

**BOARD OF NURSING**  
**Open Session Meeting Agenda**

**May 6, 2026**  
**9:30 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING NOTICE**

*This meeting will be held virtually by WEB-EX. Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:*

### Join information

Board of Nursing Meeting- Open Session

Hosted by HSPA BOARDS

Meeting link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mc6734897c0edfe6f8e75edfcef175f34>

Meeting number:

172 969 3891

Password:

HBwPs3Cfw57

**J**oin by phone

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in number (US/Canada)

Access code: 2307 956 0092

Host PIN: 3050

[Global call-in numbers](#)

**This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov)**

#### **Board of Nursing Mission Statement:**

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
Patricia Howard-Chittams, DNP, AGPCNP-BC RN (MB)-Board Chair	
Laverne Plater, BSN, RN-BC (LP)- Vice Chair	
Rick Garcia, Ph.D., RN, CCM, FAAOHN, FAADN (RG)	
Kami Cooper, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CCWS (KC)	
Tiffany Simmons, MSN-Ed, RN (TS)	
Anne Ford, LPN (AF)	
<b>Consumer Member</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Consumer Member</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Long Term Care Administrator (LTCA)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Nurse Assistive Personnel (NAP)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF</b>	
Cam Thompson, BSS, BSN, RN, ACRN, CPH- Executive Director	
Cathy Borris-Hale, MHA, RN- Nurse Specialist	
Tamara Freeman, MSN, RN- Nurse Specialist	
Mark Donatelli, Interim Compliance Officer	
Tanee Atwell, MS Health Licensing Specialist	
Myra Barnes, Health Licensing Specialist	
Stephen A. Ortiz, Esq., Assistant General Counsel	
Brett Bennett, Esq., Assistant General Counsel	
Kera Johnson MPH, CPH, Legislative Affairs Specialist	

**BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

**The Open Session Agenda continues with ‘Board Meeting Participants/Call to Order’.**

**AGENDA**

OS-26-05-01	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>																					
OS-26-05-02	<b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b>																					
OS-26-05-03	<b><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the Agenda for today’s meeting, May 6, 2026.																					
OS-26-05-04	<b><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 4, 2026, meeting.																					
OS-26-03-05	<b><u>REPORTS</u></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointment (M.O.T.A.)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Swearing in new Board of Nursing members- Scott Jackson</li> <li>b. How to join Board of Nursing as a volunteer member-  <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/join">https://mota.dc.gov/join</a></li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Board Chair Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Acknowledgement of National Nurses’ Week</li> <li>b. Committee on Impaired Nurses (C.O.I.N.)</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. Executive Director Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current 2026 RN/APRN renewal season- April 1-June 30</li> <li>b. Public Health Priorities</li> <li>c. Follow-Up to Prorate Question-</li> <li>d. Licensure Implementation Updates</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <table border="1" data-bbox="511 1451 1133 1864" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #c00000; color: white;">BOARD MEETING DATES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">July 1, 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">In-Person</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">August 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">RECESS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">September 2, 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">In-Person</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">3,022</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">181</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">190</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">43</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">Home Health Aide (HHA)</td> <td style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">8, 959</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BOARD MEETING DATES		July 1, 2026	In-Person	August 2026	RECESS	September 2, 2026	In-Person	ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS		Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	3,022	Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)	181	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	190	Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	43	Home Health Aide (HHA)	8, 959	<b>Informational</b>
BOARD MEETING DATES																						
July 1, 2026	In-Person																					
August 2026	RECESS																					
September 2, 2026	In-Person																					
ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS																						
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	3,022																					
Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)	181																					
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	190																					
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	43																					
Home Health Aide (HHA)	8, 959																					

	<table border="1" data-bbox="511 264 1133 514"> <tr> <td>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</td> <td>1,827</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td> <td>5, 654</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)</td> <td>79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registered Nurse (RN)</td> <td>41, 401</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trained Medication Employee (TME)</td> <td>1,513</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>62, 889</b></td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="430 556 1263 1291"> <b>4. Board Attorney Report</b>            a. Current Regulations in Review/Amendment            b. Open Meetings Act- Education Subcommittee Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Recap   <b>5. Legislative Report</b>            a. DC Health Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Oversight            b. Cedar Hill Roundtable            c. Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drug Act of 2026            d. Community Health Amendment Act of 2025   <b>6. Education Subcommittee Report</b>            a. Number of site visits- Nurse Assistive/Higher Education            b. Continuing Education Series Announcement   <b>7. Discipline Subcommittee Report:</b>            a. Number of complaints received            b. Summary Suspensions            c. NSA's            d. # Interviews conducted by Discipline Committee            e. # of COIN Participants         </p>	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	1,827	Nurse Practitioner (NP)	5, 654	Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)	79	Registered Nurse (RN)	41, 401	Trained Medication Employee (TME)	1,513	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62, 889</b>	
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	1,827													
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	5, 654													
Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)	79													
Registered Nurse (RN)	41, 401													
Trained Medication Employee (TME)	1,513													
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62, 889</b>													
OS-26-05-06	<p data-bbox="381 1333 1263 1438"><b><u>Recommendation from Nursing Education Subcommittee-Higher Education, Approval of Public Reporting NCLEX Pass Rate for 2025, District of Columbia Approved Nursing Schools</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="381 1480 1263 1596"><b>Background:</b> Public reporting District of Columbia Board of Nursing website of the Nursing Schools NCLEX Pass Rate for Year, 2025. (See attachment OS-26-05-06)</p> <p data-bbox="381 1638 1263 1753"><b>Board Action:</b> Approval to report NCLEX Pass Rate, 2025, Nursing Schools within the District of Columbia, Board of Nursing website under heading, List of Approved Schools.</p>	Decision												
OS-26-05-07	<p data-bbox="381 1795 1263 1837"><b><u>LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATOR</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="381 1869 1263 1900"><b>Board Action:</b> N/A</p>	Informational												

	<p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to Title 17 DCMR § 6200 and Title 17 DCMR § 11300 in conjunction with regulation of Long-Term Care Administration</p> <p><b>LTC Admin. Matter:</b> NHA License Census</p>	
OS-26-05-08	<p><b><u>NURSING WORKFORCE FACTSHEET UPDATES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) conducts the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) to analyze the demographics, education, and employment characteristics of the nursing workforce. This data is used to project future supply, identify shortages, and inform policy decisions regarding training and funding</p>	Informational
OS-26-05-09	<p><b><u>DC LEAD FREE PROGRAM</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Background:</b> DC Water, the District’s Lead-Free program. As part of this work, they are looking to strengthen collaboration with our Boards and licensees to help expand awareness and outreach around lead prevention and available DC resources</p>	Informational
OS-26-05-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons outlined in the motion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(A);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol>	Decision
OS-26-05-11	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY</u></b></p>	Informational

<p><b>OS-26-05-12</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This concludes the Public Open Session pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons outlined in the motion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(A);</li> <li>3. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>5. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>6. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
---------------------------	--	------------------------

**THIS ENDS THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

**BOARD OF NURSING**  
**Open Session Meeting Agenda Minutes**

**March 4, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING NOTICE**

*This meeting will be held virtually by WEB-EX. Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:*

**Join information**

Board of Nursing Meeting- Open Session

Hosted by HSPA BOARDS

Meeting link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m3f061a8ed7314e8153919d0973828864>

Meeting number:

2307 956 0092

Password:

pVqBCxeX629

Join by phone

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in number (US/Canada)

Access code: 2307 956 0092

Host PIN: 3050

[Global call-in numbers](#)

**This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov)**

**Board of Nursing Mission Statement:**

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
Patricia Howard-Chittams, DNP, AGPCNP-BC RN (MB)-Board Chair	Present
Laverne Plater, BSN, RN-BC (LP)- Vice Chair	Present
Rick Garcia, Ph.D., RN, CCM, FAAOHN, FAADN (RG)	<b>Absent</b>
Kami Cooper, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CCWS (KC)	Present
Tiffany Simmons, MSN-Ed, RN (TS)	Present
Anne Ford, LPN (AF)	Present
<b>Consumer Member</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Consumer Member</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Long Term Care Administrator (LTCA)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Nurse Assistive Personnel (NAP)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF</b>	
Cam Thompson, BSS, BSN, RN, ACRN, CPH- Executive Director	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale, MHA, RN- Nurse Specialist	Present
Tamara Freeman, MSN, RN- Nurse Specialist	Present
Mark Donatelli, Interim Compliance Officer	Present
Tanee Atwell, MS Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Myra Barnes, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Stephen A. Ortiz, Esq., Assistant General Counsel	Present
Brett Bennett, Esq., Assistant General Counsel	Present
Kera Johnson MPH, CPH, Legislative Affairs Specialist	Present

**BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

The Open Session Agenda continues with ‘Board Meeting Participants/Call to Order’.

**AGENDA**

OS-26-03-01	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	9:04 AM														
OS-26-03-02	<b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b>	9:09 AM- Quorum established														
OS-26-03-03	<b><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Agenda for today’s meeting, March 4, 2026.  Motion to approve by Ms. Plater, seconded by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	Decision 9:13 AM														
OS-26-03-04	<b><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 7, 2026, meeting.  Motion to approve by Ms. Plater, seconded by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	Decision 9:16 AM														
OS-26-03-05	<b><u>REPORTS</u></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Board Chair Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Transition of Chair and acknowledgment of end of carry over terms for Ms. Meedie Bardonille and Ms. Margaret Green; official public acceptance of Board Chair seat by Dr. Howard-Chittams</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Executive Director Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Licensure Implementation Updates- Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C) Title 17 DCMR § 9500 &amp; Patient Care Technologist (PCT) Title 17 DCMR § 9700- Checklists will be completed by DC Health to upload to our website</li> <li>b. Updated Board of Nursing Regulations Quick Reference Guide to include Title 17 &amp; Title 22 Regulations to give guidance on scope and setting</li> <li>c. How to join Board of Nursing- <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/join">https://mota.dc.gov/join</a></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <table border="1" data-bbox="513 1640 1133 1894"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">BOARD MEETING DATES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>May 6, 2026</td> <td>Virtual</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 1, 2026</td> <td>In-Person</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 2026</td> <td>RECESS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2, 2026</td> <td>In-Person</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)</td> <td>2,867</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BOARD MEETING DATES		May 6, 2026	Virtual	July 1, 2026	In-Person	August 2026	RECESS	September 2, 2026	In-Person	ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS		Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	2,867	Informational
BOARD MEETING DATES																
May 6, 2026	Virtual															
July 1, 2026	In-Person															
August 2026	RECESS															
September 2, 2026	In-Person															
ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS																
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	2,867															

<b>Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)</b>	177
<b>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</b>	189
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</b>	42
<b>Home Health Aide (HHA)</b>	8,703
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</b>	1,778
<b>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</b>	5,415
<b>Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)</b>	79
<b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	40,385
<b>Trained Medication Employee (TME)</b>	1,442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,077</b>

**3. Board Attorney Report**

- a. Open Meetings Act- <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/sections/2-574>
- b. Delegated Authority Summary- DC Health staff are granted authority to process routine licenses, renewals, and administrative actions based on established criteria; handle complaint intake, investigations, and case preparation, but the Board retains final disciplinary authority; monitor compliance, continuing education, and Board-ordered requirements; The Executive Director implements Board policies and manages daily operations within delegated limits; The Board retains non-delegable authority such as rulemaking, scope-of-practice decisions, and final disciplinary actions.

**4. Legislative Report**

- a. Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026- On February 2nd, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026 (B26-0593). The legislation allows DC Health, on behalf of the Mayor, to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with a prescription drug discount program (Array RX) for the explicit purpose of lowering the cost of prescription medications for all District residents, regardless of insurance status. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing has been scheduled for March 25th.
- b. Community Health Amendment Act of 2025- Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Henderson introduced the Community Health Amendment Act of 2025 (B26-0414) on October 6th. The

	<p>legislation authorizes healthcare providers in the District to order and administer immunizations recommended by competent medical and public health organizations designated by the Director of the Department of Health. The legislation will also allow pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine without a doctor’s prescription. This legislation received a hearing on October 30th in the Committee on Health. DC Health testified in support of the bill expressing the importance of vaccine availability and access. A markup was held on December 8th and the bill passed unanimously on both first reading and on final reading on January 6th. It is now undergoing Congressional Review.</p> <p>C. PrEP DC Act of 2025- Councilmember Parker introduced the PrEP DC Act of 2025 (B26-0159) on February 28, 2025. The legislation creates safeguards for equitable and affordable access to HIV prevention treatment by prohibiting health insurers from using prescription information as a condition of eligibility or in premium rates, restricting or imposing setting delays in the distribution of antiretroviral prescription drugs, and from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other cost-sharing requirement for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV and AIDS infection. This legislation is in the Committee on Health and received a hearing on October 30th. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the intent of the legislation to promote affordable access to HIV prevention medication. A markup was held on December 8th and will now go before the Committee of the Whole. The bill passed on first reading on February 3rd.</p> <p><b>5. Education Subcommittee Report-</b> Informational Updates Below</p> <p><b>6. Discipline Subcommittee Report: Q1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Number of complaints received:</u> 13</li> <li>b. <u>Summary Suspensions:</u> 0</li> <li>c. <u>NSA’s:</u> 23</li> <li>d. <u># Interviews conducted by Discipline Committee:</u> 7</li> <li>e. <u># of COIN Participants:</u> 7</li> </ul>	
<p>OS-26-03-06</p>	<p><b><u>ANNUAL REVIEW AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF NURSING SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>Informational</b></p>

	<p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to Title 17 DCMR § 5607, Annual Review and General Administration</p> <p><b>Update:</b> Annual educational reports were sent to Degree and Non-degree schools on/or before December 12, 2025.</p> <p>The board of nursing has received all the annual reports from degree and non-degree schools, and they are currently being processed. Thank you to the learning institutions for your ongoing compliance.</p>									
<p><b>OS-26-03-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATOR</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to Title 17 DCMR § 6200 and Title 17 DCMR § 11300 in conjunction with regulation of Long-Term Care Administration</p> <p><b><u>LTC Admin. Matter:</u></b> NHA License Census</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="381 934 807 1098"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">NHA Licenses Granted 2026</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Exam</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Re-Exam</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A candidate for the Long-Term Care Administrator license brought up two inconsistencies in the long-term care regs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Regulation: “3227.8 Each refrigerator that is used for storage of medications shall operate at a temperature between thirty-six degrees (34 [degrees]) and forty-six degrees (48 [degrees]) Fahrenheit; each refrigerator shall be equipped with a thermometer that is easily readable, accurate and in proper working condition.</i></li> <li><i>“3205. INSURANCE COVERAGE 3205.1 Each facility shall carry sufficient insurance to cover the following exposures: (a) Hazard (fire, extended coverage, and vandalism); (b) Consequential (indirect) loss from operation breakdown; (c) Theft; and (d) Legal risk (liability). 3205.2 The liability insurance shall include malpractice coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and comprehensive general coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000). 3205.3 Each facility shall carry Worker's Compensation insurance for all employees pursuant to the District of Columbia Worker's Compensation Act of 1979, as amended, effective July 1, 1980, D.C. Law 3- 77, D.C. Code § 36-301, et seq.”</i></li> </ol>	NHA Licenses Granted 2026		Exam	2	Re-Exam	0	Endorsement	0	<p><b>Informational</b></p>
NHA Licenses Granted 2026										
Exam	2									
Re-Exam	0									
Endorsement	0									

	<p><b>Update:</b> The waiver for Educational and Exam requirements for people currently working as Assisted Living Administrators (ALAs). Deciding on implementing a Jurisprudence Examination or other methods of demonstrating compliance. Residential Care/Assisted Living Administrator license online application status.</p>	
OS-26-03-08	<p><b><u>MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons outlined in the motion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(A);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol> <p>Motion to close by Ms. Plater, seconded by Ms. Ford; approved by unanimous vote.</p>	<p><b>Decision via Roll Call Vote- 11:39 AM</b></p>
OS-26-03-09	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board reviewed the following:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Licensure status of two educational training programs, one of which the Board voted to remove approval.</li> <li>○ Eight disciplinary matters and rendered decisions on all eight disciplinary cases.</li> <li>○ The proposed use of Ethics and Boundary Assessment Services (EBOs)- for licensees who present with ethical issues the use of EBOS for continuing education.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Informational</b></p>
OS-26-03-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p>	<p><b>END 11:52 AM</b></p>

	<p><b>Background:</b> This concludes the Public Open Session pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons outlined in the motion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(A);</li> <li>3. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>5. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>6. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol>	
--	--	--

**THIS ENDS THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING  
COMMITTEE ON IMPAIRED NURSES (COIN)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**2201 Shannon Place SE  
Washington, DC 20020**

**Information on COIN**

The “Nurses Rehabilitation Program Act of 2000” was passed establishing a Committee on Impaired Nurses (COIN) to supervise the operation of a rehabilitation program for nursing personnel licensed in the District of Columbia. The purpose of the Committee is to provide an alternative to the DC Board of Nursing’s disciplinary process for licensed nursing personnel who are impaired due to drug or alcohol dependence or mental illness. The Committee monitors the recovery of licensed nursing personnel and their practice to assure that they practice within acceptable standards of nursing care. All information about the participants in the program is confidential.

Admission to the program is voluntary (unless mandated to COIN by the Board of Nursing). Participants are generally in COIN for three to five years. Licensed nursing personnel may be referred to the Program through self-reports, formal complaints, and/or the DC Board of Nursing. Once a nurse is admitted to the COIN Program, the nurse and Committee enter into an agreement that outlines the conditions that must be met by the nurse. This agreement or contract is legally binding. Failure to adhere to the elements of the agreement will result in the participant being referred to the DC Board of Nursing for possible disciplinary action.

The monitoring of participants is done through monthly self-reports, supervisor reports, sponsor reports, health care provider reports, and random drug screens. COIN meets with participants monthly – quarterly. The COIN Program uses Affinity/Spectrum Compliance to manage the drug testing component. When the participant signs the Agreement that follows, instructions will be sent to the participant to set up the Affinity account. Failure to comply with the drug testing element of the program is considered an act of non-compliance and may result in the participant being referred to the DC Board of Nursing. The participant is responsible for all expenses and fees associated with the COIN Program, including drug screens.

For referrals or additional information please email us at: [dc.coin@dc.gov](mailto:dc.coin@dc.gov)

Dear Licensee,

You are receiving this notice because your license is set to expire on **June 30, 2026**. DC Health is happy to announce that the renewal portal will be LIVE on **April 1, 2026!**

Renewals must be completed online. Our licensure portal has enhanced features such as the ability to upload your continuing education documents. Licenses are also encouraged to have all supplemental documents (e.g., responses to screening questions, proof of continuing education (CE), etc.) scanned and ready for upload before starting the renewal process to avoid any delays.

**DC Health Renewal Licensing Portal Page link:**  
<https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/dchealthrenewals/>

**Please be sure to read all the instructions on the DC Health Renewal Licensing Portal Page.**

If you are experiencing issues with creating or logging into your account, please submit a “case” to our Customer Support site: <https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/support/>. For program or board-related inquiries, please contact the board at [bon.dc@dc.gov](mailto:bon.dc@dc.gov).

**Any licensee who fails to renew their license before the expiration date but continues to engage in the practice of Nursing will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC)**

- ***Do I need a Criminal Background Check?***

**Yes.** All renewal applicants require a **name-search CBC**. Processing a renewal application on average may take 3 – 5 business days while we await the results of the CBC name search. The processing time may take longer to address any holds placed on the renewal. **Renewing licensees are not required to get a fingerprint or live scan.**

#### **RENEWAL FEES**

- ***How much does it cost to renew?***

Below are the current renewal fees for various:

- \$145 for a Registered Nurse License Renewal
- \$263 for a Nurse Practitioner (APRN) License Renewal
- \$50 for a Criminal Background Check
- \$85 late fee effective after license expiration date (This fee is in addition to the renewal fee)

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT (CEUs)**

- ***What are my CEU requirements?***
  - **FOR RN**
    - Twenty-four (24) hours of CE, which must include 2 HOURS of LGBTQ and 2.5 hours must be in the public health priority topics shown here <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/1163176>
  - **FOR APRN**
    - Fifteen (15) hours in pharmacology

**All renewals require proof of continuing education (CE) except for first-time renewals.** Licensees must submit CE certificates or transcripts from their certifying board, showing the course title, hours awarded, and approval status. Licensees may renew without immediate CE documentation if they plan to complete it by **their license expiration date**. CE documentation must be uploaded prior to the license expiration date to avoid disciplinary action by the Board of Podiatry.

- ***When must my CEUs be completed?***

CEs must be taken between **July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2026.**

- ***Why can't I upload my CEU documents?***

Our IT department has identified certain issues with document uploads on browsers **OTHER** than Google Chrome or Firefox. If you are not using the most up-to-date versions of Google Chrome or Firefox, first try uploading your CME document using these web browsers {Google Chrome/Firefox}. To submit your uploaded CEUs, you must **WRITE** something in the continuing education **DESCRIPTION BOX**. For example, you may write ***"I have uploaded all my CEUs or CEUs are attached"***.

Finally, if you still have upload issues, you can submit your renewal application by selecting the ***"I will complete my CEUs by the License Expiration Date"*** option in the CEU category of the renewal application. By selecting this, you can skip the document uploads and proceed with the rest of your application so you may renew your license on time. **You must also submit a ticket to our customer support site:**

<https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/support/>.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS**

- ***Will I be audited?***

After the renewal, you may be audited and required to submit continuing education documents to the Board. CEUs must be taken during the **current licensure period**. **CEs must be taken between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2026.**

### **PDMP REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT**

The District of Columbia requires all licensed practitioners with prescribing authority to register for the District of Columbia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (DC PDMP). **Practitioners with prescribing authority include all Podiatrists.** The DC PDMP aims to improve the District's ability to identify and reduce diversion of prescription and to enhance patient care by providing prescription monitoring information that will ensure the legitimate use of controlled substances. **Your license will not be renewed without PDMP registration.**

To register for the PDMP, visit <https://districtofcolumbia.pmpaware.net/login>. Once there, click "Create an Account" to begin the registration process. You will need the following information to complete the registration process:

- District of Columbia Professional License Number
- District of Columbia Controlled Substance Registration Number (where applicable)
- Federal DEA Number - Providers without a DEA number should register as a "Prescriber without DEA"

### **RENEWAL CONFIRMATION**

- ***How can I get confirmation of my renewal?***

All licensees who submit a renewal application will receive a submission confirmation email from DC Health. Licensees who have not received a confirmation email should log back into the system and ensure that the correct email address was entered. Please check spam filters as confirmation emails may sometimes accidentally go to spam, junk, or trash folders. If you've checked all the above, but still have not received a confirmation email, you should submit a "case" to our Customer Support site:

<https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/support/>. You can check the status of your application on the application portal landing page <https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/dchealthrenewals/>.

**DC Health does not issue hard copies of the renewed license. Once approved, your renewed license will be emailed to the address on file.**

### **CHANGE TO THE TERM OF LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, AND REGISTRATION**

DC Health has always operated with fixed renewal windows for each profession. In response to feedback from the health professional community, **the Director has moved to change the renewal system to align with each licensee's birth month.** As such, all applicable licenses, certificates, or registrations issued on or after June 16, 2024, will expire on the last day of the birth month of the license holder. Additionally, licensees born in even-numbered years will have expiration years that are even-numbered, while those born in odd-numbered years will have odd-numbered expiration years. **This applies to all new and renewing licenses.**

### **PAYMENT ISSUE**

- ***Why isn't my credit card accepted?***

**The renewal system will only accept Visa or MasterCard credit cards for payment.** Please ensure you entered the correct information for your payment. Once the payment has been received, a receipt will be sent to your email of record. If you are using a Visa or MasterCard, but are still having issues, please submit a "case" to our Customer Support site: <https://dohlicenseinfo.secure.force.com/support/>.

### **HELPFUL TIPS TO REMEMBER**

- The deadline for renewal is **June 30, 2026.**
- **We encourage all applicants to apply at least 30 days before expiration.**
- **You are eligible for late renewal for up to sixty (60) days after your license has expired.** A late fee of \$85 will be assessed.
- CAREFULLY read all renewal screening questions.
- Do not answer "Yes" to the paid-inactive question unless you intend to be inactive.
- If you respond "Yes" to a screening question(s) **you MUST provide complete documentation before your license will be renewed.**

Please visit our website [www.dchealth.dc.gov](http://www.dchealth.dc.gov) or contact the board at [bon.dc@dc.gov](mailto:bon.dc@dc.gov) if you have any questions. Our team is committed to making your 2026 renewal a pleasant experience.

Best Regards,



Camesha N. Thompson, RN, ACRN, CPH  
Executive Director  
District of Columbia Board of Nursing

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### IDENTIFYING PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Director of the Department of Health (Director) hereby gives notice of the topics identified as public health priorities for the purpose of the continuing education required for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of health professional licenses, certifications, or registrations, issued in accordance with DC Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq*; hereafter referred to as health professionals.

With the goal of enhancing the protection and promotion of public health and in accordance with the rulemaking authority under DC Official Code § 3-1203.02(12), the Director has promulgated rules requiring health professionals to complete at least ten percent (10%) of their required total continuing education in the public health priorities of the District as determined and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. The Director has identified five (5) public health domains and provided content examples that would align with each domain. These examples are not intended to be exhaustive; however, they are designed to guide renewal applicants in identifying areas of public health that are aligned with the priorities of the public health authority but also beneficial and germane to the specific license, certification, or registration type.

1. Sexual and Reproductive Health
  - a. Obtaining a sexual history and discussing sexual experiences with patients
  - b. Adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights
  - c. Cervical cancer
  - d. Family planning and contraception
  - e. Maternal and perinatal health
  - f. Violence against women and girls
  - g. Breastfeeding Promotion
2. Chronic Disease Management
  - a. Obesity prevention and treatment
  - b. Lifestyle change management
  - c. Disease-specific management (hypertension, diabetes, stroke, kidney disease, etc.)
3. [One Health](https://www.cdc.gov/one-health/about/index.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/one-health/about/index.html>)
  - a. Vector and non-vector borne diseases
  - b. Water quality and safety
  - c. Zoonotic diseases
  - d. Antimicrobial-resistant germs
  - e. Food security
  - f. Environmental contamination
  - g. Air quality
  - h. Impact of climatological changes on health
4. Healthcare Professional Retention and Capacity Building
  - a. Suicide prevention
  - b. Avoidance and managing burnout
  - c. Quality improvement

- d. Substance use/misuse and substance use disorder
  - e. Implicit bias, cultural humility, and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in health and healthcare.
5. Community and Patient Safety
- a. Fall and injury prevention
  - b. Violence prevention, including gun violence
  - c. Emergency preparedness for patients
  - d. Effects of social media
  - e. Infection control
  - f. Identifying cognitive impairment in patients

Each health professional licensing board shall disseminate the identified public health domains to its health professionals via electronic communication and through publication on its web page. Since the goal of this list is to engage and educate health professionals in the promotion and protection of public health, it is intended to be liberally interpreted by each health professional licensing board with regulatory authority over each license, certification, and registration type.

The requirement for public health continuing education may be found in specific professional rules under Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DMCR), such as section 7808.2 for audiologists (17 DCMR § 7808.2); section 6906.4 for psychologists (17 DCMR § 6906.4); section 7008.4 for social workers (17 DCMR § 7008.4). This requirement may still be under rulemaking process for certain professions and is therefore not yet in effect for those professions. To determine whether public health continuing education is required for a specific license, certification, or registration, visit the specific professional licensing board web pages at [www.dchealth.dc.gov](http://www.dchealth.dc.gov) or contact the Department of Health at (202) 422-5955. Health professional regulations may be found also at [www.dcregs.dc.gov](http://www.dcregs.dc.gov).

**NCLEX-RN United States-Educated First-time Pass Rates**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

**\*Please Note: The required pass rate for District of Columbia Nursing Programs is 80.00% \***

Program Name	Program Type	2025 Pass Rate
<b>RN Program</b>		
Catholic University	BSN	88.76%
Georgetown	BSN and CNL	100%
Howard University	BSN	86.84%
St. Michael's		100%
Trinity	ADN	<b>70.73%</b>
UDC	ADN	82.14%

Trinity	Pass Rate over the last three years
2025	<b>70.73%</b>
2024	84.78%
2023	89.74%
Trinity current 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter pass rate score – <b>66.67%</b>	

Note: Overall Pass Rate (2025): Approx. 69.1%–71.5%, a decrease from 73.3% in 2024.

**NCLEX-PN United States-Educated First-time Pass Rates**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

**\*Please Note: The required pass rate for District of Columbia Practical Nursing Programs is 75%\***

Program Name	Program Type	2025 Pass Rate
<b>LPN Program</b>		
St. Michael's	PN	95%
UDC	PN	100%
Strayer	PN	New program no student test scores

NCLEX-PN Pass Rates (2025 YTD Trends) - First-time U.S.-Educated PN: ~85.9% – 87.3%;  
 Repeat U.S.-Educated PN: ~41.6%