

Vermont Board of Nursing  
**Nursing Education Committee Charter**

**Purpose:**

The Nursing Education Committee studies nursing education issues and standards for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board. The Committee proposes guidelines for use in implementing the Rules regarding nursing education; reviews new and established nursing education programs; provides consultation to nursing education programs upon request; and addresses other nursing education issues as may arise. The Nursing Assistant Education & Practice Committee reports to the Nursing Education Committee.

Communication regarding nursing education issues and standards, as well as nursing education program approval status, is accomplished by contributing to the official newsletter of the Vermont Board of Nursing and publishing position statements on the Board of Nursing website.

**Membership:**

The standing committee is comprised of at least 3 Board Members and 6–7 Licensees for a maximum of 9–10 members. Board Members include, at a minimum: 2-RNs and 1-Public Member. LPN representation on the Committee may be by an LPN Board Member, an LPN licensee, or by an RN with expertise in practical nurse education.

Licensees are appointed by the Executive Director and include members who meet the educational standards outlined in Rule from graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and practical nursing programs. Two Board Members will co-chair the Nursing Education Committee. The committee is staffed by the Nursing Board Executive Director or designee.

Appointed members of the Nursing Education Committee will serve 3 year terms. (To provide for continuity, the individuals first appointed to the Committee had staggered terms ranging from 1–3 years in length.) It is recommended that a maximum of two terms be served prior to a 3-year break in service.

As appropriate, the Nursing Education Committee consults with and obtains input from the nursing profession via individuals, agencies, organizations, associations, regulatory bodies, and professional organizations representing health care professionals and institutions. The Committee reviews literature and research to determine state, regional, and national trends.

**Frequency and Length of Meetings:**

Meetings are held a maximum of 6 times and no fewer than 4 times per year unless otherwise decided by the Committee members. Meetings are scheduled for 2 hours unless otherwise decided by the Committee members.

**Expenses:**

Board members receive reimbursement for mileage. Expenses are estimated to be less than \$4000.00 annually.

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