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New NLNAC Accreditation Standards and Glossary

The 2013 Accreditation Standards and Criteria for all six program types are posted on the [NLNAC website](#).

CLINICAL DOCTORATE

MASTER'S AND POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

BACCALAUREATE

ASSOCIATE

DIPLOMA

PRACTICAL

GLOSSARY

Also available on the website is an updated [Glossary](#) of the terms utilized and referenced within the NLNAC policies and in the Accreditation Standards and Criteria.

The Glossary is an essential part of the Accreditation Manual as it provides specific information that assists programs in understanding and applying the Standards and Criteria and maintaining compliance with the Accreditation Standards.

You are encouraged to discard any remaining paper versions of the Accreditation Manual and to reference the online version which always includes the most current information and policies.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR MARY LOU RUSIN, EdD, RN, ANEF

Hello to All!

It is an exciting time at the NLNAC as we prepare for the introduction of the **new 2013 Standards and Criteria**. This "roll out" is the culmination of a year-long process spearheaded by Ms. Marilyn Smidt, a long-tenured nurse administrator and a volunteer extraordinaire for the NLNAC. Working with over 80 volunteers grouped into program-specific Subcommittees, each chaired by a Board member, Ms. Smidt led the charge to develop revisions that would result in greater transparency and a clearer understanding of the foundation of accreditation - the Standards and Criteria.

Perhaps the most important part of the revision process was your input. Over 11,000 comments were received in response to two separate request for comment periods, resulting in more precise language and clearly defined Standards and Criteria across all program types. The Subcommittee Chairs reviewed each and every suggestion and comment and incorporated your thoughts into the final version; we deeply appreciate your assistance in sharing your perspectives in this endeavor. Of course, this revision work also involved the creation of a user-friendly **Glossary** to support the terms found in the Standards and Criteria - again, with the goal of clear communication in mind.

A sincere thanks to our many communities of interest for your role in developing the 2013 Standards and Criteria. We are proud of the final product as it represents the collaboration and cooperation of so many individuals to a common goal - that of assuring the quality and integrity of six different and distinct nursing program types from practical nursing through the clinical doctorate. Supporting **quality** and **integrity** of our nursing programs is a goal I am sure we all can agree on!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The NLNAC is seeking nominations for positions on the Board of Commissioners and the Nominating Committee. Additional information about the Board and Committee vacancies and the materials required to be submitted as part of the nominations process is available on the [NLNAC website](#). Nominations are due to the NLNAC office by February 15, 2013. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these important leadership positions.



EFFECTIVELY LEADING AN NLNAC-ACCREDITED PROGRAM

The first meeting of the new NLNAC workshop, **Effectively Leading an NLNAC-Accredited Program: A Workshop for the New Nurse Administrator**, was held in Atlanta, GA, on January 18, 2013. Over 70 nurse administrators participated, and evaluation feedback was overwhelmingly positive. This workshop is designed to assist nurse administrators with understanding accreditation policies and their role in maintaining the program's compliance with the Accreditation Standards and policies. **Registration for the June workshop to be held June 28, 2013**, in Atlanta, is currently open on the [NLNAC website](#). Space is limited, so **sign-up today**. We look forward to seeing you there.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR FALL 2013 SELF-STUDY FORUMS

Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall 2013 Self-Study Forums. Choose from two locations: **Atlanta, GA - September 12-13; and Dallas, TX - November 1-2**. A free special session will be offered prior to the start of the each Forum. With the release of the new 2013 Standards and Criteria, the Forums remain a valuable resource for nurse administrators and faculty of programs seeking initial and continuing accreditation.

Register early as space will fill quickly. **For more information or to register, visit us online at www.nlnac.org.**

