

**Kansas Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes
March 25th, 2025**

Time: 8:30 AM – 11:05AM

Committee Members: Present in Person:

Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP-BC, Chair
Ruth L.M. Burkart, DNP, MSN, MA, RN-BC, LPCC, V-Chair
Michelle Terry, Public Member
Mechele Hailey, DNP, RNC-OB, CNE
Karen Kidder, DNP, RN, CNE
Angela Murray, MSN, RN, MICT

Present via Zoom:

Debra Pile, DNP, APRN, P-CNS

Staff: Present in Person

Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN – Nursing Edu. Comp. Officer
Carol Moreland, MSN, RN – Executive Administrator
Stacy Johnson – Administrative Assistant, Education

Quorum: A quorum was present

Call to Order: The Education Committee meeting was called to order by Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP-BC, Chair, at 8:30 AM in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building and via Zoom.

Rev. Onsite Packet: There was an on-site packet containing two additions: Donnelly letter and an LMHT Task force report.

Add./Rev. Agenda: There was no revision to the agenda.

Announcements: None

Minutes: The minutes from the December 10, 2024, Education Committee meeting were reviewed.

It was moved to approve the December 10th, 2024, Education Committee minutes as written. Motion #1 Hailey/Terry Adopted

Educ. Spec. Report: Report in packet with Consent Agenda. No questions.

Consent Item Agenda

It was moved to approve the Consent Item Agenda which includes:

- a. Nursing Education Staff Report
- b. 2025 Site Visit Schedule
- c. Petition Summary 11/16/24 thru 2/21/25
- d. Draft Regulation Review Approval K.A.R. 60-17-106, 60-17-107, 60-17-108, 60-17-109, 60-17-110, and 60-17-111.

Motion #2 Murray/Terry Adopted

Site Visit Reports:

Washburn Tech ADN:

The Jan. 29-30, 2025, initial site visit report for Washburn Tech's new ADN program was reviewed and recommendations and improvement plans were reviewed. Site visitors were Karen Kidder, DNP, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the initial site visit report with recommendations for Washburn Tech, ADN program, with a follow up site visit to be done after the first graduation.

Motion #3 Murray/Hailey Adopted.

Hutchinson Community College:

The Feb. 4-5, 2025, reapproval site visit report for Hutchinson Community College, ADN program, was reviewed and recommendations and improvement plans were reviewed. Site visitors were Patty Palmietto, DNP, MSN, RN, Angela Murray, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the site visit report with recommendations for Hutchinson Community College, ADN program, and reapprove for the time period of national accreditation.

Motion #4 Burkhart/Terry Adopted.

Hutchinson Community College:

The Feb. 6, 2025, reapproval site visit report for Hutchinson Community College, PN program, was reviewed and recommendations and

improvement plans were reviewed. Janice Yoder, PN Program Coordinator zoomed in to meeting to confirm recommendation deadlines will be met. Site visitors were Patty Palmietto, DNP, MSN, RN, Angela Murray, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the site visit report with recommendations for Hutchinson Community College, PN program, for 5 years.
Motion #5 Kidder/Hailey Adopted.

Donnelly College:

The Feb. 11, 2025, unscheduled site visit report for Donnelly College, RN and PN programs, was reviewed and recommendations were made. Site visitors were Karen Kidder DNP, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the site visit report with recommendations for Donnelly College, RN and PN programs, which include placing both programs on conditional approval and ceasing admissions for at least 6 months for both programs with a site visit to be done before approval to re-start admissions. Motion #6 Hailey/Murray Adopted.

New Business: Major Curriculum Change Requests:

Pittsburg State:

Request to increase the number of yearly admission seats from 95 students to 120.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Pittsburg State, BSN program, to increase the number of yearly admission seats from 95 students to 120.

Motion #7 Murray/Terry Adopted. Hite abstained

University of Kansas:

Request to increase admissions from 150 per year to 240 per year in the traditional undergraduate program on the Kansas City campus

It was moved to approve the major curriculum change request to increase admissions from 150 per year, to 240 per year in the traditional undergraduate program on the Kansas City campus.

Motion #8 Hailey/Burkhart Adopted

University of Kansas:

Request to allow NURS 327, 334, 471, 476, 478 to as either in-person or hybrid modality

It was moved to approve the major curriculum change request to allow NURS 327, 334, 471, 476, 478 as either in-person or hybrid modality.
Motion# 9 Burkhart/Terry

University of Kansas:

Request to change the clinical hour to credit hour ratio from 4:1 to 3:1 resulting in the reduction of the programs overall clinical hours from 720 to 540.

It was moved to approve the major curriculum change request to change the clinical hour to credit hour ratio from 4:1 to 3:1 resulting in the reduction of the programs overall clinical hours from 720 to 540.
Motion #10 Murray/Kidder

Cloud County Community College:

Request to:

-Allow bilevel designation for the ADN program permitting students to sit for the NCLEX-PN after completion of the first year of the program

-Continuing program enrollment with up to 100 admissions annually for 1st and 2nd year. (no change to approved seats)

-Approve the initial application for a PN program and approve admissions to start Fall 2025 with a site visit to be done prior to full approval of the PN level as a program approved for NCLEX-PN applicants.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Cloud County Community College to allow bilevel designation for the ADN program permitting students to sit for the NCLEX-PN after completion of the first year of the program: and continuing the current program enrollment authorizing up to 100 students total for 1st and 2nd year; and approve the initial application for a PN program and approve admissions to start Fall 2025 with a site visit to be done prior to full approval of the PN level as a program approved for NCLEX-PN applicants. Motion #11 Terry/Kidder Adopted

Manhattan Area Technical College:

Request to eliminate NUR 201 and change NUR 220 Nursing across the Lifespan (10 credit hrs) to NUR 221 Nursing Across the Lifespan and increase the course credit hours from 10 to 12 credit hours.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Manhattan Area Technical College to eliminate NUR 201 and change NUR 220 Nursing across the Lifespan (10 credit hrs) to NUR 221 Nursing Across the Lifespan and increase the course credit hours from 10 to 12 credit hours.

Motion #12 Kidder/Hailey Adopted

Kansas Wesleyan University:

Request to change the delivery method of NURS 250, Introduction to Professional Nursing, from online to hybrid option.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Kansas Wesleyan University to change the delivery method of NURS 250, Introduction to Professional Nursing, from online to hybrid option.

Motion #13 Burkhart/Terry Adopted

University of Saint Mary:

Request to increase the credit hour of NU (AT) 325 from 5 credit hours to 6 credit hours and reduce the credit hour of NU (AT) 305 from 5 credit hours to 4 credit hours.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from the University of Saint Mary to increase the credit hour of NU (AT) 325 from 5 credit hours to 6 credit hours and reduce the credit hour of NU (AT) 305 from 5 credit hours to 4 credit hours.

Motion #14 Murray/Hailey Adopted Kidder - Abstain

Break 9:40-10:55

NCLEX Annual Report for Undergraduate Programs:

J. Martin gave a report on the 2024 NCLEX pass rates both nationally and for Kansas. She reported:

- the Kansas RN average pass rate is higher than the national average for the fourth consecutive year. (KS - 92.26; Nat'l – 91.16)

- the Kansas PN pass rate was above national average for the fifth year in a row
- there were programs that fell below the 80% standard:
 - ✓ 4 RN programs: WSU Tech, Seward, Donnelly, and Colby. Per regulation a letter of concern will be sent to the 3 programs that are on their 1st year below standard (WSU Tech, Seward, Colby). Request for Seward to attend board meeting in June to discuss their fluctuating pass rate. Donnelly has been below standard for three years and will be asked to present a formal improvement plan at the June board meeting along with other requested updates for concerns from the Feb. 2025 site visit.
 - ✓ 2 PN programs: Donnelly (one year below) and MidAmerica College of Health Sciences (2nd year below). Request for MACOHS to come in June with an updated improvement plan for addressing low pass rates and present to the board.

Occupational English Test (OET)

Request was received to request that Kansas allow the use of the Occupational English Test as an approved English Language Proficiency test for Internationally Educated Nurses seeking Kansas Licensure.

It was moved to approve the use of the Occupational English Test (OET) as an approved English Language Proficiency test for Internationally Educated Nurses seeking Kansas Licensure to include HRSA standards. Motion #15 Terry/Kidder Adopted

International Education Evaluations (IEE)

Request by International Education Evaluations (IEE) to be added as an approved credentials evaluation provider for internationally educated nurses seeking KS licensure.

It was moved to approve the request for International Education Evaluations (IEE) request to be added as an approved credentials evaluation provider for internationally educated applicants seeking KS licensure. Motion #16 Murray/Terry Adopted

Petition to test/retest

Janelle Martin discussed KSBN's procedure on petitions to test and retest, and the feedback she is getting with concerns on these procedures. J. Martin asked if any modifications needed to be made to our policy, when compared to other states. The committee reviewed the information

and agreed to leave the policy as is and not change our current requirements on testing and retesting.

Five Year Legislative Review

These regulations are up for their five-year review and will need to be reviewed during the 2025 year. It was requested that the review be moved to the June meeting.

1. 60-5-102 Approval procedure (LMHT)
2. 60-6-101 Requirements (LMHT)

Onsite Packet / LMHT Update:

Ruth Burkhart presented a report with the feedback resulting from the LMHT task force meeting. The group will meet again to discuss certificate vs. license, determine if a possible agency could oversee if a certificate program is recommended, review LMHT regulations if licensure is the decision, and decide on update to LMHT exam if licensing is the decision.

Unfinished Business:

Biennial Graduate Program Reapprovals

A motion was moved to reapprove the Graduate APRN programs on Full Approval Status from January 1st, 2025, thru December 31st, 2026.

Motion #17 Murray/Hailey
Certificates will be mailed out.

Fort Scott Community College Update

Fort Scott gave an update on the recommendations from last site visit report. They have hired an external consultant to help address program concerns and have also found a mentor for the Interim Program Director. Many of the recommendations have been completed and the remainder are on schedule per board approved recommendations. Pass rate for 2024 was 93.33%. The program remains on conditional approval and will require a site visit after completing all recommendations and before approval is given to return to the approved number of admissions.

A request was made by Ft. Scott that they be allowed a new cohort of 20 for Fall 2025.

A motion was made to approve a cohort of 20 for FSCC ADN program for Fall 2025 with a site visit to be done after completing all recommendations.

Motion #18 Hailey/Terry approved

June 2025 Agenda:

NCLEX Improvement Plan reports from programs
KNPA regulation revision update
Petition Report

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

Committee Chairperson

Date