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As the 1990s moved forward, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing remained dedicated to research and innovation, having just developed CAT for NCLEX, the organization saw more ways to utilize cutting-edge technology to better serve its mission and members.

Ahead of the times, once again, NCSBN launched an electronic network, NCNET, to deliver a variety of software applications and services to the organization's member boards. NCNET became a powerful vehicle of communication and connection. NCSBN embraced technology in developing its own software and network, so it was no wonder that once the World Wide Web took off, NCSBN was there. The first NCSBN website was launched in 1996. Soon after, NCSBN launched the first ever online NCLEX-RN prep course, allowing candidates to study at their own pace 24/7 365. Soon, the campus of NCSBN Learning Extension expanded with an NCLEX-PN prep course and web-based continuing education courses for nurses and faculty. In another exciting innovation, NCSBN introduced Nursys, a national licensure and discipline database for member boards. For the first time, boards of nursing could electronically share vital licensure and discipline data, as well as nurse licensure compact practice privileges. Nursys was yet another resource utilized by boards of nursing and NCSBN to support the organization's mission of public protection and patient safety. In addition to an internet presence, NCSBN expanded its regulatory message into videos, recognizing the unique and engaging opportunity to connect and educate its members and other key stakeholders. NCSBN produced informational videos about important issues such as sexual and professional misconduct, substance abuse, and effective delegation.

In 1998, NCSBN celebrated its 20th anniversary and reflected back on two decades of hard work, growth, and remarkable innovation. Moving into the new millennium, NCSBN continued to harness technology, to build a more secure and stronger infrastructure. Doing so provided NCSBN with a solid foundation for the future expansion of technology, optimizing new tools and services for members and the public. With an unwavering dedication to the future of nursing regulation, the organization confidently looked forward, eagerly anticipating the future.