law/Policies on the Board's website.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

Want to receive updated information in the most time effective way? Make sure you let us know of any email changes so that we can update your records. The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), including the Board of Nursing, utilizes E-Blasts to get information out to our licensees. The LLR Ledger is sent to licensees and other interested parties on a quarterly basis. This document includes important information on nursing as well as other areas of our agency such as Labor, OSHA, Fire Marshal and other licensing boards.

You may update your email address by logging in under Online Services on our Web site- <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/>. Your user ID and password are the same as you used for renewal. If you do not remember your user ID and password, click below the sign-in information. You will be asked to provide information to verify your identity and receive the information. After logging in, you will have to option to change your address. The bottom of the screen has the email address currently on file with our office. If there is a change, just click on update and make the correction.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Section 40-33-38(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that *all* licensees notify the Board *in writing* within 15 days of *any* address change. So you do not miss important time-sensitive information from the Board, such as your courtesy renewal notice, audit notice or other important licensure information, be sure to notify the Board immediately whenever you change your address. Failure to notify the Board of an address change may result in a public reprimand and \$500 civil penalty. You may change your address on-line utilizing the address change form under Online Services found on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/.

Note: *Changing your address with the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA) does not change your address on your licensing records with the South Carolina State Board of Nursing.*

RETURNED CHECKS

When submitting any fees to the Board of Nursing, be certain there are sufficient funds in your account to cover your payment (*paper or electronic check or credit card*) and that the payment has cleared before closing the account. Section 40-1-50(G) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that a license shall be suspended if a fee payment is made by a check that is subsequently returned by the financial institution unpaid and is not made good within 10 days of official notification. This suspension is exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. Unpaid checks constitute a non-payment of license fees. Section 40-33-38(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that *all* licensees notify the Board *in writing* within 15 days of *any* address change. When a check is returned, replacement funds, plus the returned check fee allowed by law, will be charged.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

When is the last time you visited the Board of Nursing's website? The Board recommends that all nurses licensed by or working in South Carolina visit its website (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/) *at least* monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure in South Carolina. When a new advisory opinion is issued or a current advisory opinion revised, it is updated on the website after Board approval. The Competency Requirement, Competency Requirement Criteria, Licensure information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are just a few of the valuable tools and information you will find on the website.

The Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are located under Laws/Policies. The Competency Requirement and Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, are located under Licensure.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.

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Vacancies: [See Section 40-33-10(A) of the Nurse Practice Act for prerequisites and requirements]

(2) Licensed Practical Nurses At Large

S.C. BOARD OF NURSING CONTACT INFORMATION:

Main Telephone Line	(803) 896-4550
Fax Line	(803) 896-4515
General Email	Nurseboard@llr.sc.gov
Website	www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

The Board of Nursing is located at Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210. Directions to the office can be found on the website - www.llronline.com - at the bottom of the page. The Board's mailing address is LLR - Office of Board Services - SC Board of Nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211-2367.

Normal agency business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Offices are closed for holidays designated by the state.

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VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

The Board of Nursing Website contains the Nurse Practice Act (Chapter 33-Laws Governing Nursing in South Carolina), Regulations (Chapter 91), Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensure applications, Continued Competency Requirements/Criteria, Application Status, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other helpful information. All nurses are encouraged to visit the website *at least* monthly for up-to-date information.

Board of Nursing Meeting Calendar for 2012

(Board and Committee meeting agendas are posted on the Board's website (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/) at least 24 hours prior meeting.)

Board of Nursing Meeting	September 27-28, 2012
Board of Nursing Meeting	November 29-30, 2012

Advanced Practice Committee	November 2, 2012
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Advisory Committee on Nursing	October 16, 2012
Advisory Committee on Nursing	December 4, 2012

Nursing Practice & Standards Committee	October 11, 2012
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Designated 2012 State Holidays

Observed On

Veterans Day	Monday, November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22, 2012
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23, 2012
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24, 2012
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2012
Day After Christmas	Wednesday, December 26, 2012