



RESOLUTION: MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Mississippi is in the midst of a nursing shortage that is expected to intensify as the state's population ages and the need for health care grows; and,

WHEREAS, the problem is compounded by the fact that nursing colleges and universities struggle to expand enrollment levels to meet the rising demand for nursing care; and,

WHEREAS, the nursing shortage has intensified the need for currently licensed registered nurses to respond rapidly to the ever-evolving professional requirements and job demands; and,

Whereas, The Mississippi Nurses Association is committed to fostering an environment that treats nurses like the critical resource they are; and,

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Nurses Association is also committed to meeting the challenges that lie in keeping nurses up-to-date, expanding their outlook and ensuring that they are provided the professional resources, outlets and educational advantages needed to succeed; and,

WHEREAS, continuing education is a proven method of enhancing skills, providing information concerning trends, developments and issues relating to nursing; and,

WHEREAS, continuing education is a method of ensuring that the nurse has formal opportunities to upgrade and update professional knowledge and skills; encouraging the nurse to learn from other professionals; and assisting the professional to expand his/her professional resource network; and,

WHEREAS, continuing education is a method of raising respect for a profession and creating a path for advancement

The Mississippi Nurses Association, THEREFORE, resolves to support the requirement of 20 hours of continuing education for license renewal of Mississippi registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, whose licenses expire on or after April 30, 2014.