



January 25, 2022 - Vol. 3, Issue 1

News & Updates



Legislative Session Underway

The 2022 Iowa Legislative Session - 89th General Assembly is underway. Nurses are encouraged to visit the [Iowa Legislature website](#), find your legislators, watch senate and house floor action, see the committee schedules, and take a look around for proposed bills. Although the Board of Nursing did not propose any legislation this year, nurses are encouraged to know their legislators and be ready and willing to contact them, should any pertinent legislation arise.

Nurses: Honest & Ethical

"For the 20th straight year, nurses lead Gallup's annual ranking of professions for having high honesty and ethics, eclipsing medical doctors in second place by 14 points -- 81% vs. 67%. Grade-school teachers (64%), pharmacists (63%) and military officers (61%) round out the top five most revered professions in this year's list, with more than six in 10 Americans viewing each as highly ethical."

Read the rest of the news release: [Gallup Poll 2021](#)



Updated Infographics Released

The Iowa Board of Nursing's, Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce, released a new set of Nursing Workforce infographics about the State's registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice nurses and the faculty teaching in Iowa's approved nursing schools.



Laura Hudson, Associate Director of CE/Workforce, states: "These documents have become important tools for use by Iowa's nurse educators when they are applying for funding or grants; for employers as they consider the current nursing workforce shortage; and for professional healthcare associations as they approach state legislators to advocate for changes in healthcare environments." The information used to produce these documents comes from the IBON's annual licensure reports and the information provided by the heads of the approved nursing programs in the state. The illustrations provide a quick snapshot of nursing licensure statistics, demographics, employment settings, specialties, and wage information for Iowa's nurses compared to national statistics.

Iowa nurses are requested to update their workforce information upon license renewal, every three years.

To see the infographics and additional reports produced by the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce, see the website: [Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce](http://www.iowacenterfornursingworkforce.org),

Additional Information

New Board Member Appointed

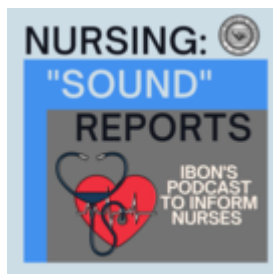


The Iowa Board of Nursing consists of a seven member board of individuals appointed by the governor. Recently, Ryan Stuck, BSN, RN, was appointed to the open slot for a practicing nurse. Ryan is currently employed by Mill Pond Senior Living, a Presbyterian Homes & Services senior living community, as their administrator. Ryan's term will run through April 2023.

The Board currently has one remaining open position for a public member. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please email Kathy Weinberg, Executive Director, to discuss the time commitment involved with this position. Email ibon.helpdesk@iowa.gov.

[See the Iowa Talent Bank to Apply](#)

Nursing: "Sound" Reports - Podcast



The latest episode of the Board's podcast is posted. New host, Anne Ryan, Health Professions Investigator, interviews the Board's associate director of CE/Workforce, Laura Hudson, who is the outgoing host for the podcast and will be retiring on January 31st. They discuss some of the frequently asked questions received by the Board and Anne asks Laura her thoughts about the current workforce situation.

[Listen to the episode here](#)



NLC Tip of the Month

QUESTION: If my primary state of residence (PSOR) is a compact state, does that mean my license in that state is automatically a multistate license?

ANSWER: No, if your state enacted the NLC after Jan 19, 2018, you will need to upgrade to a multistate license. If your state has been a member of the NLC before Jan 19, 2018 and you are unsure of your

license status, you may follow the steps below:

- Visit www.nursys.com.
- Use the QuickConfirm feature and type in your information.
- It will display the status of your license as single state or multistate.

If you find that your license is single state and your PSOR is an NLC state, contact your state board of nursing for instructions on the steps you need to take to convert your license to a multistate license. Contact information for state boards of nursing can be found [here](#).

[Click here to visit the NLC Home Page](#)

Important Events & Dates

[Board Meetings Scheduled](#)

February 23, 2022, 3 p.m. Board Conference Call.

April 6, 7, 8, 2022, All day. Regularly scheduled quarterly Board Meeting. This meeting will be held virtually.

[Board Meeting Records](#)

Agendas (posted no later than 24 hours before a meeting) and approved minutes are posted as they are approved by the Board.

[2022 Iowa Legislative Session - 89th Iowa General Assembly](#)

The current legislative session began January 10th and runs through April 19th, but the schedule is subject to change.

[Emergency Proclamation Update](#)

The latest proclamation of disaster was signed by Governor Kim Reynolds on January 7th and now runs through February 6, 2022. The [State's Iowa Covid-19 information page](#) provides a summary dashboard of recent statistics in the state. [COVID-19 Proclamations History page](#).

[NHSC Loan Repayment Program - New Deadline, February 3rd](#)

Licensed primary care clinicians in eligible disciplines can receive loan repayment assistance through the NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP).

In exchange for loan repayment, you must serve at least two years of service at an NHSC-approved site in a [Health Professional Shortage Area \(HPSA\)](#).

[Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

February 8, 2022, Regularly scheduled conference call of the INAP Advisory Committee. If you or someone you know is impaired as a result of substance use or by any mental or physical condition, there is help. Please see the [INAP webpage](#) for more information.