

Posting: Request for Oregon nurses to Join OSBN Nursing Practice Committee

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is seeking Oregon nurses to join the Nursing Practice Committee. This committee has been formed to respond to issues regarding RN/LPN scopes of practice. Membership includes 15 appointed Committee members, one to two Board members and one to two members of the Board's staff.

Committee membership is geographically diverse and represents a variety of healthcare and practice settings. Committee members generally serve a two-year term. The nurses selected will serve a two-year term starting June 2012 through 2014, with the opportunity to extend for one additional term. Meetings are held regularly throughout the year and comply with public meeting law.

Committee goals include the following:

1. Review/revise current Board policies, position statements and administrative rules as directed and with the schedule set by the Board/Board staff.
2. Respond, as directed by the Board, to the changing healthcare environment by addressing scope of practice issues and developing policies and position statements as needed.
3. Discuss and deliberate scope of practice issues when requested including issues formally submitted on the *Request for OSBN Issue Review* form and make recommendations to the Board regarding specific these issues.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please fill out the attached application form and send it along with your CV to the OSBN by March 30, 2012. Interviews will be conducted by Board staff and the Board will confirm the selected member.

Oregon State Board of Nursing
Application for Nursing Practice Committee Membership

On November 19, 2009, the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) directed the establishment of a Nursing Practice Committee. The policy outlining the purpose, committee membership, meetings, goals and process are attached. This is an exciting opportunity to influence nursing practice in the state through the development of policies and rules for potential adoption by the Board.

Meetings will be held regularly throughout the year at the Board office in suburban Portland. These meetings are public and subject to public meeting law. Initially, committee members may be asked to attend in person, but later on web-based technology may be used for some of the meetings, or some of the attendees. Attendance at every meeting will be expected unless excused in advance.

Given that this is only a 15 member committee, you may be asked to assist with finding ad hoc members to consider a particular policy topic. There will most likely be sub-committee work between meetings as well. Overall time commitment will include day long meetings, travel time, meeting preparation and sub-committee work (generally 1-2 hours meetings).

If you are interested in committee membership, please fill out the form below and return it to the Oregon State Board of Nursing **no later than March 30, 2012. Please attach a current curriculum vitae (CV) to this form.** Select candidates will be interviewed by phone by Board staff in April. Confirmation of committee members will be made by the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

1) I am applying for (mark one):

RN position _____

LPN position _____

Public Member position _____

2) Contact Information:

First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone Number/s: Business: _____ Mobile: _____

Home: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please mark one: I am a licensee of the Board: Yes _____ No _____

If a license holder, please complete the following:

License number: _____

My license is currently encumbered: Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been investigated by OSBN? Yes _____ No _____

(A yes response will not necessarily preclude you from participation.)

Approximate date/s of investigation/s: _____

Please provide a brief explanation of the outcome/s:

3) Why does participation on this committee interest you (200 words or less please)?

4) What committee or task force work (for any agency or facility) have you done in the past 5 years?

5) Are you pursuing this as an individual or as a member representing an organization (mark one please)?

Individual _____
Member of organization _____

If applicable, please list the organization you would be representing:

Given that some of the work may involve technology-based communication, the next series of questions involves your knowledge base in this area as well as access to equipment.

1) Do you have access to a reliable computer? Yes _____ No _____

2) Do you have high speed internet access? Yes _____ No _____

3) Do you know how to word process (e.g. using Microsoft Word)?
Yes _____ No _____

4) Do you know how to share files as e-mail attachments?
Yes _____ No _____

5) Have you ever participated in web-based presentations or conferences?
Yes _____ No _____

6) Have you ever used a Wiki or similar application?
Yes _____ No _____

If you are applying for a public member position, you are finished with the application. Thank you for your interest. Please read the submission directions below the next section. If you are applying for a RN or LPN position, please answer the following additional questions.

1) What is your current area of practice?

2) What is your area of expertise?

Please submit your application and current CV no later than March 30, 2012 to:

**Oregon State Board of Nursing
17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
Portland, OR 97224
Attn: Marilyn McGuire-Sessions**

Nursing Practice Committee

Purpose

This committee has been formed in order to respond to issues regarding RN/LPN scopes of practice and requests for rule review or formulation.

Committee Membership

Committee membership will be geographically diverse and will represent a variety of healthcare and practice settings. Membership will include, but is not limited to staff nurses, nursing management/administration and nursing faculty. There will RN, LPN and public member representation on the committee.

Committee members will apply for a two-year term. This term may be renewed one time. The only exception is during the initial cycle, when approximately half of the committee will be able to serve a second term and half will not. Selection for a second term will include willingness to mentor and provide support for new committee members. Board staff will conduct applicant interviews and members will be appointed by the Board. Membership will include 15 appointed Committee members, one to two Board members and one to two members of the Board's staff. Additional ad hoc members who are not formally appointed may assist in areas when their subject matter expertise is required.

Meetings

Meetings will be set on an annual basis, held on a regular basis, and will comply with public meeting law.

Goals

Committee goals include the following:

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3. Discuss and deliberate scope of practice issues when requested, and make recommendations to the Board regarding specific issues.

Process

Issues previously prioritized by the Board will be brought to this committee for action.

Members within the committee will complete the needed work and will seek experts, as needed/directed, and within a particular nursing specialty area, to provide assistance. The following information will be considered during policy/rule development or change:

1. Existing literature or research.
2. Community and industry standards for nursing care (as appropriate) for the particular issue.
3. National professional nursing standards.
- 4.

Draft policies or rules would be completed by committee members and submitted via Board staff to the Board for consideration/adoption.

Adopted: November 19, 2009

Revised: February 8, 2012
