Education Report

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Nursing Program Administrator Updates:

- **Benedictine College** announced that effective December 16, 2019, Lynne Connelly, PhD, RN will be the Interim Director of Nursing for the college.
- **Coffeyville Community College** has announced that effective January 1, 2020 Heather Pollet, MSN, APRN will be the new Dean of Career & Technical Education. Anastasia O'Connell, MS, RN has been named as the new Director of Nursing. Anastasia has been with Coffeyville CC nursing program since 2011.
- **Washburn University** announced that effective February 10, 2020, Jane Carpenter, PhD, MSN, RN has been named as the permanent Dean for the School of Nursing. Dr. Carpenter has been serving as the Interim Dean for the past year.
- **Rasmussen College** announced that effective March 9, 2020, Dr. Kelly McCullough, Regional Dean of Nursing for the South-Central Region, assumed the role of Interim Nurse Administrator and Jamie Magana, MSN, is serving as the Associate Dean of Nursing and is based at the Overland Park location of Rasmussen College.

Program Updates:

- **Rasmussen College** has announced that effective October 2020 they will officially become Rasmussen University.
- **Donnelly College** has submitted responses to all recommendations and opportunities from September site visit for the ADN program.

Site Visits:

- University of St. Mary, reapproval visits for BSN program and MSN-FNP program with CCNE on January 29, 30 & 31
- Salina Area Technical College, PN program on February 25-26 for follow up after first graduation
- Site visits for Kansas Wesleyan University, Colby Community College-ADN, and Donnelly College-PN were put on hold during the State of Emergency for COVID-19. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Education Activities / Projects:

- Annual Report Orientation for Program Administrators – held two Zoom meetings in April to review and answer questions regarding the KSBN annual report due from each nursing program
- Assisted in ensuring applicants meet educational requirements for licensure:

- Reviewed 12 transcripts from out of state schools
- Reviewed 43 CGFNS reports for foreign educated nurses
- Five TOEFL results submitted with endorsements – three were approved with required scores; two were denied

- *FQRs* – processed and approved **125** Faculty Qualification Reports
  - 83 were initial requests
  - 42 were updates to previous FQRs
  - 30 had Degree plans
  - 30 had requests for Hire Exceptions
  - 12 were returned as incomplete

- *Minor Curriculum changes* – reviewed and approved requests;
  - Kansas City KS Community College, Generic ADN program – switch a prerequisite course with a 1st semester course – no change of content or credit hours
  - MidAmerica Nazarene University, ABSN program – 3 courses that will be split from single, 3 credit hour courses into 2, 1.5 credit hour courses. This will prevent courses from crossing over semesters which has created financial aid issues for those in the accelerated program. There is no change in credit hours or delivery method for these courses.
  - University of Kansas, DNP program – replacing NRSG 938: Informatics and Technology Applications with IPHI 850: Introduction to Health Informatics with no credit hour change.
  - Hutchinson Community College, PN program – increase Foundations of Nursing clinical from 1 to 2 credit hours (this is within the flex credit allowed)
  - Colby Community College, ADN – change Microbiology prerequisite from 5 hours to 4-5 hours
  - MidAmerica Nazarene University, Grad program – 1) combine two current courses into one new course, NURS 6732 and 2) update course descriptions and outcomes for NURS 6003 & 6013
  - Salina Area Technical College, PN – adopting the revised PN Core Curriculum without IV therapy
  - Garden City Community College, PN – adopting revised PN Core Curriculum as is and within flex credit hours
  - Washburn University, Grad program – update course description and outcomes for NU 801 & 802
- Responded to eight NCSBN survey requests from other state Boards of Nursing or NCSBN. Topics were:
  - Licensure requirements for online nursing courses
  - RN diploma programs
  - English proficiency requirements
  - APRN scope of practice – can they perform abortions
  - Fees for out-of-state/ distance learning clinical placements in our state
  - BSN program requirements for number of clinical hours?

- Waiver changes for COVID-19
- Limitations / regulations regarding percentage of simulation hours allowed

- 2019 scholarship applications received and reviewed by Board members and top 2 RN and top 2 PN students were selected
- Reviewing education information on KSBN website and updating links
  - Currently have a fillable PDF form for FQRs but the process is unable to be completed electronically. New process is coming that will allow submission and return approval to be entirely electronic.
  - Slide deck from New Program Administrator orientation is available on the website on the Program Administrator resource page
- Prepared and submitted 2019 Annual NCLEX program reports to Nursing Program Administrators the week of January 6th. First quarter 2020 NCLEX reports sent out April 14th.
- Responded to 34 higher education entities regarding Kansas approval for / educational requirements for 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 where they could accept students from.
- Attended half-day virtual conference on the 2020 NCSBN Nursing Education Approval Guidelines

Education Corner:

- **KSBN** is currently <u>not requiring</u> Major curriculum changes for <u>temporary changes</u> in course delivery method for theory and clinical courses due to COVID-19. KSBN would appreciate a communication from the program if they are making temporary changes that will continue past the State of Emergency, and a time frame for how long the temporary changes are planned to be in place. Any changes in delivery method that programs intend to make as a permanent change moving forward should be handled per the regulations with a Major curriculum change request. Reminder that changes to sequencing of courses that do not change credit or clock hours, change content, or involve methodology changes, can be done without a curriculum change request.

- **KSBN Office Changes:** 1) remember that when the KSBN office reopens to the public, appointments will be required and social distancing rules will apply in the Landon building and the KSBN Lobby area. 2) a reminder that fingerprint cards are not required from KSBN for fingerprints to be done. The correct cards can be obtained from KBI if local fingerprinting offices do not have the correct card. Waivers should still be printed from the website and taken to the fingerprinting site to be completed at the time the fingerprints are done. And 3) a reminder that **fingerprints will no longer be done at the KSBN office**.

- **Important Reminders:**
  - **New Graduates** – reminder to all programs who are helping students with the exam and licensing process:

- Applications should come before fingerprints are submitted so that there is a person to tie the fingerprints to
- Fingerprint card must always come with a signed waiver or they will not be accepted

- **Applicants with Legal Issues** – a reminder to programs that KSBN cannot give legal advice or decisions about potential licensing when there are legal issues involved. Decisions regarding licensure are done on a case-by-case basis and a case will not be reviewed until an application for licensure is made. Any person wanting to obtain licensure in Kansas will need to review KNPA statute and regulations regarding licensure, and they can also review the legal issues packet that is provided on the KSBN website at https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Forms/legal_issues_ref_packet.pdf.