

# Education Report

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## Nursing Program Updates:

- **Barclay College** (Haviland, KS) has sent a letter of intent to KSBN regarding the development of a BSN degree program within their institution. This intent has full support from the Board of Trustees and authority for administering the nursing education program has been vested in the Nurse Administrator, Kim Hansen, MSN/Ed, RN.
- **Butler Community College** - Caleb Ediger, DNP, is the new Associate Dean for Nursing & Allied Health effective 10/5/2020.
- **Dodge City Community College** – effective 9/22/2020 Mechele Hailey, DNP, RNC-OB has had a title change from Director to Dean for Nursing & Allied Health.
- **Flint Hills Technical College** – Patricia (Tricia) Parks, MSN, RN has been named the Program Administrator for Nursing programs effective 10/27/2020.
- **Manhattan Area Technical College** – effective 11/12/2020, Laurie Stegeman has resigned as director of the nursing programs and Deirdre Greeley, MSN, RN, has been named the Interim Director for the programs.
- **Newman University** hired Sarah Kelley, DNAP, as the new Assistant Director/Clinical Director for the RNA program effective 8/1/2020.
- **Osawatomie State Hospital/LMHT Program** announced Janet Badders, RN, as the new Director of LMHT Programs.
- **Washburn Tech** - effective November 2, 2020, Pamela Masters, MSN, RN, CNL is the new Director for Health Occupations (includes PN Program).

**Site Visits:** all of the cancelled (secondary to COVID outbreak) site visits from April 2020 have been completed. Two of the visits were done as onsite while two were done virtually due to COVID issues in the counties where schools reside. Virtual site visits went smoothly and all required documents were available to site visitors as requested.

- Kansas Wesleyan University, BSN reapproval visit – September 23-24, 2020 (onsite)
- Seward Community College, ADN focus visit – October 21-22, 2020 (virtual)
- Colby Community College, follow-up Focus visit – October 27-28, 2020 (virtual)
- Labette Community College, Bilevel program reapproval visit – November 4-5, 2020 (onsite)

## Education Activities / Projects:

- Assisted in ensuring applicants meet educational requirements for licensure:
  - Reviewed 5 transcripts from out of state schools
  - Reviewed 9 CGFNS reports for foreign educated nurses
  - Two TOEFL required
- *FQRs* – Faculty Qualification Reports have moved to an all-electronic process via the website. All FQRs this quarter were done electronically. Processing and approval have been delayed in several cases when incomplete FQRs, or information needed for FQRs, were not present with the submission. (see note below). Most of the incompletes were due to Hire Exceptions that were not submitted with an updated or initial FQR. We have not received any new feedback from programs this quarter, so no further changes have been made to the process. We continue to receive positive response to the online process. FQR activity this quarter:
  - 128 FQRs submitted this quarter (61 from BSN programs, 45 ADN, 17 PN, 5 APRN)
    - 73 were Initial requests
    - 55 were updates to previous FQRs
    - 50 for Full-time positions, 7 Part-time, 68 Adjunct and 3 Other/contract)
  - 23 submitted with Degree plans (13 for BSN programs, 8 ADN, 2 PN)
  - 28 submitted with Hire Exceptions (7 for BSN programs, 16 ADN, 3 PN, 2 APRN)
  - 5 updated FQRs submitted for completion of Degree plans
  - 34 were returned as incomplete
    - 21 – no FQR with a Hire Exception
    - 8 – did not include all required transcripts
    - 1 – no transcripts
    - 3 – no Degree plan or Hire exception when one was required for approval
    - 1 – license info did not match name given
- *Minor Curriculum changes* – 3 reviewed and approved requests
  - Washburn University – Grad program – changes to NU 822 Adv Pharm; course title, objectives and outcomes
  - Colby Community College – ADN program – change to outcomes for 5/6 nursing courses
  - University of Kansas – Grad program
- Responded to seven NCSBN survey requests from other state Boards of Nursing or NCSBN. Topics were:
  - Mandated /optional IV therapy at PN level for the state – KS
  - BLS requirements (in conjunction with L. Davies) - IA
  - Jurisprudence exam for licensing – IA
  - Annual report expectations – consequences for non-submission or late submission - MS
  - NCLEX reporting – calendar year or academic year – NCSBN
  - IV content in RN programs – PA
  - Practical Nursing programs in High School - TN

- **Responded** to 15 potential petitioners regarding KS requirements for NCLEX exam and licensing. Currently have 31 active petitioners.
- Continue to work on reviewing and updating education information on KSBN website and updating links.
  - Program Administrator Orientation – presented virtually on Sept. 21, 2020 and the updated PP presentation was moved to website.
  - New resource added for Program Evaluation – request was made at the Kansas Nurse Educator conference for help with a template for program evaluation. There are many acceptable ways to present a Program Evaluation Plan (PEP), and one example template and a PEP guideline were added to the website in response to the request. This is not a mandatory template from KSBN but intended as a resource for administrators.
  - Developing process to accept and approve Minor Curriculum Change requests electronically
  - Updated documentation for the petition process and continue to work on process to move this to an all-electronic process for submission, approvals and follow-up
  - Continue to work on new section under Education to direct the inquiries from higher education (see next bullet) regarding Kansas requirements for prelicensure nursing programs
- Responded to 31 requests from higher education entities or potential students regarding Kansas approval for / educational requirements for prelicensure undergraduate and advanced practice nursing programs. A requirement from the Department of Education has all schools with distance learning programs or hybrid programs researching requirements for all states from which they could accept students.
- Participated in an 8-week course, “Role of the Nursing Regulatory Bodies' Education Consultant” led by Nancy Spector from NCSBN. Participated with 11 other Education Consultants and Board members from the U.S. and Canada. The course was offered through the International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS). ICRS provides opportunities for regulators from around the world to learn, interact and collaborate.
- Continue to work on analysis of the current Annual Report system compared to the new system being offered by NCSBN for possible change in 2021.