

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING

April 8, 2010

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

CONVENED: 7:37 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:30 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Laura Poe

Secretary:

Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Committee Members Present:

Diane Forster-Burke

Peggy Brown

Mary Williams

Gigi Marshall

Committee Members Excused:

Pam Rice

Guests:

Kesa Herhtry, University of Utah

Amy Stegen, Davis Applied Technology College

Kathy Dreyer, Davis Applied Technology College

Janet Head, Eagle Gate College

Paige Thackeray, Eagle Gate College

Ruth Blair, WSU student

Kristy Illingsworth, Provo College

Raquel Day, Provo College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

March 11, 2010 Education Committee minutes:

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Jero,

Intermountain School of Health:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A Motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections. All Committee members voted in favor of the Motion.

Ms. Jero mailed to the Board a copy of the curriculum for a two-year PN to RN nursing program. The program will provide a minimum of two semesters of study at the practical nurse level that will lead to a certificate of completion. Four semesters are required for the associate degree program. The letter submitted

indicated the program would like to admit licensed LPNs into the third semester of study. They will not offer general education course and will only admit students who have completed all of the prerequisite general education courses at an accredited college or university.

Ms. Poe indicated it appears that they have taken the program curriculum directly from the Colorado Community College system and the information submitted included a course that discusses the Colorado Nurse Practice Act. She indicated they address standards developed by the National Nursing Organization and the American Nurses Association as a requirement for an approved nursing program instead of standards developed by an accreditation body. The ANA does not establish educational program standards. Dr. Williams expressed concern with the information submitted and stated the program developers do not understand basic nursing curriculum. She indicated she reviewed the Colorado program online and it does not appear that they require prerequisite courses in chemistry or microbiology; and they do not differentiate between the RN and PN program. Ms. Forster-Burke stated she is concerned that Ms. Jero does not understand nursing education and the information submitted is inappropriate on many levels. It was suggested they go back to the drawing board and submit a new plan. Dr. Williams stated it is not the Committee's responsibility to develop a program for them. Committee members indicted the following:

- They need to look at the Utah Nurse Practice Act instead of the Colorado Nurse Practice Act.
- Curriculum based on association standards is not appropriate and they should be looking at NLNAC or CCNE standards.
- There is no differentiation between the PN and Associates Degree level.
- Educational outcomes were not provided.
- They did not provide a full listing of prerequisites – no microbiology, pathology or chemistry courses included.
- Committee members expressed concern with the concept of teachers from another program in another state teaching via web interaction. Committee

members requested further clarification on how the process will work.

-Need to include how students meet course objectives.

Ms. Poe indicated they will be sent a letter suggesting they obtain consultation in developing a curriculum and it needs to address our standards. They also need to provide who the national accreditor is for the Intermountain School of Health. That accrediting body has to recognize the school and the program. This program does not meet the criteria outlined in Rule.

Discussion regarding Utah Valley University Nursing program:

Committee members stated it appears the program at Utah Valley University is a ladder program and not a generic BSN program. Utah Statute does not allow for an RN equivalency and completing part of a program is not acceptable as RN equivalency. The Board would have to approve both the associate level and the BSN level. They can not license as an ADN at the end of nursing semester 4 then bridge back to complete the BSN. The student would have to complete six semesters and obtain the BSN degree, there would be no exceptions.

Ms. Brown stated they need to decide if the program is completed at the end of four semesters or at the end of six semesters for licensure. It appears to be structured as a ladder program, not an opt-out program. The Board would not have jurisdiction over the BSN program. Utah Valley University needs to declare at the beginning whether it is a BSN program or an ADN program. Ms. Brown stated if they are going to prepare as an ADN, they need to offer socialization prior to the 6th semester. The way they have the program structured, ADN socialization occurs at end of the 6th semester and they are developing nurses without socialization to the role. There is concern that the nurse will not understand his/her role and the difference between an ADN and a BSN role. Currently, the only Utah Valley University program approved is the associate degree program. Ms. Poe indicated that Ms. Bacon needs to be invited back to meet with the Board to clarify these issues.

Utah Valley University's remediation plan for the

NCLEX is acceptable.

Eagle Gate College:

Janet Head and Paige Thackeray from Eagle Gate College met with Committee members to answer questions regarding the feasibility study and application to begin a nursing program at Eagle Gate College Salt Lake and Layton campuses.

Committee members reviewed the feasibility study and indicated that it describes where nursing was at two years ago. Committee members indicated the feasibility study is adequate, but not reflective of current data and the comments section regarding the need for nurses is no longer accurate. Ms. Head stated the school will only accept 20 students per year, per site. Ms. Poe stated the positives of the program are that the prerequisites are obtained at USU and the outcomes are good. Ms. Head stated the program sites will be available for a site visit in late May. She indicated the program will be admitting 20 students per campus in August. The general education courses have already started.

Dr. Williams made a Motion to grant provisional approval status upon completion of a successful site visit. The site visit will take place mid to late May. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Review DATC Curricular Changes,
Amy Stegen and Kathy Dreyer:

Ms. Stegen stated there are no major changes to the Curriculum and the numbers will stay the same. Ms. Stegen stated the program wanted to provide more active learning and the changes are conceptual bases versus medical model. They are changing the clinical hours and the number of simulation hours will increase, but it will be no more than the 25% allowed by Rule. Ms. Marshall stated the program has excellent NCLEX pass rates and outcomes, and questioned why the change. Ms. Stegen stated they wanted to be more active, allow the students to grow and to increase expectations. Ms. Marshall made a Motion to approve the curricular changes as outlined. Dr. Williams seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Marlene Luna,

The report was reviewed and accepted.

University of Southern Nevada, written report:

Rebekah Lynch,
Everest College, written report:

Committee members questioned whether or not the pharmacology course is the same course taught to pharmacy technicians. The program needs to focus on the nursing process when giving medications and the course should be different than the pharmacy technician course. Committee members would like clarification regarding this course. This may be a preliminary course, like a math class, and is not replacing the nursing pharmacology course, but clarification is needed whether or not they are substituting nursing 3145 with the pharmacy technician pharmacy course. If so, it does not meet the nursing standard.

Debra Edmunds,
Mountainland ATC written report:

Mountainland ATC has completed NLNAC accreditation. Upon receipt of the accreditation verification, Mountainland will be moved to full approval status. Committee members are concerned with the conflict of information between MATC and UVU. Mountainland ATC stated they are now sending students to SLCC and Weber.

Ms. Marshall made a Motion to move the program to full approval status pending receipt of NLNAC accreditation notification. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Stevens Henager College written report:

Committee members requested the new nursing director for Stevens-Henager be invited to meet with the Committee next month.

Review NCLEX Pass rates for Ameritech and Stevens Henager College:

NCLEX pass rates for the provisionally approved programs were reviewed.

Julie Aiken,
Ameritech College written report:

The report was reviewed and accepted.

Kathleen Potter,
Fortis College:

Committee members reviewed and accepted the report. Committee members expressed concern with the 20% attrition rate. Fortis College admits students to the prerequisites and then moves them on to nursing courses. Ms. Potter indicated there are no more than 24 students starting the actual nursing course and if the individual does not pass the prerequisites, the student will be moved to other areas in the school. Committee

members indicated that Fortis College needs to make this clear to the students. Ms. Brown stated they should not call the first year nursing.

Discussion regarding Annual Reports:

Ms. Poe indicated she will make the changes and have the annual report posted to the Division's web site.

Discussion regarding Rule changes:

Ms. Poe reviewed the changes in the Rule regarding innovation approach to nursing. Ms. Brown made a Motion to approve the Rule as presented today. Dr. Williams seconded the Motion. All Committee members 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.

May 13, 2010
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee, Board of Nursing

May 13, 2010
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing