

Dialogue with the Board

AACN Clinical Nurse Leader Project

March 29, 2004



Background

- **Changes/Complexity in the Health Care System**
- **TFER 1 - 2000-2002**
- **TFER 2 - 2002-2003**



Collaboration and Dialogue

- Reviewed the literature on practice and regulation
- Discussions and forums with AACN members at numerous meetings
- Consultation and feedback from representatives such as: AONE, NCSBN, other disciplines, APN groups, health system nurse leaders



Background

- **October 2003 – CNL Invitational Meeting. Attendees were practice and education partners interested in exploring this issue**
- **January 2004 – special meeting of the AACN Board of Directors**
- **Transcripts of October meeting, facilitator report, analytical assessment of meeting materials**



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- **AACN Board does not believe it is feasible and productive, at this point in time, to engage in efforts to differentiate the license for the current BSN and ADN graduates**



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- AACN Board does not believe that the set of expectations, as outlined in the report of TFER 2, can be achieved in a four year baccalaureate nursing experience



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- AACN Board supports continuation of baccalaureate nursing education, at a minimum, as the entry level for the professional Registered Nurse
- AACN Board accepts the draft *White Paper on the Role of the Clinical Nurse Leader*, May 2003, as a working paper



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- AACN will continue to provide leadership and invest resources in creation and evaluation of a new model, or models, of nursing practice and nursing education at the master's degree in nursing level that results in a new nursing professional (CNL)**



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- The model(s) to be created and evaluated will result in a new nursing professional for generalist practice, as described in the CNL paper, who is prepared at the master's level**



Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- AACN will assume leadership and engage appropriate stakeholders to ensure development of a new legal scope of practice and credential for the new nursing professional as described in the CNL working paper**

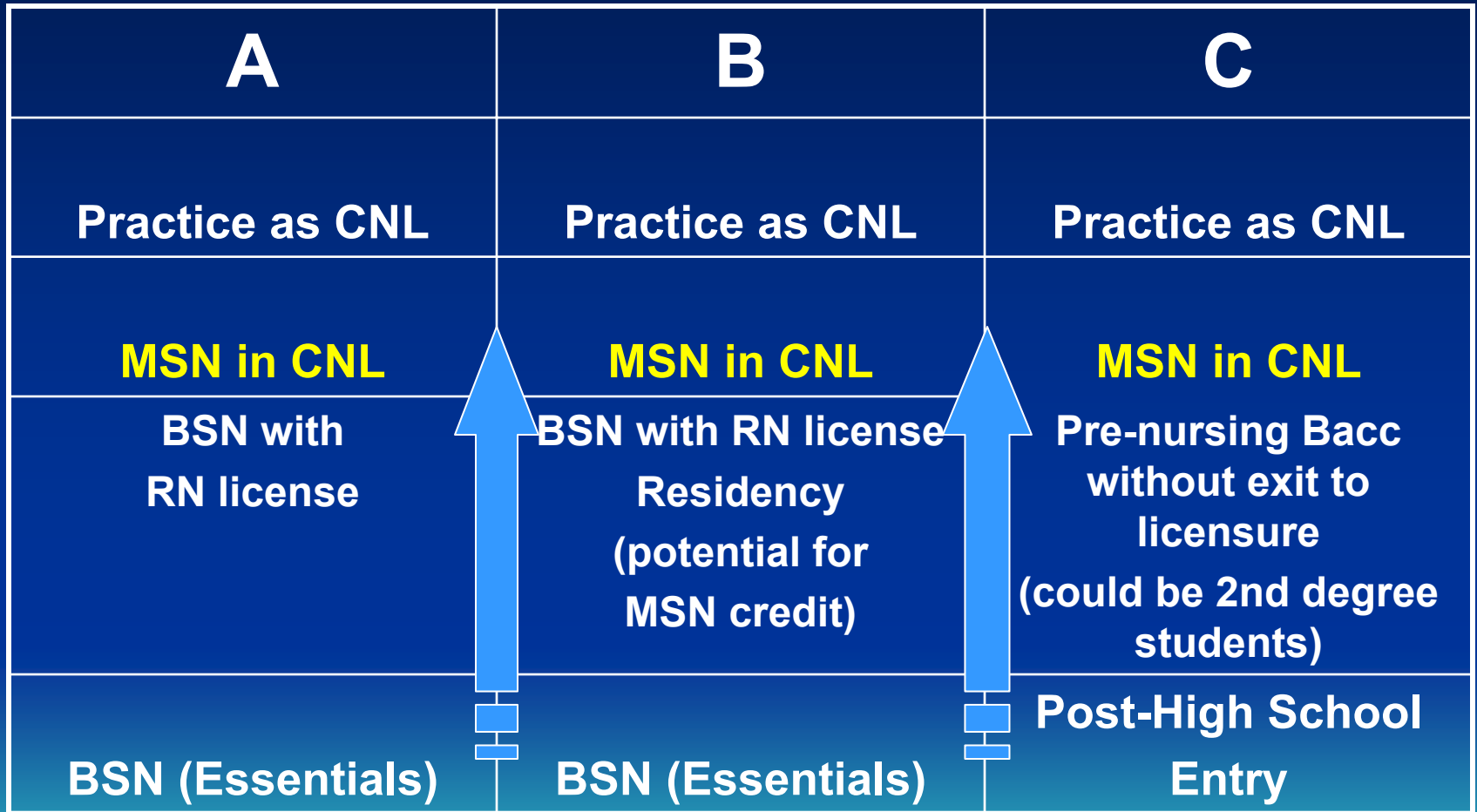


Motions Passed by AACN Board of Directors (January 2004)

- **AACN Board approved a variety of educational models as a starting point for development of the educational programs**



Examples of Paths to Becoming A Clinical Nurse Leader



Implementation Task Force

- See charge and list of members
- RFP to all AACN members in April
- Meeting of education and practice partners June 16-17, 2004 in DC
- Development of curricular and practice expectations by subcommittee of task force
- Orient participants to evaluation expectations



Next Steps

- **Development of evaluation framework and identification of data expectations- Linda Aiken and colleagues, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality**
- **Development of national certification exam**
- **Development of new license for new scope of practice**



Important Points to Remember

- **CNL is a demonstration project**
- **Participation is voluntary and open to all members and their practice partners**
- **Members will receive frequent updates on the project**
- **All other AACN activities, programs, and projects will continue**



**Comments, Questions,
Observations?**

