



Dear Nursing Graduate:

Congratulations on completing the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing program!

I am writing to you about the pain management requirement for all licensed health care providers in the state of Oregon.

Senate Bill 885 introduced in 2001 mandates a one-time pain management requirement for registered nurses and other licensed health care providers at the time of license renewal. Seven hours of pain management are required and one of the hours must include the Oregon Pain Commission course available online as indicated below.

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is charged with monitoring that registered nurses meet this mandated continuing education requirement. The OSBN has made a decision that schools of nursing may provide a letter to graduates that details the number of hours and content related to pain management to help you meet this requirement. You are also **required** to complete the mandatory on-line course developed by the Oregon Pain Commission. You may access this course through a link at the OSBN web address: www.oregon.gov/osbn.

The OSBN will perform random audits of compliance related to the pain management requirement. Keep this letter with your records as verification of most of the required hours in pain management. Do not send the letter to the OSBN.

I wish you success on the NCLEX-RN. I trust that you will contribute to the advancement of the profession of nursing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie L. Saucier".

Dr. Bonnie Saucier
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 Pain Management Content in the Nursing Curriculum

Course #	Course Title	Number of Hours	Brief Content Description
NUR 106	Socialization Into Nursing: Helping Role of the Nurse	2	Physiological mechanisms of pain Performing and documenting pain assessment
NUR 311	Clinical Nursing Skills	4.5	Pain assessment and management: modalities of medication administration (IM, IV, epidural)
NUR 313	Illness Experience: Adapting to Health Challenges	5	General overview: pain mechanisms, assessment, management including pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions
NUR 316	Illness Experience: Life Threatening Health Challenges	2	Pain/discomfort and symptom management of medical disorders, including respiratory distress, angina and MI, pancreatitis, head injury, hepatitis, cirrhosis, renal failure
NUR 318	Maternal-Child Health Challenges	2	Pain mechanisms, assessment, pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in labor, with neonates and pediatric clients
Total		15.5 hours	

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