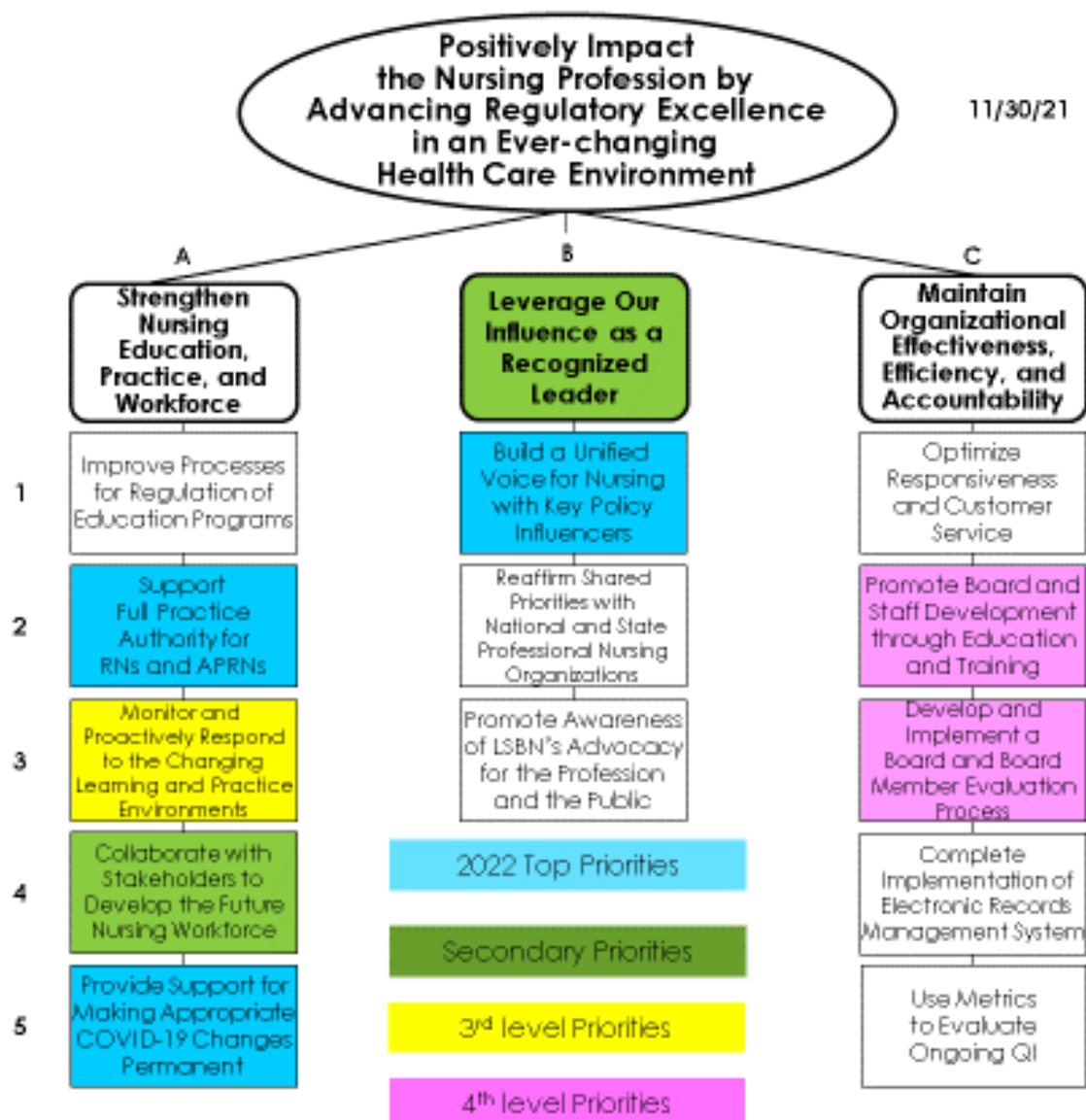


## Louisiana State Board of Nursing Strategic Plan: 2021-2023

**Mission:** To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe

**Vision:** LSBN will be a nationally recognized leader and trend-setter in regulatory excellence that advances nursing education, practice, and workforce

### LSBN Strategic Map





## TRACKS OF WORK

### Support full practice authority for RNs and APRNs:

1. LSBN/LSBME Zoom meeting, January 31, 2022. Dr. Kindall, Dr. Manning, Dr. Lyon, Carrie Jones
2. LANP Zoom meetings to discuss strategy for 2022 legislative session.
  - a. January 28, 2022: LANP members, Dr. Lyon, Dr. Wright
  - b. February 1, 2022: LANP members, Dr. Lyon, Dr. Wright
3. Initiate contact with Senator Mills to discuss possible legislation and update him on January 31, 2022 meeting with LSBME.
4. Dr. Lyon responded to Christine Coco, RN (school nurse) to speak to her group on March 25, 2022 to discuss CEUs for licensure, cannabis issues and essential oils, and legislative issues coming up in 2022.

### Provide support for making appropriate COVID-19 changes permanent

1. Educate legislators and Governor's staff related to permanent changes in health care regulations that will improve social determinants of health.

The collaborative practice agreement requirements of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for advanced practice registered nurses, including certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners, are suspended for this public health emergency.

a.

The requirements that a certified registered nurse anesthetist provide anesthesia care under the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist licensed to practice in Louisiana as set forth in La. R.S. 37:930(A)(3) and (F) are temporarily suspended, provided that the certified registered nurse anesthetist is within his/her scope of practice and has the education, knowledge, skills, and ability to provide such anesthesia care and ancillary services without supervision or direction.

b.

Relative to the authority of a registered nurse to administer anesthetic agents in certain settings in La. R.S. 37:935, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing shall provide by emergency rule that, for the purpose of providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic, "critical care settings" shall include all healthcare settings in which anesthetic agents have to be administered to intubated patients.

c.

The requirement that all licensed home health agencies admit patients for skilled care only on the order of a physician set forth in La. R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(1) is temporarily suspended to permit physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives to order home health services.

d.

The requirement that there be a quorum of a healthcare professional licensing board or authority for decision-making as set forth in La. R.S. 42:13 and the respective board statutes, is temporarily suspended to allow the Executive Director of that healthcare professional licensing board to temporarily suspend, waive, or amend a board rule or regulation that would prohibit, limit, or interfere with the licensing of healthcare professionals that are necessary to address the declared public health emergency.

e.

Unlicensed medical personnel: Relative to the authority of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to delegate medication administration to unlicensed personnel, such delegation shall include the administration of COVID-19 vaccines in all healthcare settings in which such agents are administered according to current guidelines and recommendations. The Registered Nurses and Advanced

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Practice Registered Nurses shall practice within their scope of practice subject to their knowledge, skill and ability. All individuals administering the vaccine must be competent in the informed consent process, COVID-19 vaccine administration, vaccine reconstitution, storage requirements, side effects, emergency management of adverse reactions, record-keeping, waste and disposal and all other aspects of vaccine administration.

f.

**Build a unified voice for nursing with key policy influencers**

- 1.** Consult with Senator Mills and his staff regarding advanced practice initiatives.
- 2.** Reinforce relationship from 2021 with Representatives Joseph Stagni and Christopher Turner for support of APRN legislation.
- 3.** Educate all legislators about full practice authority and the education, experience, and expertise of APRNs.
- 4.** Collaborate with LSNA and LANP and their lobbyists on educational outreach to legislators and business groups for support of legislation affecting nursing practice.