

North Carolina Board of Nursing Comments to the NC House Select Committee on COVID-19, Health Care Working Group

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Mission



***Protect the
public by
regulating the
practice of
nursing***



NC Board of Nursing Activities

- ❑ **Licensee Numbers**
- ❑ **Waivers**
- ❑ **Collaborative Efforts**
- ❑ **COVID-19 Recovery Act Provisions**
- ❑ **Issues of Concern**

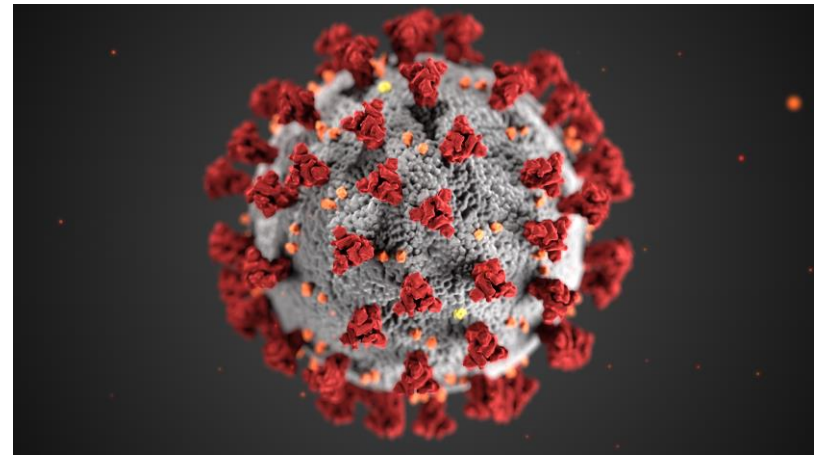


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Licensure Statistics

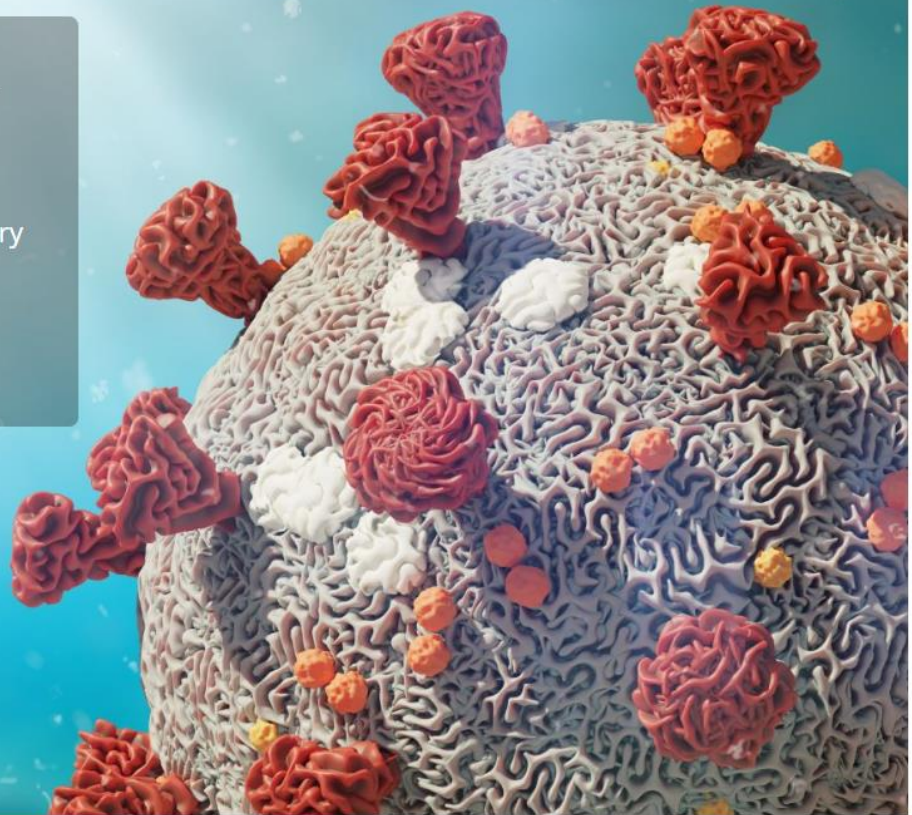
- Licensed practical nurses (LPNs)
- Registered nurses (RNs)
- Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs)
 - Certified Nurse Practitioners
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists

Nursing Waivers

Important Information about COVID-19

The latest information and guidance on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 and NCBON temporary waivers.

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Waivers

- Emergency temporary graduate (RN/LPN)
- Emergency temporary graduate recognition (CRNA)
- Emergency temporary reinstatement (RN/LPN)
- Nurse specialist temporary graduate
- Nursing education programs
- Refresher courses
- Renewal (RN/LPN)

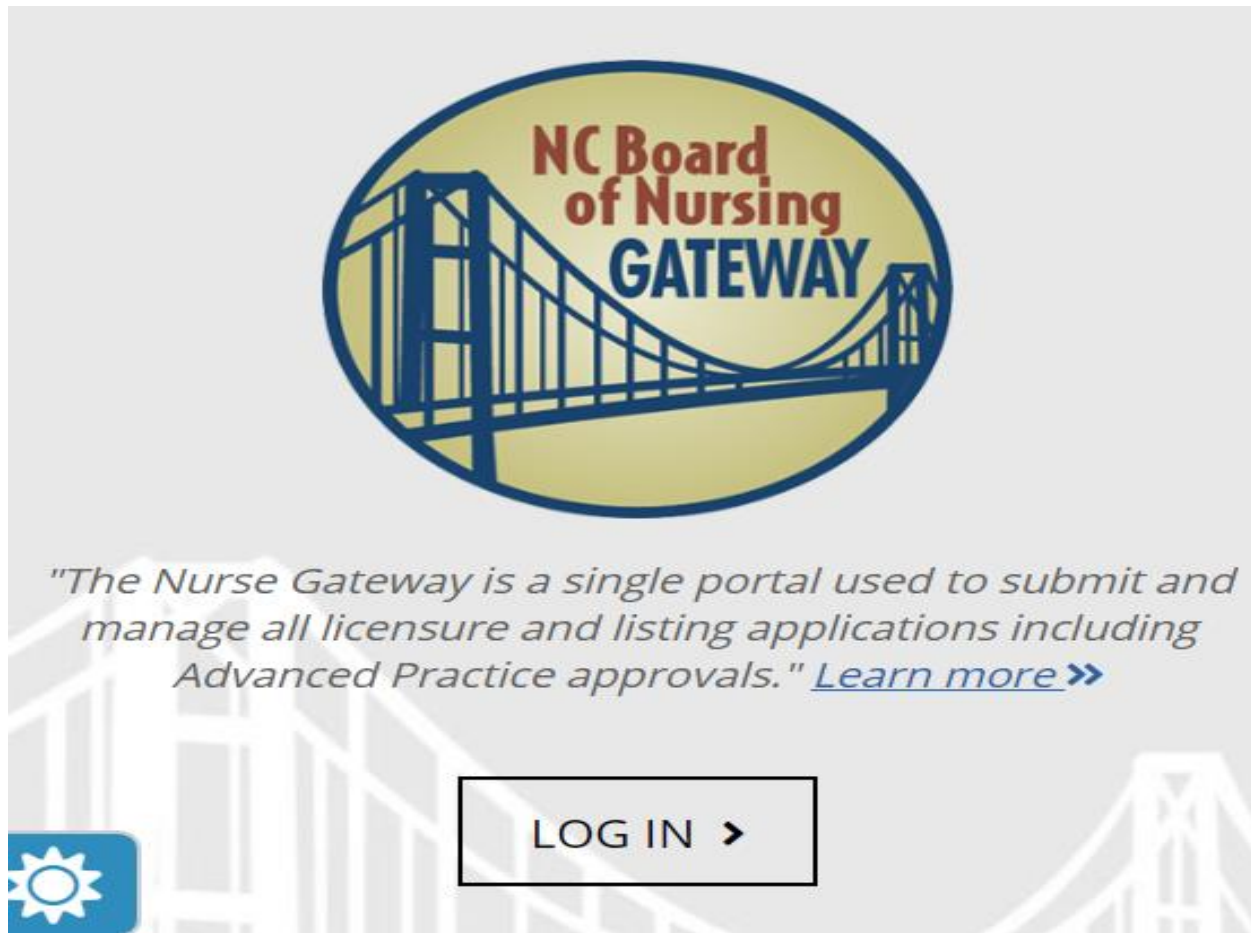
Nurse Practitioner Waivers

- Nurse practitioner emergency temporary graduate
- Nurse practitioner emergency temporary reinstatement
- Nurse practitioner order for reassignment to new practice areas

Nurse Midwifery Waivers

- Nurse midwife emergency temporary graduate
- Nurse midwife emergency temporary reinstatement
- Nurse midwife temporary extension of approval to practice

Waiver Process



Response to Waivers

- Nursing education programs
- Testing center locations
- Refresher courses
- Temporary reinstatements
- Temporary graduate recognition

Collaborative Efforts

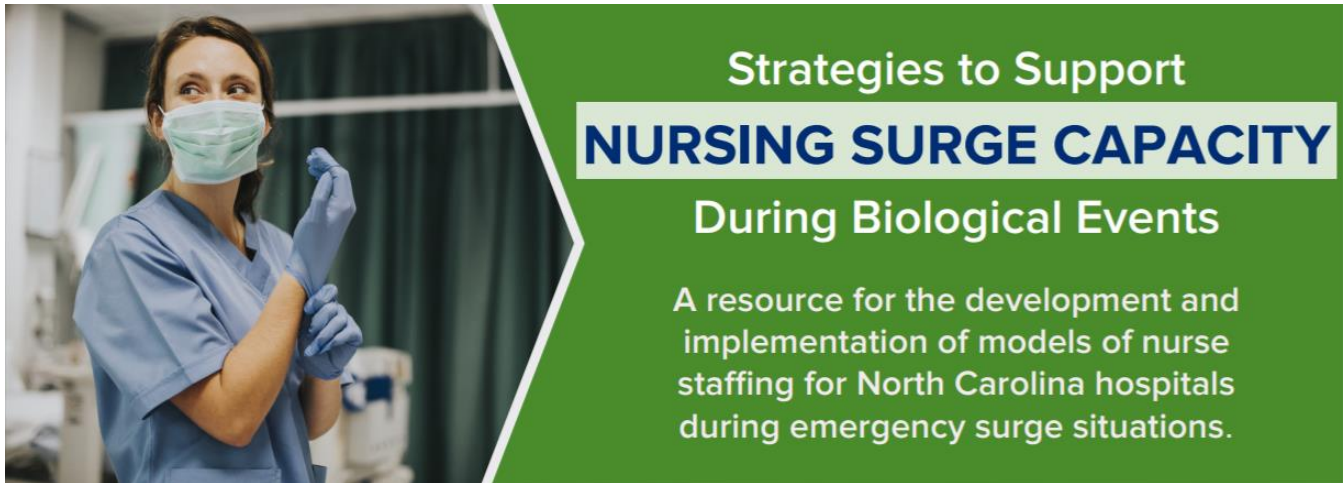
[Covid19_ncbon_nurse] Request from NC DHHS Chief Public Health Nurse: We need you now! Can you help?

I am NC's Chief Public Health Nurse, Dr. Susan Haynes Little. I am writing directly to you because your help is needed now. The NC Board of Nursing has graciously provided me access to you via email to expedite this request.

We are in unprecedented times with COVID-19 and things are changing daily. The one constant is a growing and urgent need for health care workers to care for our most vulnerable people. Here is YOUR opportunity to help ...



Collaborative Efforts



https://www.ncha.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Nursing_Surge_Capacity_Resource_2020.pdf

Quality Improvement Process Provisions in COVID-19 Recovery Act

- Waives requirement for quality improvement process meetings and corresponding documentation for experienced NPs and physician assistants
- Provisions for volunteers
- NC NPs notified of provisions in the COVID-19 Recovery Act

Issues for the NC General Assembly to Consider

- Statutory authority for the creation of waivers
- Organizational policies for nursing
- Calls received by practice consultants
 - PPE

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