

**Georgia Board of Nursing Education Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2025**

**Attendees:** Lydia Watkins, Shea Walker, Jessica Willcox, Sara Helton, Carolyn Reilly, Cindy Summerlin, Jennifer Corner, Jennifer Parker, Wanda Allen, Darrell Thompson, Maura Schlairet, Troy Heidesch, Stevan Van Hook

| <u>Item</u>                         | <u>Discussion/Outcome</u>  | <u>Action Needed</u>     | <u>Person(s) Responsible</u> | <u>Action Due</u>                          |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>                | Meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM EST by Stevan Van Hook  |                          |                              |  |
| <b>Administrative Announcements</b> | Stevan Van Hook, Nursing Education Consultant for the Georgia Board of Nursing, discussed the mission and task of the committee.   |                          |                              |  |
| <b>Committee Chair Election</b>     | Chair nominations were requested from the floor by requesting members either self-nominate or nominate other members. Troy Heidesch self-nominated with no further nominations voiced. Troy Heidesch was appointed Chair.  |                          |                              |  |
| <b>New Business</b>                 | <b>PN and RN Rules Discussion</b><br><b>Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Proposed PN and RN Rule Amendments</b>  |                          |                              |  |
| <b>PN Rule Discussion</b>           | Rule 410-9-.06 (3) (a) (b)<br>Committee members provided mixed feedback. Some felt the mandated program length was appropriate and any increased length would approach the timeline of associate degree programs or contribute to lower NCLEX pass rates. Others expressed concern that the 18-month requirement could disadvantage students who are still completing their coursework in that the most common program length is 12 months, which provides 8 months for students to complete coursework. | <b>PN Microsoft Form</b> | <b>Committee Members</b>     | <b>Microsoft Forms due by next meeting</b> |
|                                     | Rule 410-9-.06 (5)<br>The consensus reached was to align the PN requirements for theoretical and clinical hours with the RN rules, which do not establish a minimum. Additionally, others expressed that programmatic accreditation should be required for PN programs if prescriptive mandates are removed.   |                          |                              |  |
|                                     | Rule 410-9-.06 (5) (a) (xxii-xxviii)<br>The consensus reached was to require general education content, with the exception of Chemistry and Microbiology as these requirements are commonly required for degree level programs.  |                          |                              |  |
|                                     | Rule 410-9-.08 (5)<br>The consensus reached was the preceptor-to-student ratios set forth in the rule should not be increased or modified due to safety, preceptor availability, preceptor burn out, and ratio constraints set by the clinical facilities.   |                          |                              |  |

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|                        | <p>Rule 410-9-.10 (2) (a)<br/>The consensus reached was that the clinical affiliate approval requirement is overly prescriptive and limits programs' ability to adapt when clinical availability is challenged. Additional discussion was made regarding the preceptor approval requirement which was also discussed as being overly prescriptive causing challenges with preceptor assignments and adaptability.</p> <p>Rule 410-9-.07 (c)<br/>The consensus reached was that the full-time faculty percentage for PN programs should align with RN program requirements, which establishes a majority requirement for didactic faculty offering more flexibility with hiring part-time/adjunct clinical faculty.</p> <p>Rule 410-9-.07 (1) and (2)<br/>The committee members provided mixed feedback. Some felt the mandated faculty experiential requirement of 3 years RN experience in the preceding 7 years was too prescriptive causing challenges with faculty recruitment and hiring. Others expressed experience is necessary and proposed the 3-year requirement be lessened to a 1-year requirement.<br/>Additionally, it was proposed the Program Director/Nurse Administrator and faculty be defined with regulatory requirements delineated accordingly.<br/>A consensus was reached regarding the Program Director requirements, affirming that they should remain unchanged, including the requirement of 1 year of teaching experience.</p> <p>Rule 410-8-.05 (11)<br/>The consensus reached was the 1:10 direct patient care ratio should not be increased or modified for patient safety, as well as faculty retention and workload.</p> <p>Rule 410-9-.09 (1) (i) (1) and (2)<br/>The consensus reached was the clinical experiences should remain correlated with theoretical content throughout the PN curriculum. Additionally, the clinical ratio of 1:10 should remain unchanged as discussed previously. #3 and #4 were not discussed during this meeting and will be discussed during the next Education Committee meeting.</p> |   |   |  |
| <b>Remaining Tasks</b> |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>    | <p>Remaining PN Rule discussions and request for action points will be discussed during the next Education Committee meeting.</p> <p>Stevan Van Hook discussed creating a Microsoft Form for both PN and RN rule discussions for members to document feedback for each rule and action item presented by TCSG.</p> <p>The next meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible to continue discussions. A doodle poll for availability will be sent to all members.</p>   | <p><b>PN and RN Microsoft Forms</b></p> <p><b>Doodle poll</b></p> | <p><b>Committee Members</b></p> <p><b>Committee Members</b></p> | <p><b>Prior to next meeting</b></p> <p><b>October 10, 2025</b></p> |
| <b>Old Business</b>    |   |   |   |  |

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|                    | NA  |                      |                              |                   |
| <b>Adjournment</b> | Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM EST by Stevan Van Hook |                      |                              |                   |

