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News & Updates

National Suicide Prevention Awareness

While suicide prevention is important to address year-round, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September provides a dedicated time for people, organizations, and communities to join their voices to share the message that suicide can be prevented. A new resource is available for those in need of support called the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**. It was launched on July 16, 2022, and provides easy access for individuals experiencing a mental health, substance use, or suicidal crisis to connect with trained crisis counselors. The 988 Lifeline provides free, confidential crisis support by phone, text or online chat 24/7/365. Access is available through landline, cell phone, and voice-over internet devices and call services are available in Spanish and other languages. In Iowa, the Foundation 2 Crisis Services and CommUnity Crisis Services & Foodbank are the two 988 crisis centers answering calls, texts and chats. Their trained crisis counselors provide crisis counseling and can connect individuals to additional resources if needed. You can find the most up-to-date information about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>

Interesting News

Upcoming Iowa Board of Nursing meeting- **October 5-7**

The Board of Nursing is making improvements to the portal and as result we are experiencing larger than normal volume of phone calls and emails. You may experience a delay in response time and we thank you in advanced for your patience.

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Nurse Licensure Compact Monthly Update: Status of the APRN Compact



The status of the APRN Compact to date is that it has been enacted in three states: Utah, North Dakota, and Delaware. The APRN Compact allows for one multistate license for APRN's to practice in compact states. The mobility of this license addresses the health and public safety needs of the public by mobilizing APRN practitioners to improve access in areas of need.

Retrieved from: <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=a6c6f7da1b05b0e47f0cb6193&id=52eb8989cc>

National Licensure Compact (NLC) Webinars

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) offers free webinars on the National Licensure Compact (NLC). Nurses, educators, students, employers, and anyone else that would like to learn more about the NLC save the dates for the below webinars:

- October 18, 2022: [Helpful Tips for New Nursing Graduates](#)
- November 15, 2022: [Fireside Chat: Q&A Interview and Dialogue All About the NLC](#)

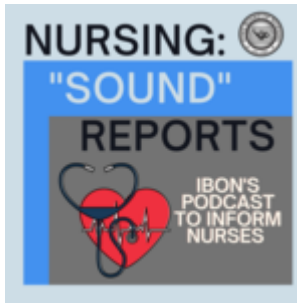
All webinars are held from 2:00-3:00 pm CT. View past recordings, see the upcoming webinar calendar and [register to attend](#).

A Note from the Board:

Given the changing landscape of marijuana, including the legalization of recreational marijuana in some states, we want to ensure licensees understand how the use of recreational marijuana may impact their Iowa nursing license. Recreational marijuana remains illegal under federal law and under Iowa law. Use of recreational marijuana, regardless of the location of use, may result in disciplinary action against your Iowa nursing license or privilege to practice. Note that employers and potential employers frequently forward the results of positive drug screens to state licensing boards in states where you have a nursing license. When we receive such a report, a complaint may be opened, even if a positive drug screen was the result of your use of recreational marijuana in a state where recreational marijuana is legal. We encourage all nurses to think about the potential consequences of using recreational marijuana prior to engaging in such conduct.

Upcoming Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Advisory Committee Meetings

The Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Committee conference call will be held on November 8, 2022, 1PM. This is the regularly scheduled INAP Committee Zoom meeting. The Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Committee meeting will be December 13, 2022. All day. This is the regularly scheduled quarterly INAP Advisory Committee in-person meeting. Please see the IBON website for details on the public accessing the meeting. 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.



Do you want to learn more about nurse-patient boundaries?

Listen as Health Professions Investigator Diane Burkert and host Anne Ryan talk about the Board's rules for keeping nurse-patient boundaries.