

Kansas State Board of Nursing

Weekly Update

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The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians



The Board of Nursing lobby is open to **limited** public traffic. We must observe social distancing requirements and continue to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Due to these requirements we must limit the number in our lobby to no more than 2 at a time. **It is highly recommended that you conduct your business with the Board of Nursing via online services, mail, phone call or email. There is a secure drop box located outside of the agency that is available for anyone to drop off documents for the Board of Nursing.** If you need to talk with someone, it is highly recommended you make an appointment so we can serve you when you show up. Only one person per appointment and no children or other adults are permitted. Telephone appointments are also available. To make an appointment, please call 785-296-2967. The majority of staff continue to telework to decrease possible exposure. The best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contacts information listed under [Staff Directory](#) on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)) and our [COVID-19 Information Center](#) for agency updates and frequently asked questions.

- ⇒ **Fingerprints:** Due to social distancing requirements, **KSBN will NO longer perform fingerprinting services in the agency.** There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). Please ensure you are bringing the information required at that site.
- ⇒ **Free series of COVID-19 courses for Health Care Professionals:** NCSBN's International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS) is offering an invaluable series of [free online COVID-19 courses](#). Three of the four courses offer continuing education credit upon completion and are offered in a self-paced format. Nurses are invited to self-enroll through the catalog at: <https://catalog.icrsncsbn.org>. The courses include: "COVID-19: Epidemiology, Modes of Transmission and Protecting Yourself with PPE," "COVID-19: Nursing Care," "COVID-19: Basic Law and Ethics for Nurses during COVID-19" and "COVID-19: Credible Information, Hoaxes and the Media."
- ⇒ **Can a nursing graduate work in a graduate status until licensed?** No, Kansas does not allow graduates of nursing programs to work in a graduate status as a nurse until they are licensed. That would be practicing without a license in Kansas.
- ⇒ **Executive Order No. 20-39:** Signed by Gov. Kelly on 5/26/2020 states: 1) all state agencies shall extend renewal deadlines for professional licenses to any individual that was in good standing as of March 12, 2020 and that has expired or will expire during the State of Disaster Emergency and such license shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency and 2) All state agencies shall extend the deadlines for any mandatory continuing education requirements until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency. This EO will remain in force until rescinded, until June 30, 2020 or until the State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on May 26, 2020 expires, whichever is earlier.
- ⇒ **Executive Order No. 20-41:** Signed by Gov. Kelly on 5/26/2020 states: 1) all state agencies who work with or collaborate with KDADS shall extend renewal deadlines for any professional license and 2) a temporary license may be issued for persons who were previously licensed as long as the person was in good standing prior to the lapse of the license. Additionally, the license may not have been issued more than five years from the date of this order. This EO will remain in force until rescinded, until June 30, 2020 or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on May 26, 2020 expires, whichever is earlier.

Continue to check our [website](#) frequently for updates!!

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. Stay safe and healthy!

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