

**Kansas Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes
September 9th, 2025**

Time: 8:32 AM – 10:57 AM

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
Angela Murray, MSN, RN, MICT
Debra Pile, DNP, APRN, P-CNS
Mechele Hailey, DNP, RNC-OB, CNE

Present via Zoom:

Karen Kidder, DNP, RN, CNE

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 no on-site packet.

Add./Rev. Agenda: No additions or revision to the agenda.

Announcements: Mechele Hailey's term on the Education Committee has come to an end. A. Hite presented her with a certificate for her service to the Education Committee of the KSBN.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 10th, 2025, Education Committee meeting were reviewed.

It was moved to approve the June 10th, 2025, Education Committee minutes as written. Motion #1 Murray/Hailey Adopted

Consent Item Agenda

J. Martin gave an Education update: 1) An initial site visit was held over the summer for Chamberlain University BSN program; 2) The University of Kansas Adult Gerontology Primary care NP program is closing due to low demand, but the adult gerontology acute care (AGACNP) will continue. J. Martin stated Dr. Patty Palmietto was named as the new Director of Nursing at Highland Community College beginning July 1, following the retirement of Anna Fowler; 3) highlighted information for the committee about out of state programs using clinical sites in Kansas. The number of schools has been increasing and is creating challenges for clinical spots in some areas; 4) J. Martin and C. Moreland met with KDADS Executive Director, Scott Brunner as requested by the LMHT Task Force. Continued questions prompted agreement by KDADS to be present at today's meeting to respond to questions from the Education Committee; and 5) All Education Annual Reports have been submitted to NCSBN and are being reviewed and verified. The Education Annual Report will be presented at the December meeting. J. Martin also confirmed the Complaint log will be added to the staff report moving forward.

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

- a. Nursing Education Staff Report
 - b. Complaint Log - Education
 - c. 2025-2026 Site Visit Schedule
 - d. Petition to Test/Retest Summary 5/13/25 through 8/12/25
- Motion #2 Terry/Burkhart Adopted

Site Visit Reports:

Chamberlain University BSN:

The July 23-24, 2025, Initial site visit report for Chamberlain University, BSN program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Debra Pile, DNP, APRN, P-CNS, and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the initial site visit report for Chamberlain University BSN program with initial approval to admit up to 120 students annually with three start times (Sept. Jan and May), and a follow up site visit to be done after the first graduation and before requesting additional students.

Motion #3 Murray/Burkhart Adopted.

New Business: Major Curriculum Change Requests:

Rasmussen University:

Request to update the student learning outcomes to align with the 10 “Domains for Nursing” as part of the new 2021 AACN Essentials, to align with the CCNE Standards.

It was moved to accept the Major Curriculum Change request from Rasmussen University BSN program to align with the CCNE Standards and update the student learning outcomes to align with the 10 “Domains for Nursing” as part of the new 2021 AACN Essentials.

Motion #4 Hailey/Terry Adopted

Rasmussen University:

Request to increase the number of BSN admissions from 10 students to 20 students per quarter at the Overland Park campus, while maintaining the enrollment of 10 students per quarter at the Topeka campus, starting in January 2026.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change from Rasmussen University BSN program to increase the number of admitted students from 10 students to 20 students per quarter at the Overland Park campus, while maintaining the enrollment of 10 students per quarter at the Topeka campus, starting in January 2026.

Motion #5 Burkhardt/Murray Approved

Fort Hays State University-BSN:

Request to change the BSN program outcomes incorporating the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts, including changes to the course titles, course descriptions, and course outcomes within the BSN program.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Fort Hays State University, BSN program to change to the BSN program outcomes incorporating the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts with changes to course titles, course descriptions and course outcomes within the BSN program as needed to incorporate the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts.

Motion #6 Murray/Hailey Adopted

Fort Hays State University - DNP:

Request to incorporate the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts, including changes to course titles, course descriptions and course outcomes for the DNP program.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Fort Hays State University DNP program change to incorporate the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts with changes to course titles, course descriptions and course outcomes within the DNP program as needed to incorporate the 2021 AACN Essentials Domains and Concepts.
Motion #7 Terry/Pile

Ottawa University BSN:

Request to divide pharmacology into 2 courses:

Introduction to Pharmacology in Term 2 (2 credit hours) and
Pharmacology in Term 3 (3 credit hours).

Also, request to decrease Capstone from 6 to 4 credit hours, with no change in overall program hours, which remains at 60.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Ottawa University to divide Pharmacology into 2 courses.

- Introduction to Pharmacology Term 2 (2 credit hours)
- Pharmacology Term 3 (3 credit hours)

And to decrease the Capstone from (6) to (4) credit hours with no change in overall program hours, which remains at (60).

Motion #8 Hailey/Terry Approved Burkhardt Abstain

Highland Community College PN:

Request to:

- 1) reduce NUR126 Foundations Clinical from 2 to 1 credit hour(s)
- 2) Add 1 credit hour to NUR 103, PN Success - making it a 2-credit hours
- 3) Add a 1 credit hour Concept Synthesis course to the LPN program that would begin in the Spring.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Highland Community College LPN program to:

- Reduce NUR 126 Foundations Clinical from 2 credit hours to 1 credit hour.

- Add one credit hour to NUR 103, PN Success, making it a 2-credit hour class
- Add a 1 credit hour Concept Synthesis course to the LPN program that would begin in Spring 2026.

Motion #9 Burkhardt/Terry Adopted

Highland Community College ADN:

Request to increase RN seats by 15 and add a fall admission to the program; to begin in Fall of 2026 and increase the LPN-RN curriculum by 3 credit hours.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Highland Community College ADN (LPN-RN Bridge) to:

1) Increase RN Seats by 15 and add a fall admission to the program to begin Fall of 2026.

2) Increase LPN-RN curriculum by 3 credit hours by:

- Reducing NUR 235 Mental Health from 3 to 2 credit hours and create a separate 1 credit hour course for Mental Health Clinical
- Reducing NUR 230 Advanced Medical Surgical from 6 to 4 credit hours and create a separate 2 credit hour clinical course
- Reduce NUR 225 Advanced Assessment from 4 to 3 credit hours
- Increase NUR 220 Transitions class from 1 to 2 credit hours
- Reduce NUR 250 Practicum (clinical) from 4 to 3 credit hours.
- Add a 3-credit hour Advanced Pharmacology course and add a 1 credit hour Concept Synthesis course.

Motion #10 Terry/Pile

Master's Entry RN Programs -

J. Martin presented information regarding the master's direct entry RN programs (MENP). There have been an increasing number of transcripts reviewed for endorsement to KS with this type of program. These programs are for those who already hold a bachelor's degree and want to get an RN license without doing another bachelor's program. The

programs have a mix of the pre-licensure nursing courses with graduate level courses for fulfillment of the master's degree. It is a master's degree but it is for initial RN licensure. J. Martin states that these transcripts are reviewed against the RN curriculum requirements when they present for licensure in KS. The number of programs in the U.S. has gone from 70 to 120 in the last few years. She will continue to stay informed of this program type and will keep the committee informed.

English Language Proficiency exams –

J. Martin stated that following the addition of two English Language Proficiency exam options in the last two years, Kansas now has three options for Proficiency exams. The newest one, OET, will soon have information available on the KSBN website and will provide more options for international nurses. A. Hite encouraged J. Martin to track if she is getting more interest in other options.

Unfinished Business:

Five-Year Combined Statute and Regulation Review Process

K.A.R. 60-5-102 – Approval Procedure LMHT

K.A.R. 60-6-101 – Requirements LMHT

J. Martin stated that LMHT regulations are still with the task force and under revision and the new combined Regulatory review process is still being discussed. It will be added to the December agenda to present an update on this process moving forward.

Update on Improvement plan - Donnelly College

Representatives from Donnelly College presented to the committee and provided information regarding the improvements that have been implemented by Donnelly, and a request to admit students in January. Committee members had several questions regarding faculty, students, clinical schedules, continuing complaint issues. A. Hite expressed concerns regarding continued instability of the program, the large number of student/family complaints filed since October 2024, as well as the NCLEX scores showing continued to decline. It was recommended that a site visit be done in October with J. Martin, D. Pile, and R. Burkhart to review the Donnelly nursing programs and evaluate changes that have been made and implemented by Donnelly, meet with students and faculty, and bring a site visit report to the committee and board in December. No decision on restarting program admission will be made until the visit is completed.

Break: 10:05-10:15

LMHT Role in Kansas

- a. Discussion with Scott Brunner (KDADS) – 10:00 a.m.
- b. WSU Tech – LMHT request
- c. LMHT CNE requirements

Scott Brunner and Melinda Gaul from KDADS were present to discuss their involvement with the role of mental health technicians (MHT) in KS and where the LMHT programs in Kansas are at present. The Education committee is inquiring about what changes might look like if KSBN considered revoking the LMHT license process and the MHT role became a certification process. R. Burkhart stated an LMHT task force was proposing a certificate option, with the possibility of continuing a license. Research by the task force showed that many psychiatric hospitals that offer psychiatric in-patient services are doing their own training, and many were not even aware that the LMHT program/license existed. There is also concern with the high number of clinical and didactic hours required by the current regulations, the cost of administering the licensure program, and the high turnover in psychiatric units.

R. Burkhart presented a summary of the discussion of the recent task force meetings and asked about the possibility of KDADS overseeing an LMHT certificate program; would that be an option. Scott Brunner stated they could investigate it and see if that could be a possibility in the future. The LMHT Task Force will reconvene this Fall and include KDADS in discussion.

December 2025 Agenda:

Education Annual Report for KS Schools
National Nursing Education Database – comparison to KS
Reapproval of undergraduate nursing programs
Site Visit Reports
Review of LMHT task force meeting and recommendations

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM

Committee Chairperson

Date