

Executive Summary

Report of Findings from the 2005 RN Practice Analysis:
Linking the NCLEX-RN®

A number of steps were necessary for the completion of this practice analysis: a panel of subject matter experts was assembled, a questionnaire was developed, a sample of newly licensed nurses was selected, and data were collected and analyzed.

Panel of Subject Matter Experts

A panel of ten registered nurses was assembled to assist with the practice analysis. The Panel members all worked with and/or supervised the practice of registered nurses within their first six months of practice, represented all geographic areas of the country and all major nursing specialties.

The panel members approved a category structure describing the types of activities performed by new nurses and identified the new nurse activities performed within each category of the structure.

Questionnaire Development

One hundred and fifty activity statements were incorporated into a practice analysis

Survey Process

A stratified random sample of 6,000 RNs was selected from lists of candidates successful on the NCLEX-RN® examinations from January 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005. The sample was stratified by area of the country, with processes being used to include representative numbers of subjects from each NCSBN jurisdiction.

Orientat ion. Most of the respondents to the current study reported receiving some type

Activity Performance Findings

Represent ativeness of Activity Statements.