

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 148.171-148.285 authorizes the Board of Nursing to regulate nursing practice for the purpose of public protection.

The board's mission is to protect the public's health and safety by providing reasonable assurance that the individuals who practice nursing in Minnesota are competent, ethical practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills appropriate to their title and role.

The board's activities are guided by the following principles:

- ⇒ Responsibility for public safety will be fulfilled with respect for due process and adherence to laws and rules.
- ⇒ Customer services will be delivered in a respectful, responsive, timely, communicative, and nondiscriminatory manner.
- ⇒ Government services will be accessible, purposeful, responsible, and secure.
- ⇒ Business functions will be delivered with efficiency, accountability, innovation, maximization of technology, and a willingness to collaborate.

Core Functions

- ⇒ **Credentialing Services:** The Board of Nursing regulates approximately 73,000 registered nurses, 23,000 licensed practical nurses, 4,000 advanced practice registered nurses, 11,000 public health nurses, 600 border state registry nurses, 100 nursing registered firms and 1,000 DEA verifications.
- ⇒ **Education Services:** The board approves and monitors 60 nursing education programs to assure graduates are competent to enter the workforce, monitors program graduation pass/fail rates on national nurse licensure examination, and facilitates innovative approaches to address nursing workforce and nursing faculty shortages. Annually, nursing education programs confirm approximately 2,300 graduations using the board's online services.
- ⇒ **Nursing Practice Standards:** The board promotes standards of safe nursing practice by interpreting the laws and rules related to nursing practice for nurses, employers, and educators. The board participates in nursing practice forums with nursing organizations and other state agencies to establish nursing performance guidelines so that employers and consumers can make informed decisions regarding the performance of nursing services. On an annual basis, the board responds to approximately 500 data queries regarding nurses for disaster preparedness, workforce, and education planning; answers 65,000 telephone calls and e-mails regarding licensure and nursing practice information; and presents 50 speeches regarding nursing practice, education, and credentialing.

Operations

- ⇒ The Board of Nursing is comprised of eight registered nurses, four licensed practical nurses, and four public members appointed by the governor. The board makes governance and policy decisions related to the regulation of nurse credentialing, practice, and education. Administrative management and services of the organization are delegated to the executive director and staff.
- ⇒ The board interacts with and provides services to applicants, licensees, educational institutions, attorneys, other state agencies, and health-related licensing boards; national and federal information systems; and a national nurse licensure examination test service.
- ⇒ The board disseminates information by publishing a newsletter; maintaining a web site; participating in statewide initiatives on nursing practice, education, and patient safety; and making public presentations and speeches.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07

Total Estimated Expenses: \$8.883 million

- ◆ \$375,000 for the nurses loan forgiveness program
- ◆ \$1.26 million for the long-term, home and community-based care employee scholarship program

Total Estimated Revenue: \$9.036 million

Staff: 28.6 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
License Statistics
(As of June 30, 2006)**

Total Licensed: 96,000

Key Measures

- ⇒ The board is a state and national leader for envisioning and implementing all licensure services online. Utilization of online services increased by 8% from FY 2005 to FY 2006, bringing the total licensure services conducted online to 75%.
- ⇒ 83% of nurses renew their license online, 97% of Minnesota nursing education programs validate graduation online, 96% of graduates of Minnesota nursing education programs apply for licensure online, and 90% of verifications of nurse licensure status are conducted online.
- ⇒ Business process re-engineering and technology have been utilized to reduce the use of paper by 75% and postage costs by 50% since 2004.
- ⇒ Licenses are issued within 24 hours of an applicant meeting all requirements.
- ⇒ The number of nursing education programs increased by 14% since 2004.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$8.833 million, which includes 28.60 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent, and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professionals Services Program, Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV program, Office of Mental Health Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$9.036 million in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants and licensees.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	3,078	3,631	3,631	3,631	7,262
Forecast Base	3,078	3,631	3,572	3,647	7,219
Change		0	(59)	16	(43)
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					7.6%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2,016	3,110	3,572	3,647	7,219
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	38	26	34	34	68
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	5	0	0	0	0
Total	2,059	3,136	3,606	3,681	7,287
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,539	2,039	2,116	2,198	4,314
Other Operating Expenses	520	1,097	560	553	1,113
Transfers	0	0	930	930	1,860
Total	2,059	3,136	3,606	3,681	7,287
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Nursing, Board Of	2,059	3,136	3,606	3,681	7,287
Total	2,059	3,136	3,606	3,681	7,287
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 24.0	 28.1	 33.0	 33.0	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	4,765	4,338	4,338	4,338	8,676
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(80)	1	1	1	2
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	4,685	4,339	4,339	4,339	8,678
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Other Revenues:					
Misc Special Revenue	5	0	0	0	0
Total Dedicated Receipts	5	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	4,690	4,339	4,339	4,339	8,678