

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### Important news for all accredited programs

*Each year in August, NLNAC publishes the annual edition of the Accreditation Manual with Interpretive Guidelines by Program Type. The 2007 edition of the Accreditation Manual will not be published this fall. In conjunction with the ongoing work of the Committee on the Accreditation Standards and Criteria, the 2008 Standards and Criteria will be presented in the 2008 edition of the Accreditation Manual, which will be published in early 2008. The 2006 edition of the Accreditation Manual currently available will continue to be utilized by all programs until the new Standards and Criteria have been approved.*

*Programs undergoing accreditation site visits in Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 will be reviewed in accordance with the 2005 Standards and Criteria (available in the [2006 Edition of the NLNAC Accreditation Manual with Interpretive Guidelines by Program Type](#)).*

### ALERTS!

*Please watch your email for an upcoming notification of a revision to Policy #24. At the July 2007 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a change in the review cycle for the Standards and Criteria from three (3) to five (5) years. Your comments and input are welcome to this policy change.*

**NLNAC RECEIVES RENEWED RECOGNITION BY DOE** - The U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, renewed the recognition of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission for the maximum term of five years as the nationally recognized accrediting agency for all types of nursing education programs (Practical Nursing, Diploma, Associate, Baccalaureate and Higher Degree). The decision follows the recommendation by the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), which found NLNAC to be in full compliance with all of the DOE Criteria for Recognition.

**NLNAC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE 1997-2007** - This year marks NLNAC's tenth year anniversary of service to nursing education programs and communities of interest. Currently, we serve more than [1,200 accredited programs](#), [30 plus programs in Candidacy](#), and 100 plus programs beginning the Candidacy process. We are pleased to continue the tradition in accreditation begun by NLN in 1952 of assuring quality in nursing education.



accreditation process and receive an update on the ongoing development of the new Standards and Criteria.

**ANNOUNCING THE PREMIER OFFERING OF A FALL SELF-STUDY FORUM** - The much anticipated fall offering of the NLNAC Self-Study Forum is scheduled for October 15-16, 2007 in Palm Springs, California. Thank you for the overwhelming number of early responses. Registrations are now being accepted online at [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org); spaces are limited. We hope to see you in sunny California this October! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about the

**CALL FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT 1 OF THE NLNAC 2008 STANDARDS & CRITERIA** - Thank you! Thank you! More than 1,000 administrators, educators, clinicians, agencies, students, and public constituents reviewed Draft 1 of the 2008 NLNAC Standards and Criteria. Your comments and recommendations are now being compiled and analyzed by the members of the Committee on Accreditation Standards and Criteria and Subcommittees. Your input will be used to guide revisions over the next month as Draft 2 is developed. The Committee plans to disseminate Draft 2 for comments this fall with the goal of finalizing the Standards and Criteria for publication in early 2008. Please watch your email for the announcement or visit us online for updates.

**INTRODUCING A NEW FORMAT FOR THE NLNAC DIRECTORY OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS** - We are excited to publish the 2007 edition of the Directory of Accredited Programs this fall in digital format as many of you have requested. The digital format (on CD) will replace the annual paper edition and will be mailed to each accredited program in September. As a reminder, the [online listing of NLNAC Accredited Nursing Programs](#) is the best source for the most current information as it is updated monthly.

### INSIDE NLNAC . . . MEET OUR STAFF



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