

# Education Report

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## Nursing Program Updates:

- **Rasmussen University** will be transitioning to new ownership in August 2021 with American Public Education, Inc. (APEI). The transaction will not significantly impact the educational processes, name, mission, brand, leadership team, and day-to-day operations. There will be no changes to the nursing leadership, programs and curriculum, faculty, staff, or the operation of campuses as a result of this change in ownership.
- **Colby Community College** announced a transition in nursing program administrators. Michaelle Bliss, MSN/Ed, RN has been named the new Director of Nursing for the Colby nursing programs. Ms. Bliss has been with Colby CC since 2015 and has served with both the PN and ADN faculty.
- **Manhattan Area Technical College** has a new Interim Nursing Program Administrator. Kimberly Davis, MSN/Ed, RN will resign teaching duties effective 5/20/2021 to take over the administration of the PN and ADN programs. Kim replaces Deirdre Greeley who has served as Interim Director since November 2020.
- **Kansas Nurse Educator Conference & Clinical Teaching Institute – July 28, 29 & 30, 2021**  
This conference is designed to promote the professional development of the nurse educator.
  - The **Clinical Teaching Institute** (July 28)) will focus on the nurse educator’s role in program evaluation, student engagement and accountability in the classroom, measuring clinical thinking and clinical judgement in the clinical setting and first aid for faculty and students.
  - **July 29** - QSEN focused with the latest resources and ideas for application in nursing education.
  - **July 30** - focus on program evaluation. Throughout the conference educators will work with colleagues discussing latest evidence-based practices in nursing education.
  - [www.eeds.com/live/289295](http://www.eeds.com/live/289295) for more information or call KU AHEC Statewide Office at 620/235-4040.

**Site Visits:** Board decided at March 2021 meeting to hold on a decision for Fall visits until the June 2021 meeting. One virtual site visit done after the March meeting. Virtual resource room (VRR) set up with access to site visitors done in advance of site visit dates. File reviews were managed by Zoom or with VRR.

- Pratt Community College, ADN program reapproval visit – 3/31-4/1/2021

## Education Activities / Projects

- **LMHT Exam** – gave one retake of the MHT exam on April 2 for two graduates (1 LSH, 1 OSH) – both passed the exam on this retake.
- Assisted in ensuring applicants meet educational requirements for licensure:
  - Reviewed 8 transcripts from out of state schools / military programs
  - Reviewed 15 CGFNS reports for internationally educated nurses
    - India – 3
    - Philippines – 2
    - Kenya – 2
    - Jamaica – 2
    - Nigeria – 2
    - 1 each from Guyana, Ghana, West Africa and United Kingdom
  - 1 TOEFL was required
- **FQRs** – Faculty Qualification Reports moved to an all-electronic process via the website on June 30, 2020. Though incomplete submissions have been the main issue to present, there were no incomplete FQRs submitted this quarter. FQR activity this quarter:
  - 18 FQRs submitted this quarter (9 from BSN programs, 6 ADN, 3 PN)
    - 8 were Initial requests
    - 10 were updates to previous FQRs
    - 4 for Full-time positions, 14 Adjuncts
  - 5 submitted with Degree plans (3 for BSN programs, 2 ADN)
  - 9 submitted with Hire Exceptions (3 for BSN programs, 5 ADN, 1 PN)
  - 2 updated FQRs submitted for completion of Degree plans
- *Minor Curriculum changes* – 3 reviewed and approved requests
- **Responded** to 12 potential petitioners regarding KS requirements for NCLEX exam and licensing. Four of the twelve were past their “five-years from graduation” mark. Two (2) petitioners completed the conditions of their petition and were made eligible to test. Currently have 31 active petitioners.
- Responded to 12 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.
- The new Kansas Education Annual Report survey template was launched April 22 for all KS nursing programs. There are three sections to the survey: 1) the Core data survey questions that NCSBN is collecting which will be used for aggregate reporting; 2) the KS required data for

undergraduate programs, and 3) Graduate survey section. The Core data is only for the undergraduate pre-licensure program and will only be reported on for undergraduate programs. KSBN will be responsible for the aggregate annual reporting for all non-Core required data.

- Other Information:

- NCSBN – a new report is available from the Tri-Council that was formed to look at the impact of COVID-19 on nursing education, practice and regulation: [\*Transforming Together: Implications and Opportunities from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Nursing Education, Practice, and Regulation\*](#)