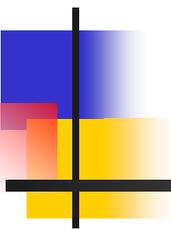
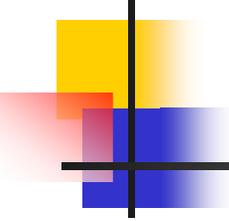


HB 1483

Required Education for Renewal of Nursing License

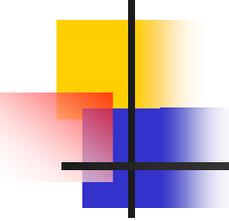


Bioterrorism Response Component
in Continuing Education



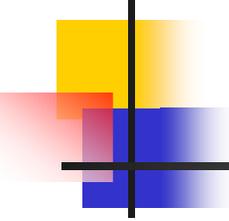
Description

- During the 2003 Legislative Session, House Bill 1483 amended the Nursing Practice Act with the addition of section 301.305.
- Requires a two-hour bioterrorism component be included in the 20 hours of CE required for all nurses, LVNs, RNs, and APNs.



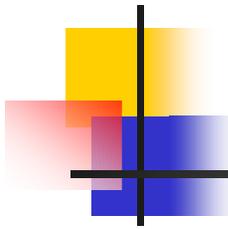
Description

- For either two-year renewal cycle preceding September 1, 2007, a license holder who renews a license to practice as a nurse or advanced practice nurse shall have completed not less than two contact hours of continuing education in bioterrorism preparedness.
- The bioterrorism continuing education program will be acceptable to the board for Type I or Type II credit.



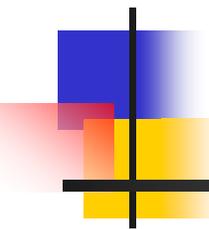
Board of Nurses Examiners

- Assumes that providers will plan and implement quality educational programs which meet the criteria of the board.
- Assumes licensed nurses will maintain the high standards of the profession in selecting quality educational programs to fulfill the continuing education requirement.
- It shall be the licensee's responsibility to select and participate in continuing education activities that will meet the criteria.



For the Licensee

- A nurse renewing his/her license in May 2005 may obtain the bioterrorism CE between May 2003 and May 2005 or between May 2005 and May 2007. This CE requirement may be met through completion of either Type I or Type II CE activities.
- Following is the course criteria.

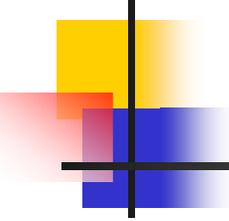


Course Development for HB 1483

Courses Criteria

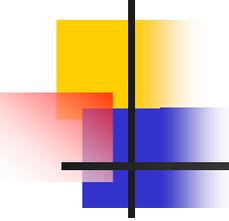
Rule 216.3(5)

Nursing Practice Act



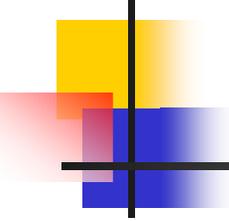
Course must include:

- Information relevant to preparing for, reporting medical events resulting from, and responding to the consequences of bioterrorism.



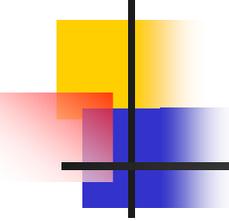
Course must include:

- Information relating to preparing for bioterrorism, including the clues to bioterrorism attack and the signs, symptoms, and modes of transmission of possible agents of bioterrorism.



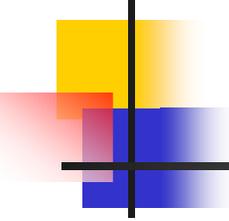
Course must include:

- Information relating to the reporting of an incidence of bioterrorism, including the ways in which to contact the proper authorities and correctly document the incidence of bioterrorism.



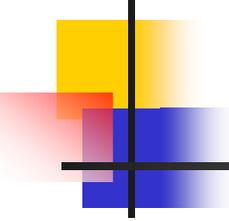
Course must include:

- Information relating to decontamination procedures, the identification of treatment locations and treatment personnel, the acquisition of treatment-related supplies, the awareness of any facility-organized response plans, and the development of a patient care plan to address the situation



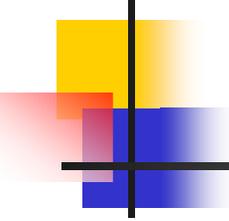
Course must include:

Following are helpful links for course development:



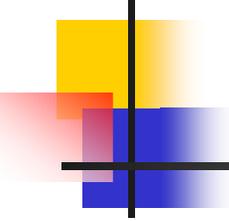
Links

- Board of Nurses Examiners for Texas
 - <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/>
- Clinical Aspects of of Critical Agents
 - www.bt.cdc.gov/training/btresponse/ppt/btclinicalaspects99.ppt
- Smallpox Information
 - <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/smallpox/>



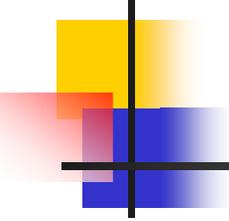
Links

- Centers for Disease Control
 - <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>
- U.S. Army
Biological Defense Related Links
<http://www.usamriid.army.mil/links/bdr.htm>
- U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of
Infectious Diseases
Medical Management Of Biological Casualties
Handbook
<http://www.usamriid.army.mil/education/bluebook.html>



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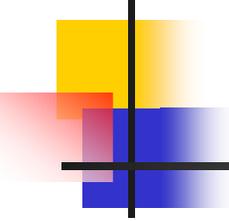
- Text of Infection Control and Epidemiology - Chapter on bioterrorism
 - <http://www.apic.org/bioterror/chapter124.pdf>
- **UU.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases**
Medical Management Of Biological Casualties Handbook
 - <http://www.usamriid.army.mil/education/bluebook.html>



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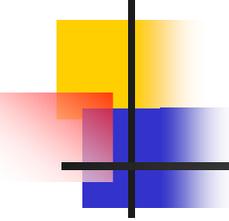
- National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program, Health Resources and Services Administration, DHHS

<http://www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism/index.htm>



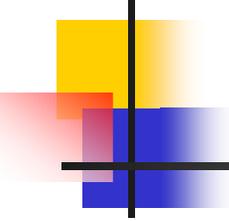
Links

- Johns Hopkins University, Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies
 - <http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/>



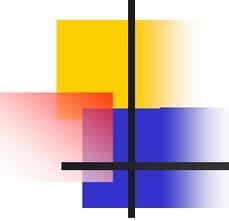
Links

- American College of Emergency Physicians
 - Main page: <http://www.acep.org>
- Positioning America's Emergency Health Care System to Respond to Acts of Terrorism (October 2002)
<http://www.acep.org/library/pdf/terrorismResponse.pdf>



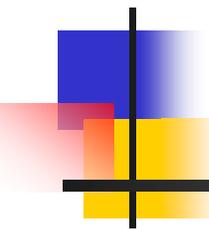
Links

- Emerging Infectious Diseases: Lessons learned from a full-scale bioterrorism exercise
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol6no6/hoffman.htm>



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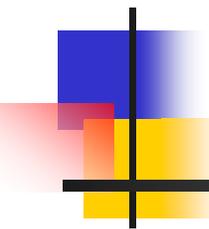
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Publications on bioterrorism response
 - <http://www.apic.org/bioterror/bioterrorproducts.cfm>



Reportable Diseases in Texas

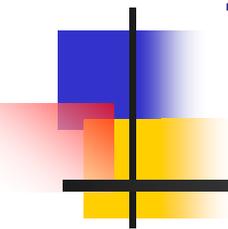
How to Report?

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/report/conditions/>



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