

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

Time: 8:34 AM – 11:39 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
Patty Palmietto, DNP, MSN, RN
Angela Murray, MSN, RN, MICT
Karen Kidder, DNP, RN, CNE

Present via Zoom:

Debra Pile, DNP, APRN, P-CNS

Absent with notice:

Steven Peterson, BSN, RN, CCRN, MEDSURG-BC, LPCC

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 onsite packet. J. Martin explained the additions of the complaint log that goes with the Education staff report and the updated information for Sura College under the Refresher course agenda item.

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

Announcements: A. Hite stated Ruth Burkhart will be serving as Vice-Chair for this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 9th, 2025, Education Committee meeting were reviewed.

It was moved to approve the September 9th, 2025, Education Committee minutes as written. Motion #1 Palmietto/ Kidder Adopted

Consent Item Agenda

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

- a. Nursing Education Staff Report with complaint log
- b. 2026 Site Visit Schedule
- c. Petition to Test/Retest Summary 8/13/25 through 11/7/25
Motion #2 Murray/Kidder Adopted

Site Visit Reports:

Allied Health Career Training:

The September 16-17, 2025, Follow Up after first graduation site visit report for the PN program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Mechele Hailey, DNP, RN, CNE, and Janelle Martin MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the follow up after first graduation site visit report with recommendations for Allied Health Career Training PN program and recommend approval for five years.
Motion #3 Kidder/Palmietto Adopted.

Salina Area Technical College PN:

The September 23-25, 2025, site visit report was reviewed. Site visitors were Karen Kidder DNP, RN, CNE and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN-KSBN Education Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the reapproval site visit report for Salina Area Technical College PN program with recommendations and reapprove the program for five years. Motion #4 Palmietto/Murray.

Salina Area Technical College ADN:

The September 23-25, 2025, reapproval site visit report was reviewed. Site visitors were Karen Kidder DNP, RN, CNE and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN-KSBN Education Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Salina Technical College ADN program with recommendations and reapprove for the time period of initial national accreditation. Motion #5 Murray/Kidder

Newman University:

The October 1-2, 2025, reapproval site visit report was reviewed. Site visitors were Amy Hite EdD©, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN-KSBN Education Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the reapproval site visit report for Newman University DNAP program with recommendations to address all Non-Compliant (NC) standards/sub-standards for COA and to recommend reapproval of the DNAP program for a time period consistent with national (COA) accreditation.

Motion #6 Burkhart/Palmietto Approved

Labette Community College PN level:

The November 4-5, 2025, re-approval site visit report was reviewed. Site visitors were Patty Palmietto, DNP, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN- Education Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the reapproval site visit report for Labette Community College with full approval for Level 1 (PN) of the LLC Associate Degree Nursing Program for 5 years.

Motion #7 Palmietto/Murray

Donnelly College:

The October 13-14, 2025, board ordered site visit report was reviewed. Site visitors were Debra Pile, DNP, RN, Karen Kidder, DNP, RN and Janelle Martin MHSA, RN – KSBN Education Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Donnelly College nursing programs with recommendations to include continuation of conditional approval for both programs and no new admissions for either program until all recommendations are met and the board has given permission to restart admissions.

Motion #8 Kidder/Murray Approved/ Palmietto Abstained

WSU Tech LMHT:

The November 13-14, 2025, initial site visit report for the new LMHT program was reviewed. Site Visitors were Ruth Burkhart, DNP, MSN, MA, RN-BC, LPCC and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN, KSBN Compliance Officer.

It was moved to accept the WSU Tech LMHT initial site report with recommendation to submit updated readmission policy and clarify the progression policy to KSBN by 3/31/2026 and recommend initial approval for the LMHT program at WSU Tech with follow up visit to be done in Spring 2027. Motion #9 Palmietto/Burkhart Approved

Fort Scott Community College:

Request was made for permission to admit up to 20 students for Fall of 2026 even though the site visit to determine if admission to the FSCC ADN program could resume had to be reschedule to February 2026. The committee agreed that the site visit should be done and recommendations brought to the March meeting for determination of new admissions to FSCC nursing program.

Break: 9:55-10:06

New Business: Major Curriculum Change Requests:

Pittsburg State University:

PSU School of Nursing has adopted the new program outcomes for the BSN Curriculum (approved 12/2023 by KSBN), reviewed and updated course descriptions and outcomes to align with AACN, 2021 Essentials, and increase the number of clinical hours.

It was moved to accept the Major Curriculum Change request from Pittsburg State University to adopt new Program Outcomes for the BSN curriculum, approve updated course descriptions and outcomes to align with The AACN 2021 Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education, which includes credit hour changes to NURS 322: change from 3 to 2 credits, NURS 318: change from 5 to 6, NURS 452: change from 4 to 3 credits, NURS 462 change from 4 to 3 credit hours, NURS 457: reactivate for 2 credit hours (clinical from NURS 452 and 462), NURS 499: change from 4 to 2 credits, NURS 600 change from 2 to 3 credits, NURS 601: change name to Capstone. Upper division nursing hours unchanged at 62 credits, with 58 general education, to equal 120 total credits for the BSN program, with an increase in clinical hours from 720 to 768.

Motion #10 Palmietto/Kidder Adopted

MidAmerica Nazarene University:

Request to align clinical hours across all three BSN tracks, with the addition of dedicated mental health clinical experiences.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change from MidAmerica Nazarene University to align clinical across all three BSN tracks, with the addition of dedicated mental health clinical experiences, as well as updated course numbers to accurately reflect the revised clinical hour requirements.

Motion #11 Murray/Kidder Approved

Kansas University NAP:

Request an increase in selected course credit hours to match the increase in content, lecture time simulation, and clinical time the program has experienced over the last several years, as well as align more closely with the University's definition of a credit hour.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from the University of Kansas Dept of Nurse Anesthesia Education (DNAP) program, to increase selected courses credit hours to match the increase in content, lecture time, simulation and clinical time as well as align more closely with the University's definition of a credit hour.

Motion # 12 Kidder/Burkhart Adopted

College Community College:

Request to change the delivery method to either in-person or hybrid modality for NR110 Health Assessment for Nurses.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Cloud County Community College to change the delivery method for NR110 Health Assessment for Nurses to either in person or hybrid modality.

Motion # 13 Murray/Palmietto Adopted

Rasmussen University:

Request a change to increase the number of admitted students from 64 to 100 per quarter for the ADN programs with seats shared between Overland Park and Topeka, starting in January 2026.

There was discussion regarding the request as the increase seemed very substantial considering faculty, clinical spots required and consideration to the 5 year NCLEX history. Committee discussed alternatives and agreed to an increase but not for the 100 per quarter requested.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from Rasmussen University ADN program to increase the number of admitted students, with an approved increase from 64 students to **79** students per quarter, shared between the Overland Park campus and the Topeka Campus starting in January 2026.

Motion #14 Palmietto/Burkhart Approved

Kansas University School of Nursing -All Program:

Request to update the Mission, Vision, and Values for the University of Kansas School of Nursing.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from the University of Kansas to revise and update the Mission, Vision and Values to all programs (undergraduate, graduate and certificates).

Motion #15 Murray/Burkhart Adopted

Kansas University School of Nursing- BSN:

Request to revise the BSN curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change request from the University of Kansas School of Nursing BSN program to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials. The curriculum will continue to be concept-based and will also incorporate competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for baccalaureate nursing education. Motion #16 Burkhart/ Adopted

Kansas University School of Nursing- Master's Direct Entry in Nursing:

Request to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request for the University of Kansas School of Nursing to revise the Master's Program to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials, and to transition its academic focus to better align with evolving work force needs, accreditation standards, and national priorities in nursing education to be a pre-licensure Master's Direct Entry nursing program. It is modeled after the BSN curriculum with both concept-based and competency-based methodologies in alignment with the AACN recommendations for pre-licensure nursing education.

Motion#17 Palmietto/ Murray Adopted

Kansas University School of Nursing- Graduate Programs:

Request for revisions to curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request from the University of Kansas School of Nursing, Graduate DNP programs, to revise the curriculums to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials incorporating competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for advanced practice. Motion #18 Murray/ Burkhart Adopted

Kansas University School of Nursing – Post-Master’s certificate programs

Request for revisions to curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request for the University of Kansas Graduate-Post Master’s certificate program for Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials and incorporate competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for Advanced Practice. Motion # 19 Burkhart/Palmietto Approved

Kansas University School of Nursing-FNP

Request for revisions to curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request for the University of Kansas Graduate-Post Master’s certificate program for Family Nurse Practitioner to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials and incorporate competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for Advanced Practice. Motion #20 Kidder/Murray Approved

Kansas University School of Nursing- Nurse-Midwifery:

Request for revisions to curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request for the University of Kansas Graduate-Post Master’s certificate program for Nurse-Midwifery to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials and incorporate competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for Advanced Practice. Motion#21Murray/Burkhart

Kansas University School of Nursing- Psychiatric-Mental Health NP:

Request for revisions to curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials.

It was moved to accept the major curriculum change request for the University of Kansas Graduate-Post Master’s certificate program for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to revise the curriculum to reflect the 2021 AACN Essentials and incorporate competency-based methodology that is in alignment with the AACN recommendations for Advanced Practice. Motion #22 Palmietto/Burkhart

Education Annual Report for Kansas Schools

J. Martin gave an update on the Education Annual Report Core Survey for 2025 with attention to the Summary of Quality Indicators for nursing program approval. Only program with 2 or more quality indicators marked were added to the summary table. This is exclusive of the quality indicator for National Accreditation as Kansas does not require national accreditation to be an approved program. The update was centered around the intention of showing how quality markers can be used along side NCLEX pass rates to look at programs and determine if action may need to be reviewed when programs have high numbers of indicators that are not being met. The action was required.

J. Martin also pointed out the annual report summary for the additional questions section which are questions asked only to KS programs and are not part of the national education database. This summary includes basic numbers for admission, graduation, attrition, and articulation. The last two pages put together schools with pass rates, admits, graduations, percent of full-time faculty, the number of program directors in the past 5 years and the on-time graduation rate (not in regulation but is an accreditation standard set at 70% or greater). This summary showed that the number of students admitted to KS undergraduate programs was up for all program types over the past 4 years! The number of graduates was up for BSN programs and slightly lower for PN and ADN. Academic attrition is up 19% for PN, 76% for ADN, and down 30% for BSN. Of the 62 undergraduate programs, 4 remain on conditional approval and 2 are in initial approval status.

National Nursing Education Database - comparison to Kansas

J. Martin gave an update on the National Nursing Education database that has been developed by NCSBN. There are currently 33 other states, along with KS, participating with the Core Survey. NCSBN has created an interactive dashboard which can be found on their education page at <https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/education/national-nursing-education-database.page>. Data has been added for 2022 and 2023 for all key indicators.

Kansas also worked with NCSBN to create a KS report from the National database. The current report uses 2023 data as the 2024 data is still being finalized for the national dashboard. The KS report can be found on the KSBN website at: https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/25-KansasAggregateReport-digital_final.pdf.

Reapproval of undergraduate nursing programs – this item got skipped on the agenda. Has been put on the schedule for March 2026.

Additional refresher courses for Kansas Schools

J Martin brought forward two new refresher course options for RN and one for PN that meet the revised KS requirements. CO Center for Nursing Excellence has courses for both RN and PN while Sura College is a little newer and has an RN course. Sura College's program is approved by the AZ board of nursing. The committee has asked that both programs be asked for outcomes data and completion rates for their refresher courses.

Colorado Nursing Center:

It was moved to accept the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence Refresher courses for RN and LPN as acceptable for those requiring a board approved refresher course for reinstatement of license after five-year lapse. Motion #23 Palmietto/Burkhart Adopted

Sura College:

It was moved to accept the Sura College Refresher course for RN as acceptable for those requiring a board approved refresher course for reinstatement of license after five-year lapse.

Motion #24 Burkhart/Murray

Unfinished Business:

The Five-Year Combined Statute and Regulation Review Schedule was discussed. J. Martin explained this is a plan for the future as part of KSBN strategic objective to continue to do the 5-year review plan that KSBN has always done, in conjunction with the new required legislative regulation review process that was completed for the first time in 2025. Going forward the plan is to do the review processes together. She presented a review schedule for 2026, and it was planned to review a few of these at each quarterly meeting with the intent to complete it by the end of December.

March 2026 Agenda:

2025 NCLEX Report
Annual Approval of undergraduate programs (from Dec. 2025 mtg)
Fort Scott Site Visit Report
5 Year Review Schedule for 2026
Update from Donnelly on Recommendations

Summary of the requested Refresher Course information
Review of LMHT task force meeting and recommendations

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM

Committee Chairperson

Date