



## 2019–2023: Rising to the Challenge Video Transcript

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"The COVID-19 pandemic impacted nursing regulation and education, while simultaneously expanding the organization's presence on the international stage. During much of this period, NCSBN and its members were focused on challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic touched every facet of society. Perhaps no other sector was impacted as significantly as healthcare, and nursing in particular, but nurses and NCSBN rose to the challenge. Prior to the pandemic, in 2019, NCSBN and the American Nurses Association released a joint statement on delegation applicable to all levels of nursing licensure.

NCSBN joined the Tri-Council for Nursing, an alliance of autonomous nursing organizations, each focused on leadership for education, practice, and research. These organizations have their own constituent memberships and unique missions but are united by common values.

Also, in 2019, NCSBN launched the International Center for Regulatory Scholarship, an educational initiative designed to cultivate and elevate nursing leaders and policymakers, giving professionals from around the world the opportunity to learn, network, and discover their leadership potential.

2020 dawned as the International Year of Nurse and Midwife, a year initially designed to honor and promote the nursing profession. The pandemic brought nurses to the forefront of the world's attention because of their invaluable and irreplaceable position on the front lines of COVID-19. Throughout 2020 and 2021, NCSBN both led and was an active participant in a number of pandemic-related initiatives designed to increase access to NCLEX examination administration, reduce regulatory barriers for providers, open clinical experiences for nursing students, and offer direction on the administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

Even in the midst of the pandemic, vital regulatory work continued. NCSBN was a significant contributor to the State of the World's Nursing 2020 Report, offering a regulatory perspective and providing accurate data, evidence and suggestions for a legislative change.

NCSBN also worked in partnership with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, and College of Nurses of Ontario to develop and implement the REx-PN, a new Canadian practical nurse exam that was launched in 2022. Recognizing the importance of nurse mobility and access to care, states and jurisdictions continue to join the Nurse Licensure Compact.

