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ALABAMA BOARD
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A Message from the Executive Officer

The Alabama Nurse Practice Act (NPA) establishes the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) as the state's regulatory authority for registered nurses (RNs), including advanced practice nurses, and licensed practical nurses (LPNs). The 13-member Board establishes rules for all facets of nursing regulation, including practice, education, licensure, and discipline. These rules are compiled in Title 610 of the Alabama Administrative Code.

This report summarizes the Board's performance of its legislatively mandated functions during Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018). The ABN currently licenses nearly 100,000 RNs and LPNs, and the numbers increase daily, making nurses the largest population of professionals licensed and regulated by a single board or commission in the state of Alabama.

The Board and its staff continually work to eliminate regulatory barriers to practice, while ensuring that the people of Alabama have access to the safest, most competent nursing care available.



Peggy Sellers Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC
Executive Officer

Our Mission

The mission of the Alabama Board of Nursing is to safeguard and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public through licensing and approval of qualified individuals and adopting and enforcing legal standards for nursing education and nursing practice.

Our Vision

The Alabama Board of Nursing strives to promote and safeguard the health of the public through regulatory excellence.

Our Values

INTEGRITY

FAIRNESS

OBJECTIVITY

QUALITY

COLLABORATION

INNOVATION

DIVERSITY

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Licensure

Licensure in Alabama

An active, valid Alabama license is required to practice nursing in the state of Alabama. Initial licensure is accomplished either through completion of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for LPNs or RNs, or through endorsement, where nurses who hold a license from another state are licensed in Alabama, based on already having qualified for licensure at the national level and meeting any other qualifications necessary for an Alabama license.

The tables at right reflect activities of the Licensure Division during FY 2018.

New Alabama Licensure Applications - FY 2018

License Type	Examination*	Endorsement
LPN Temporary	416	106
LPN	1,358	713
RN Temporary	1,742	1,409
RN	4,636	4,976

New Alabama Licenses Issued - FY 2018

License Type	Examination*	Endorsement
LPN	818	443
RN	3,221	3,948

*Examination application data reflects new graduates applying to take the NCLEX exam. Applicants do not necessarily receive their licenses during the same fiscal year the application is filed.

Reinstatement Applications Processed - 2018

Reason for Reinstatement	Total Processed
Revoked	22
Lapsed	1,289

License Verifications Processed

10,667

Continuing Education

Continuing Education

The Board recognizes that nursing practice is constantly evolving, and that licensed nurses must stay abreast of new technologies, new medicines, and new diagnoses, in order to provide patient care that complies with current standards of practice. Continuing Education (CE) is mandated in the Nurse Practice Act, the foundation for ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-10 - Continuing Education for Licensure.

The ABN Administrative Code mandates at least 24 hours of Continuing Education for each licensed nurse during each two-year license period.

Continuing Education Providers

Alabama Board of Nursing-Approved Providers, recognized by their ABN Provider number (ABNPXXXX) and expiration date, have successfully completed an application process in compliance with ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-10. Approved providers electronically transmit all continuing education contact hours earned by the licensed nurse directly to the Alabama Board of Nursing.

*Includes various non-traditional providers, such as pharmacies, durable medical equipment (DME) companies, churches, K-12 schools, and nursing sororities.

ABN Continuing Education Audit - 2018

Total LPNs Selected for CE Audit (2% of Licensee Population)	312
Licensees with All-ABNP Provided CE Credit	176
Licensees Reviewed and Compliant	90
Status to Retired or Lapsed	46

Continuing Education Provider Applications Processed - 2018

Applications Reviewed	Applications Approved	Initial Applications Approved	Continuing Applications Approved	Reinstatement Applications Approved	Pending
79	77	18	51	10	2

Continuing Education Providers by Type

Provider Type	Number
Clinic	9
College/University/School	46
Healthcare Facility	4
Home Health/Hospice	18
Hospital/Medical Center/Medical System	61
Mental Health Service	9
Nursing/Rehab Center	12
Other*	58
Outpatient Service	7
Public Health Agency	1
Regional/National Association	5
Regulatory Agency	2
Rehab Center	7
Self-Employed Provider	14
State Association	17

The Alabama Nursing Resource Center



Through the ANRC, the ABN offers nurses and the public a wealth of resources, including Board-produced continuing education courses, access to information regarding graduate education and the opioid crisis, and data on the nursing workforce.

In addition, the ANRC administers the ABN's Speakers Bureau. In FY 2018, nurses from the Speakers Bureau shared information regarding nursing regulation, practice, the VDAP program, and discipline issues with representatives of a variety of entities, including education programs, hospitals, clinics, professional associations, and government agencies.



ABN-Produced Opioid Crisis Content

ABN Course	Contact Hours	Date Available
ABN Public Outreach: Drug Diversion Awareness	N/A - Target Audience is Non-Licensed	March 2018
Drug Diversion: Information for Nurse Leaders	1.8	June 2018
Opioid Crisis and Medication Diversion: A Brief Informational Program for Nursing Students	N/A - Target Audience is Non-Licensed	July 2018
Substance Use and Drug Diversion for Licensees: Recognizing and Intervention for Peers Displaying Diversion Symptoms	2.1	July 2018

Other CE Opportunities Available

Course Provider	Contact Hours
ABN	31.7
Other: ABNP	6.1
Other: Non-ABNP (provider accredited by another entity)	31.5

Student Clinical Activities

ABN Focus	School Period	School	Major
CE development	Fall 2017 Spring 2018	Samford	DNP – Nursing Education
Research	Ongoing	UAB	PhD in Nursing
Clinical	Spring 2018	Chamberlain	MSN – Healthcare Policy

Nursing Practice

The definitions of practice for professional nursing and practical nursing, stipulated in the Nurse Practice Act, are the foundation for ABN Administrative Code Chapters 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice, and 610-X-7, Nursing Practice - Specific Settings.

The ABN acknowledges the constant changes in nursing practice and has instituted the Standardized Procedure process to enhance scope of practice beyond the licensed nurse's basic education. The Standardized Procedure process ensures public safety, by using education, training, and competency validation for procedures beyond basic nursing education.

Each year, chief nurses/administrators or their designees attest to Standardized Procedures currently being performed in each facility/agency/company, in accordance with ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-6-.12(6). The chief nurse/administrator or designee cannot add procedures to the facility report. However, he or she can add, delete, or change licensee types (RN, LPN) to previously-approved Standardized Procedures. Procedures are added by submitting Standardized Procedure applications, which are subject to Board approval. The Standardized Procedure application process provides guidance to the Board on specific areas of the rules that may need revision or development. The application also provides pertinent data on current procedures being performed by all license types. In FY 2017, 33 Standardized Procedure applications were processed and approved. The leading request was Insertion, Removal, and Care of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter, with and without tip confirmation.



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Advanced Practice Nursing

Advanced Practice Nursing in Alabama

The Advanced Practice Nursing Division of the ABN is responsible for approval of the four roles of advanced practice nurses - Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). Under Alabama law, CNMs and CRNPs are required to work in collaboration with at least one Alabama-licensed physician.

Collaborative practice applications require joint oversight by the ABN and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME), each of which appoints three members to the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing. The Division works closely with staff from the ABME to support the work of the Joint Committee. Advanced practice nursing continues to be a major focus of the Board and Board staff.

Advanced Practice Nursing - 2017				
Advance Practice Role	Approval Initial Issue FY 2017	Approval Initial Issue FY 2018	Total Active September 30, 2017	Total Active September 30, 2018
CNM	0	5	13	16
CRNP	712	717	4,039	4,695
CRNA	60	94	1,705	1,808
CNS		1	79	78
Total:	776	817	5,836	6,597

Nursing Education Programs

Education Programs

One of the ABN's primary charges under the law is review and approval of nursing education programs. At the close of 2018, 65 total education programs were approved in Alabama.

Alabama Nursing Education Programs - 2018	
Program Type (License Class Sought)	Number
Practical Nursing (LPN)	22
Associate Degree in Nursing (RN)	28
Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (RN)	15
Total	65

Program Monitoring

During 2018, seven nursing education programs were monitored for improvements and correction of deficiencies.

NCLEX Pass Rates

New graduates applying for licensure are required to take the NCLEX exam. The ABN tracks the pass rate percentage for first-time writers of the NCLEX, as a measure of program success.

NCLEX Pass Rates - 2018		
Program Type	Alabama Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
Practical Nursing	94.71%	85.93%
Associate Degree in Nursing	86.99%	85.11%
Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing	93.18%	91.57%

Operations

The ABN Operations Division is comprised of two sections: Operations and Finance. Under the management of the Director of Administrative Services, the Operations section is responsible for administrative functions such as personnel and fleet management, records disposition, and other vital day-to-day operations of the Board, as well as the Board's Call Center. The Chief Fiscal Officer oversees the Finance section, which maintains the agency's budget, as well as the Graduate Scholarship Program and the Loan Repayment Program for Advanced Practice Nursing.

Financial Activity

Revenues and Expenditures – Information and Comparison

Projected revenues for FY 2018 were \$3,851,519.61. Actual receipts totaled \$4,274,353.18, or 110.98% of budgeted revenues. Projected expenditures for FY 2018 were \$7,191,165.00. Actual expenditures totaled \$6,109,731.54, or 85% of budgeted expenditures. All major categories of expenditures were below estimated projections.

Revenues:

Licenses and Permits	\$	3,220,085.75
Examination Fees	\$	588,060.00
Board Penalties	\$	124,830.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$	339,176.64
Other Revenues	\$	2,200.79
Total Revenues	\$	4,274,353.18

Expenditures:

Salaries and Benefits	\$	4,213,319.90
Travel Expenses	\$	72,663.88
Operating Expenses	\$	1,665,330.66
Equipment Purchases	\$	158,417.10
Total Expenditures	\$	6,109,731.54

Internal Audits and Dishonored Checks

During FY 2018, ABN conducted internal audits of revenues, expenditures, and the licensing process. The licensing processes reviewed included receipt of applications, receipt of fees, issuance of licenses, and imaging of records associated with each license. Any inaccuracies were noted, forwarded to the appropriate person, and corrected.

In 2001, the Legislature granted the ABN authority to accept personal checks as payment for fees and fines. The Board does not accept third party checks, counter checks, or checks drawn on out of state banks. The majority of monetary transactions occur online (97%), and the number of checks received by ABN is minimal, in relation to the total number of transactions processed. ABN received only one dishonored check during FY 2018.

Supporting Graduate Education

Graduate Nursing Scholarships

Under authority granted by the Alabama Legislature, the ABN is responsible for maintaining two programs designed to improve Alabama healthcare, by funding graduate nursing education. The first - the Graduate Scholarship Program - has been in existence since 1977, and primarily aims to advance nursing education. The Legislature appropriated \$166,027 in the FY 2018 Education Trust Fund Budget for the program. 39 recipients received \$4,257.10 each.

Graduate Nursing Scholarships - 2018

Name	Degree	County	School	Name	Degree	County	School
Alexander, Kristen	MSN	Limestone	UAH	Gates, Jill	MSN	Baldwin	Troy
Ashley, Kristin	PhD	Montgomery	UAB	Goodwin, Heather	DNP	Calhoun	USA
Beasley, Amy	PhD	Tuscaloosa	UAB	Grothe, Kelli	DNP	Jefferson	Samford
Bohannon, Taylor	DNP	Escambia	Troy	Hanson, Madelyn	MSN	Mobile	USA
Bolden, Tameka	MSN	Mobile	University of Mobile	Hill, Deidre	MSN	Tuscaloosa	JSU
Brewer, Willard	PhD	Lauderdale	UAB	Hill, Nancy	MSN	Talladega	Auburn
Brooks, Anna	MSN	Clarke	Troy	Hooks, Joseph	DNP	Etowah	JSU
Brown, Lydia	MSN	Conecuh	UNA	Jenkins, Connecyt	MSN	Mobile	University of Mobile
Butler, Kelly	MSN	Jefferson	UAB	Lewis, Pamela	DNP	Shelby	Samford
Butler, Stacey	MSN	Marion	UAH	Malone, Sarah	MSN	Limestone	UAH
Caldwell, Jaime	MSN	Limestone	UAH	Maynard, Lauren	MSN	Jefferson	UAB
Carr, Miranda	MSN	Mobile	University of Mobile	McCarty, Courtney	MSN	Lee	Auburn
Cotton, Monica	DNP	Jefferson	Samford	Newton, Destinie	MSN	Shelby	JSU
Crabtree, Ella	DNP	Calhoun	JSU	Pates, Anita	DNP	Jefferson	JSU
Crutchfield, Senitra	MSN	Mobile	University of Mobile	Presley, Michael	MSN	Jefferson	Samford
Dryer, Nakeetsha	DNP	Madison	UAH	Saindon, Geordan	MSN	Jefferson	UAB
Falls, Courtney	MSN	Tuscaloosa	USA	Selleck, Edward	MSN	Jefferson	Capstone
Fortner, Molly	MSN	Mobile	Auburn	Taylor, Courtney	MSN	Mobile	UAB
Freeman, Sarah	MSN	Etowah	UAB	Tims, Sheri	MSN	St. Clair	UAB
Garrett, Melissa	MSN	Jefferson	UAB				

Supporting Graduate Education

The Loan Repayment Program for Advanced Practice Nursing

The second graduate education program maintained by the Board - the Loan Repayment Program for Advanced Practice Nursing - was created by the Legislature during the 2016 Regular Session. This program provides loans to qualified applicants pursuing degrees to become CRNPs, CNMs, and CRNAs, who commit to working full-time in a rural area of Alabama for a specified period after graduation. In FY 2018, 28 recipients received \$15,000.00 each.

Loan Recipients - 2018					
Name	Degree	School	Name	Degree	School
Hooks, Kina	CRNP	Troy	Lockett, Krystal	CRNP	USA
Childs, Mindy	CRNP	Auburn	Lanham, Stacey	CRNP	University of Mobile
Norwood, Yulanda	CRNP	JSU	Parker, Michaelyn	CRNP	Capstone
Beasley, Erin	CRNP	UAB	Lewis, Batisia	CRNP	Walden
Alexander, Nancy	CRNP	Frontier Nursing University	Barnett, Matthew	CRNP	Auburn
Watson, Jamonica	CRNP	UAB	Grimes, Rhonda	CRNP	Chamberlain
McQueen, Resha	CRNP	AUM	Carroll, Audrey	CRNP	Chamberlain
Ales, Beverly	CRNP	Walden	Watkins, Roschanda	CRNP	Capstone
Hester, Juanita	CRNP	Walden	Wendland, Lauren	CRNP	UAB
Smith, Charisse	CRNP	University of Mobile	Lynn, Caroline	CRNP	Auburn
Shirley, Pamela	CRNP	Auburn	Rose Jr., Leonard	CRNP	Capstone
Black, Amy	CRNP	USA	Gipson, Kendra	CRNP	UAB
Qualls, Landra	CRNP	Chamberlain	Brooks, Kiwana	CRNP	Saint Louis University
Hughes, Ashley	CRNP	University of Mobile	Johnson, Jamie	CRNP	Capstone

Communications

Communications

Supporting the Board's user-friendly and outward-focused approach to patient safety and public protection, the ABN Communications section strives to engage Alabamians as proactively as possible. This section was established by the Board's current Executive Officer and serves as the voice of the Board. Under the management of the Executive Officer and the Chief Communications Officer, the section manages external communications for the agency, including regular newsletters, the Board's robust targeted email lists, news media contacts, and management of social media accounts. The ABN webmaster, an employee assigned to the Information Technology section of the Board staff, supports the communications program, through administration of the agency's website.

Web and Social Media Analytics - 2018		
Website	Facebook	Twitter
Average Daily Users – 4,599 Total Users - 1,678,996 Pageviews – 8,161,115 Unique Pageviews – 4,340,907	7,442 followers	808 followers

Alabama Board of Nursing Social Media Presence

In 2014, in an effort to more directly and effectively communicate with both licensees and the public, the Board launched profiles on Facebook and Twitter. This effort has succeeded beyond all expectations. At the close of FY 2018, the ABN had more than 8,000 friends and followers on social media, a number that continues to grow.



The Legal Division

Functions of the Legal Division

The ABN Legal Division investigates complaints regarding the Board's licensees and applicants for licensure, prosecutes disciplinary actions regarding substantiated complaints, and processes Board disciplinary actions. In addition, the attorneys in the Legal Division provide legal advice to the Board and its employees and represent them in litigation.

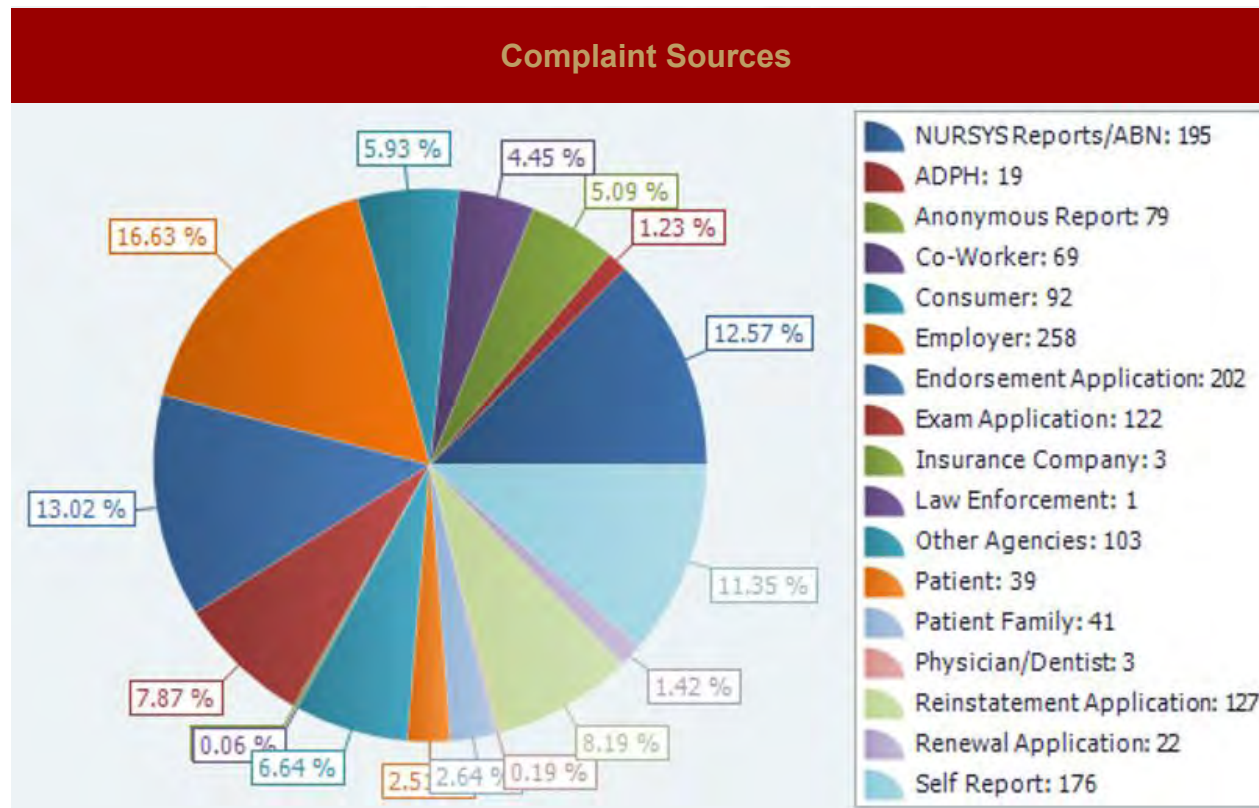
In FY 2018, the Board received 1,551 complaints, 625 of which were filed online. Employers filed the most complaints (258). Consumers, patients, and family members filed a combined total of 172 complaints. The Board resolved 1,523 complaints in FY 2018, with 607 cases resulting in disciplinary action. Fifty-eight percent of the cases resolved in FY 2018 were resolved within six months. Of those cases resulting in disciplinary action or a Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP) Agreement, the most common assigned violation was substance abuse, with substandard practice a close second. At the close of FY 2018, there were 837 open cases in the Legal Division.

During FY 2018, staff in the Legal Division made a concerted effort to become more engaged at the state, national, and international level, through membership, meeting attendance, and/or committee work with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), the American Bar Association Administrative Law Section, the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB), the Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards (AARB), and the Council for Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). Through this engagement, Legal Division staff endeavored to discover and implement best practices in regulation.

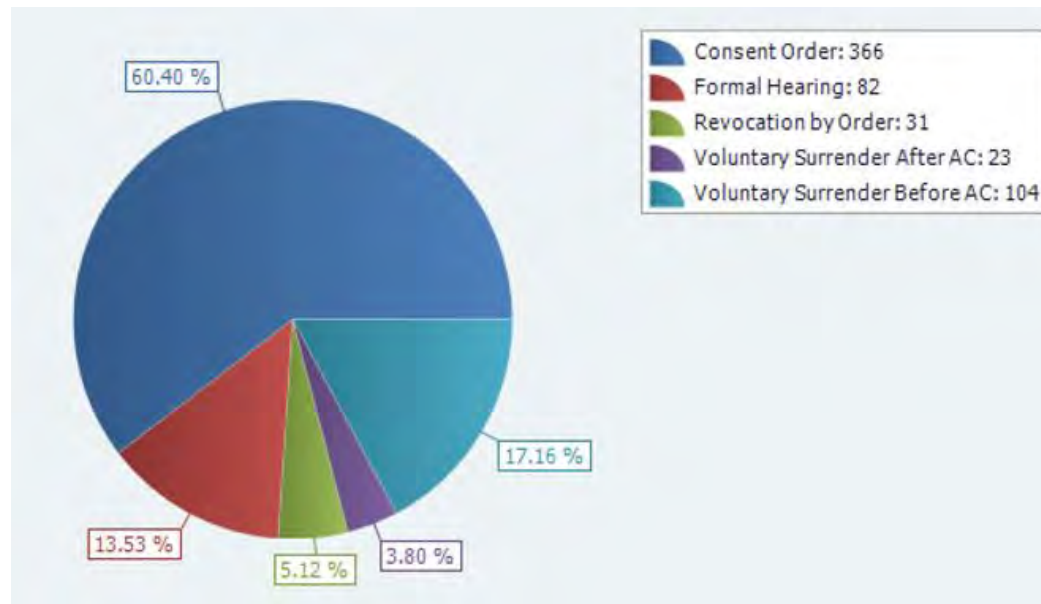


Legal Division Statistical Summaries

ABN Legal Division Case Activity - 2018	
Cases Received	Number
Cases Docketed in FY 2018	1,551
Cases Resolved in FY 2018	1,523
Cases Open at End of FY 2018	837



Complaint Resolutions

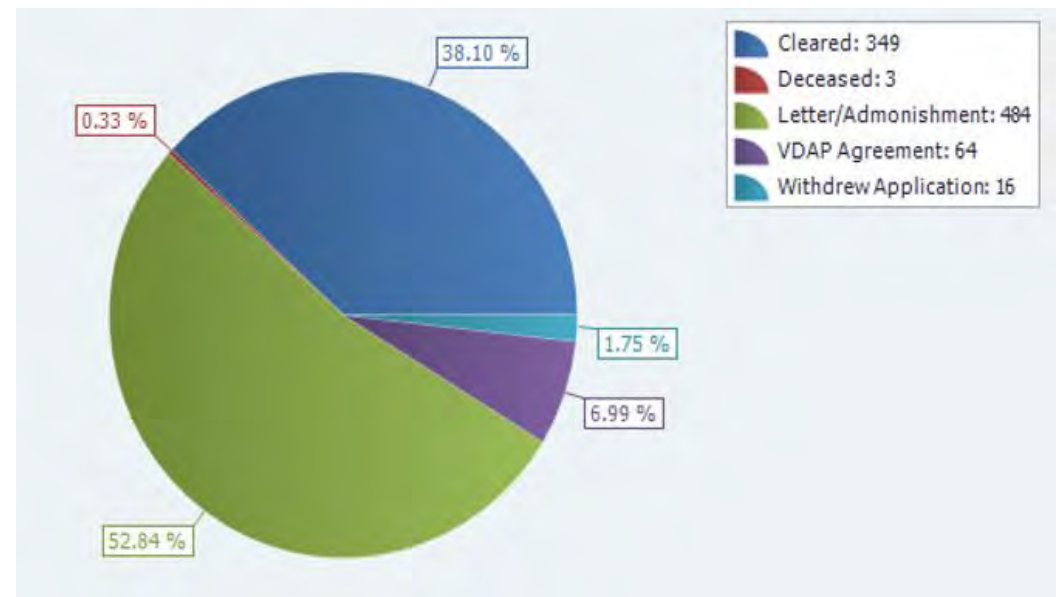


Complaint Resolutions - Discipline

The chart at left reflects complaints resolved with discipline in FY 2018.

Complaint Resolutions - Non-Disciplinary

This chart at right reflects complaints resolved without discipline in FY 2018.



Nurses in Monitoring

Probation/Compliance

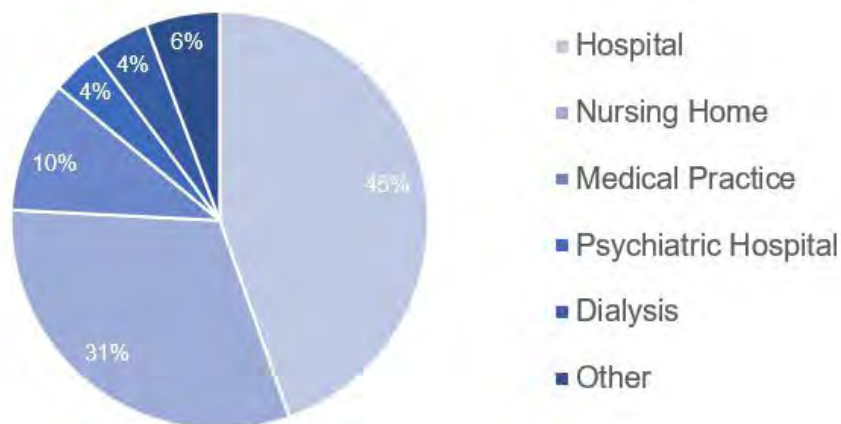
The Probation/Compliance section monitors the compliance and progress of licensees who have a license status of Suspension or Active/Probation pursuant to an Order issued by the Board. The Order is a public action. In FY 2018, the Probation Department monitored 407 licensees who had a license status of either Suspension or Active/Probation.

A licensee with an active/probation license is permitted to practice as a nurse, subject to specific conditions and monitoring. The suspension of a license prevents the nurse from continuing legally to practice in Alabama. Initial suspension is generally applied "until conditions met," which may include a comprehensive substance use disorder evaluation and treatment, payment of a fine, completion of corrective education, or such other stipulations as the Board may prescribe.

Monitoring Activities - 2018

Type	Total
Suspension completed, released from monitoring	8
Suspension completed, reinstated on probation	29
Suspension exceeded 12 months, revocation	30
Probation completed, released from monitoring	95
Complaint docketed for Probation Violation	53
Open complaints for Probation Violation at end of fiscal year	17
Voluntary Surrenders	20
Probation Violation resulting in additional disciplinary action (new Order)	46
Stay probation, Board-Lapsed	1
Probation	3
Suspension	1
Suspension with probation	37
Revocation	4
Probation interview	94
Total FY 2018 Monitoring Activities	438

Monitored Practice Sites for Active/Probation Licensees



Nurses in Monitoring



The Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP) is a program authorized by the Alabama Legislature to promote early identification, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation of any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or applicant issued a valid temporary permit for licensure whose competence is found to be impaired or compromised because of the use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, controlled substances, chemicals, or other substances or as a result of a physical or mental condition rendering the person unable to meet the standards of the nursing profession. The program has been in existence since 1994.

VDAP continued to be a major focus of the Board and Board staff in FY 2018. An Assistant VDAP Director was added to VDAP due to the increase of VDAP Applications, requests by nurses to participate in VDAP, and the need to identify and respond when nurses violate the stipulations of their VDAP Agreement. Nurses who provide care to patients while impaired or otherwise practice unsafely present a significant risk to patients. The American Nurses Association (ANA) estimates that 6-8% of nurses have experienced significant im-paired performance due to the use of alcohol or drugs.

Continuation of an awareness campaign that began in 2017 has coincided with an increase in reporting. As a result, the VDAP section has experienced increasing success in identifying impaired nurses and removing them from practice, pending treatment and compliance.

In July 2018, the ABN's Monitoring Programs (VDAP and Probation) established a contract with a new Board-approved drug test provider-Affinity/Spectrum. The new provider can meet the needs of the Board, by providing accurate sample testing using urine, blood, hair, and nails. Timely results allow the Board to intervene more efficiently, when necessary. The new provider also is able to provide testing results for K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana), whereas, in the past, no option for synthetic marijuana screening was available.

At the close of FY 2018, 195 nurses were enrolled in VDAP.

Board Actions

While day-to-day operations of the agency are carried out by Board staff at the direction of the Executive Officer, major policy and directional decisions require the Board to take action. The following is a summary of significant actions taken in FY 2018.

November 2017
Elected Cheryl Bailey, MSN, RN, President, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, RN, Vice President, and Vicki Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary.
Appointed an Advisory Committee for Advanced Practice education rule development for 2018.
Approved New Direction Licensee Survey Action Plan 2018.
Approved acceptance of Fortis College, Montgomery notice of campus voluntary closure.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-4-.16(3), Special Circumstances (disaster temporary permits).
Approved revisions to the ABN Administrative Code for AP Nursing, in Section 610-X-5-.02.
January 2018
Approved 2018 Advanced Practice Advisory Council Action Plan.
Approved Nursing Leadership Action Plan.
Approved revisions to §610-X-4, Licensure, late renewal and fee changes, deleting the late renewal period and fee; increasing licensure fee by \$25.00 dollars; and leaving the lapsed license fee as is.
Approved Fortis College Teach out Plan as submitted.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code, §610-X-4, Licensure, late renewal.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code, §610-X-2, Definitions.
Approved Final Certification of ABN Administrative Code 610-X-4-.16(3) Special Circumstances, Licensure Disaster Temporary Permit.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-4, Licensure, related to defining terminology.
Final certification of ABN Administrative Code §610-X-4-.14, Fees.
Final certification of ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.09, CRNP Requirements, and ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.20, CNM Requirements.
March 2018
Approved 2018-2022 ABN Safety Goals.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X10-02(6), Continuing Education General Standards.
Final certification, recommended changes to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-4, "Licensure."
Final certification, changes to ABN Administrative Chapter 2, "Definitions."

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Final certification of changes to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 2, "Definitions."
May 2018
Final certification of revision of ABN Administrative Code §610-X-10-02(6) Continuing Education General Standards.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-9-.04 Standards of Practice for a Nurse Anesthetist, and §610-X-9-.10, Standards of Practice for Clinical Nurse Specialists.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-4, Licensure.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 8, Disciplinary Actions.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.09, Requirements for Collaborative Practice Between Physicians and Nurse Practitioners.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §§610-X-3-.01 and .03, Definitions for Faculty.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Practice.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code, §610-X-9-.10, Standards of Practice for CNS.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code, §610-X-5-.05, Limitations on Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.
July 2018
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.09, Requirements for Collaborative Practice Between Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 8, Investigation.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-4, Licensure.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-3-.01 and .03, Definitions for Faculty.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.05 Limitations on Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-9-.10, Standards of Practice for the CNS.
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-4-.16, Special Circumstances (Military).
Approved revisions to ABN Administrative Code §§610-X-5-.13, .24 and §§610-X-9-.07, .13 Reinstatement of Lapsed Approval.

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July 2018
Approved revision of ABN Administrative Code, §§610-X-5-.04, .07, .15 and .18, Termination of Collaborative Practice.
September 2018
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.09, Requirements for Collaborative Practice Between Physicians and Nurse Practitioners.
AFinal certification, revisions to ABN Administrative Code §§610-X-3.01 and .03, Definitions for Faculty.
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Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-9-.10, Standards of Practice for the CNS.
Final certification of revisions to ABN Administrative Code §610-X-5-.05 Limitations on Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.
Approved revision of ABN Administrative Code §610-X-4-.16, Special Circumstances.
Approved revision of ABN Administrative Code §§610-X-5-.13, .24 and §§610-X-9-.07, .13, Reinstatement of Lapsed Approval.
Approved revision of ABN Administrative Code §§610-X-5-.04, .07, .15 and .18, Termination of Collaborative Practice.