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NAPNES Begins Work On Development of Additional LP/VN Certifications

Falls Church, VA – 1/12/06 — The National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc. (NAPNES) announced today that work has begun on the development of additional certifications for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN). While the work is in its preliminary phases according to Patrick Mahan, LPN, Executive Director of NAPNES, “over the next few years NAPNES will add several new certifications for LP/VNs.” NAPNES is answering the call of the NCSBN to help states measure ongoing competency in licensed nurses. “These certifications can be used by LP/VNs to demonstrate continued competency to boards of nursing” said Mattie Marshall, LPN, President of NAPNES.

NAPNES is also working with associations that certify Registered Nurses to determine if collaborative efforts can help bring these new certifications to LP/VNs more quickly. A great deal of research and information is required to create a certification program that assures the specialized knowledge of a clinician. “It is our hope that creating certifications through collaborative efforts with other certifying bodies will help us bring these new products to market sooner and create wide acceptance in the nursing industry” said Mahan..

At present, NAPNES is considering the following certifications:

- Medical Surgical Practical Nursing
- Infusion Therapy
- Dermatology (including wound care)
- Medical Office Nursing
- Practical Nurse Educator (certification for Registered Nurses)
- Pediatric Nursing
- Home Care

NAPNES has certified LP/VNs since the early 1960s. “These new certifications will help experienced clinicians demonstrate their clinical acumen in their field of specialization”, said Ms. Marshall. NAPNES LP/VN certifications are managed by its certification branch Multi-Skilled Nursing Certification Corporation and Research Center (MSNC CO RC). Registered Nurses with advanced degrees, who are experienced in education, research and the certification process, manage the operations of MSNC CO RC. As technology increases and the demands of employers and the public push clinical practice to new scopes, it is important for all levels of licensed nurses to stay abreast of new areas of practice and demonstrate their competency.

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Founded in 1941 by Registered Nurses to help alleviate the nursing shortage following World War II, NAPNES continues to promote the practice and education of LP/VNs. “Given the growing nursing shortage in the U.S. we believe that the nearly one million LP/VNs in the United States will be more relevant than ever for easing the need for licensed nursing care in virtually every healthcare setting” said Mahan.

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