

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

**July 9, 2009**

**Room 474 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 7:30 a.m.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 7:46 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 8:59 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Laura Poe

**Secretary:**

Shirlene Kimball

**Division Director:**

Mark B. Steinagel

**Conducting:**

Mary Williams

**Committee Members Present:**

Peggy Brown

Mary Williams

Gigi Marshall

**Committee members excused:**

Diane Forster-Burke

Pam Rice

**Guests:**

Marie Parker, Student - Provo College

Ryan Sayers, CCAU – Vice President

Karen Smith, Eagle Gate College

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

May 14, 2009 Education Committee minutes:

The May 14, 2009 minutes were approved as written.  
All Committee members in favor.

June 11, 2009 Education Committee minutes:

The June 11, 2009 minutes were approved as written.  
All Committee members in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review NCLEX pass rates for Provisionally approved programs:

Reviewed.

Carolyn Lewis, written report  
Utah Career College:

Report reviewed. Dr. Lewis indicated there are currently 136 students in the program. Thirty additional students will be admitted in July. They have hired two master's prepared nurses.

Debra Edmunds, written report  
Mountainland ATC:

Ms. Edmunds submitted a written report indicating 20 new students will begin the program August 2009. She reported 5 graduates will be entering the UVU PN to BSN program in the fall and 5 in the spring. After that time, MATC students will be admitted to UVU on a space available basis. She reported several students have been admitted to SLCC and WSU RN programs for fall semester.

Lona Broadhead, Nursing Director  
Linda Petersen,  
Ameritech College:

Ms. Broadhead stated the pass rates on the NCLEX examination have increased because of changes made in the program. These changes include a higher admission standard and passing the HESI exit exam prior graduation. Ms. Broadhead stated they have hired new faculty members and will submit their vitas. She reported they now have 16 full time faculty members, four adjunct faculty members for general education courses and four adjunct faculty members for clinicals. Committee members questioned how many students are currently enrolled in the program. Ms. Petersen stated there are 250 students including the pre-nursing students (180 students in the nursing program). Ms. Petersen stated that all the PN students have now tested. Ms. Petersen indicated there may be 20 RN students who have not tested.

Ms. Broadhead stated she is working on their self-study report. Ms. Broadhead reported the program still has not heard from NLNAC regarding candidacy status and indicated she would contact NLNAC to find out why there is a delay in the process.

Traci Hardell, written report  
Stevens-Henager College:

Ms. Hardell reported there are 54 pre-nursing students, 51 nursing students and a new nursing cohort of 12 students will begin in August. She indicated a cohort of 12 students will graduate in July. Committee members indicated the NCLEX pass rate for the July graduation will be critical. Ms. Hardell reported the program should have final accreditation by August.

Everest College  
Jeanne Hatley, MSN, RN:

Ms. Hatley met with the Committee to discuss the intent to begin a BSN program at Everest College. Ms. Hatley stated Everest College has 106 schools in the northern hemisphere and their parent company is Corinthian Colleges, Inc. This is a proprietary school and has been in Salt Lake City since 1982 (previously

Mountain West College). Ms. Hately reported Everest College has nine nursing programs, which are either ADN or PN programs. The Utah program would be the first BSN program for Everest College. Ms. Hately reported the program first approached the Board to bring an ADN program to Utah in 2006. The school could not move forward at that time because they did not have an acceptable national accreditation. Since then, NLNAC has recognized ACICS accreditation. She stated they will be seeking NLNAC accreditation for their other programs. She reported that the campus directors are all MSN prepared. She indicated the PN programs have been in existence for a period of time, however, the RN program is new and they just graduated the first RN class. Ms. Hately reported the average NCLEX pass rate for all campus has been 93% (PN). Ms. Brown questioned whether the BSN program curriculum is reflective of the current ADN program. Ms. Hately stated they have used some of the ADN curriculum, but have added additional curriculum including more leadership role courses. She reported they have an articulation agreement with Kaplan University and the University of Phoenix which meets the Rule requirement. She stated she has contacted several clinical sites, but wanted to wait and see the results of this meeting before having them sign any contracts. Committee members indicated the prerequisites need to be offered by a regionally accredited school. Ms. Hately stated the online courses are regionally accredited. The student can take general education classes through Everest College online. Ms. Poe stated that between the articulation agreement and online courses which are regionally accredited, the letter of the rule is met.

Ms. Hately stated they would like to admit 40 students twice a year (in January and June). They would like to begin admitting students January 2010, and begin the nursing courses in June 2010. Ms. Hately stated the building is finished and they only need to build out the lab.

Ms. Brown made a Motion to allow Everest College to move forward with the program approval process and begin by hiring the campus director, look for clinical slots and finish building out the lab. Once they have

adequate clinical slots, adequate physical environment, hire an appropriate nursing director and have hired adequate faculty, and a site visit has been conducted, they can begin accepting nursing students who have completed their general education courses in January 2010. Ms. Marshall seconded the Motion. All Committee members present in favor. This will be taken to the Full Board for a vote.

University of Southern Nevada,  
Mable Smith, Marlene Luna, Connie  
Carpenter:

Dr. Williams reported on the site visit to the University of Southern Nevada – South Jordan campus. Ms. Smith reported Connie Carpenter has been hired as nursing director for the Utah campus. Site visitors reported the physical facilities are very nice with adequate program space, adequate office space and an adequate library. There is adequate support staff, financial aide staff and the skills lab person is MSN prepared. Dr. Williams made a Motion to recommend provisional approval pending receipt of documentation of clinical placements, placement times and rotations and to submit perspective faculty vita. This information must be received by November 1, 2009 for review at the November Committee meeting in order for the program to begin January 2010. Ms. Marshall seconded the Motion. All Committee members present were in favor.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

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Date Approved

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Mary Williams, acting chair, Education Committee Board of Nursing

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Date Approved

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Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing