

Education Report

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Nursing Program Updates:

- **Benedictine College** - effective 12/1/2020, Jackie Harris, DNP, APRN is the new Director of Nursing programs.
- **Rasmussen University** – Overland Park, with a satellite in Topeka, has hired a new Dean of Nursing for the Professional Nursing Associate and Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs. Effective January 11, 2021, Dr. Sharon White-Lewis, PhD, RN, assumed the role of Dean of Nursing / Nurse Administrator. Dr. White-Lewis comes to Rasmussen University with over 12 years of experience in nursing education and over 42 years of experience in the nursing field.
- **Wichita State University** - WSU School of Nursing had a change of administration, effective Feb 1, 2021. Debra Pile, DNP, APRN, PCNS will assume the Interim SON Chair position and Dr. McCleary-Jones will transition to full-time as the Associate Dean of the College of Health Professions.
- **Osawatomie State Hospital/LMHT Program** - Susan Lynch, RN has been named the new Director of Nursing Education at OSH. Ms. Lynch informed KSBH that Janet Badders, RN, resigned as Director of MHT Programs at OSH, and Breanna Bishop, MSN, RN will be the new Director for the program and another new instructor will be hired to help teach in the program.
- **Hutchinson Community College, PN Program** is closing its Ft. Riley satellite nursing program on July 25, 2021. Current students will graduate July 24, 2021 and all records will be moved to the main campus for HCC and maintained with other nursing program records.

Site Visits: Board decided at December 2020 meeting that all spring site visits would be done virtually. Virtual site visits went smoothly and included two visits that were done in conjunction with accreditation teams. Virtual resource rooms (VRR) were sent up with access to site visitors done in advance of site visit dates. All required documents were available to site visitors as requested. File reviews were managed by Zoom or with VRR.

- Johnson County Community College, PN program reapproval visit – January 24-25, 2021
- Colby Community College, ADN program w/ ACEN – February 14-17, 2021
- Baker University, BSN program w/ CCNE – February 17-19, 2021
- WSU Tech, PN program – March 2-3, 2021

Education Activities / Projects

- **LMHT Exam** given on Feb. 3, 2021 to seven graduates of the OSH MHT program. Four were from the OSH campus and three were from the Larned campus.
- Assisted in ensuring applicants meet educational requirements for licensure:
 - Reviewed 7 transcripts from out of state schools / military programs
 - Reviewed 17 CGFNS reports for internationally educated nurses
 - Philippines – 10
 - Kenya – 2
 - 1 each from Fiji, Ethiopia, Jordan, Guyana, and India
 - No TOEFL's were required
- **FQRs** – Faculty Qualification Reports moved to an all-electronic process via the website on June 30, 2020. Delayed processing and approval for incomplete FQRs has decreased considerably with only eight (8) incomplete submissions received. Most incompletes are still due to missing transcripts and Hire Exceptions that are not submitted with an updated or initial FQR. Most missing transcripts are transcripts for initial licensure programs at the diploma and ADN level. Transcripts are required from the initial RN licensure program and any subsequent nursing degree. FQR activity this quarter:
 - 100 FQRs submitted this quarter (56 from BSN programs, 29 ADN, 12 PN, 3 APRN)
 - 69 were Initial requests
 - 31 were updates to previous FQRs
 - 15 for Full-time positions, 6 Part-time, 78 Adjunct and 1 Other/contract)
 - 21 submitted with Degree plans (12 for BSN programs, 8 ADN, 1 PN)
 - 43 submitted with Hire Exceptions (26 for BSN programs, 14 ADN, 3 PN) – most Hire Exceptions are for new Adjunct clinical faculty
 - 5 updated FQRs submitted for completion of Degree plans
 - 8 (down from 34 last quarter) were returned as incomplete (not mutually exclusive categories)
 - 1 – no FQR with a Hire Exception
 - 7 – did not include all required transcripts
 - 1 – no transcripts
 - 2 – no Degree plan or Hire exception when one was required for approval
- *Minor Curriculum changes* – 3 reviewed and approved requests
 - KCKCC – ADN program – moved Pathophysiology to a prerequisite class in the articulation program
 - OSH, MHT program – added content on Trauma-informed care to Behavioral Science course
 - MidAmerica Nazarene University – BSN program – change of course name, description and objectives to align the course being taught in both TBSN and ABSN programs

- Responded to three NCSBN survey requests from other state Boards of Nursing or NCSBN. Topics were:
 - Clinical Coordination – statewide scheduling system (VA)
 - Changes made for simulation / clinical secondary to COVID (WA)
 - BON allowances / adjustments secondary to COVID (WA)
- **Responded** to 10 potential petitioners regarding KS requirements for NCLEX exam and licensing. Eight (8) petitioners completed the conditions of their petition and were made eligible to test. Currently have 24 active petitioners.
- Continue to work on reviewing and updating education information on KSBN website and updating links.
 - Program Administrator Orientation – the Sept. 21, 2020 virtual presentation was recorded and is available on YouTube. The updated PP presentation is available on the KSBN website under Administrator Resources.
 - Reminder of new resource added 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 – *progress was temporarily delayed due to priority move of the data center during Jan-Feb.*
 - Continue working on documentation for the petition 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 22 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.
- Developed draft of a new Annual Report template for all KS nursing programs using the NCSBN Core Data template. Board approved the change to the new template which will include Core data that NCSBN is collecting and will be reporting on when data from the first year of the project becomes available. About 7-8 states participated in the first year of the template's availability. The Core data is only for the undergraduate pre-licensure program but NCSBN is working with KS to also create a template for use with the Graduate programs also that will include information

required by regulation and for continued approval by the US Dept. of Education for KSBN as a approval body.

- Completed the 2020 scholarship essay competition. Forty-six complete applications were received (12 more applicants had incomplete submissions). Two PN and two RN winners were chosen by highest total scores from five Board members.