

# **MINUTES**

## **ADVISORY PEER EDUCATION COMMITTEE NURSING MEETING**

**February 6, 2025**

**Heber M. Wells Bldg.**

**ANCHOR LOCATION: Room 404 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

**CONVENED: 8:30 A.M.**

**ADJOURNED: 9:23 A.M.**

### **DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn

Board Secretary: Kelli Arriola

### **CONDUCTING:**

Brenda Luther, Ph.D. - Chair

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brenda Luther, Ph.D.

Juanita Takeno, DNP, RN

Taun Carver, APRN

David Haskell, DNP, RN

Susanne Jones, DNP, APRN

Joanie Krupa, DNP, RN

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Suzie Campbell, MSN, RN, CNE

### **GUESTS:**

Ryan Huff – Western Governor's University

Vanessa Lausch – Fortis College

Karen Whitham – Fortis College

Emily Winn – Fortis College

Cynthia Dunfield – Fortis College

Katherine Borden – Galen College of Nursing

Carol A Velas

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Dr. Luther called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **OATH OF OFFICE FOR JOANIE KRUPA AND SUSANNE JONES:**

Ms. Krupa and Ms. Jones were sworn in as new members of the Education Peer Committee – Board of Nursing.

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, MINUTES:

Mr. Haskell motioned to approve the minutes.

Ms. Carver seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### PROGRAM UPDATES:

#### In-State Program Updates:

No current program updates.

#### Out-of-State Program Updates:

There are 100 out-of-state programs that have students completing clinicals in Utah.

#### Medication Aide Programs Updates:

There are six approved programs in Utah.

### Fortis College PN program proposal:

(Refer to audio for specifics. 09:21 – 42:40)

Ms. Vanessa Lausch campus president at Fortis College and Ms. Cynthia Dunfield the dean of nursing. Ms. Lausch presented a brief overview of the PN program. The Practical Nurse program will be a diploma program with five quarters, a total 82 credits, total clocked hours will be 1,350 and outside class hours will be an additional 1,220 hours.

Term	Course Code	Course	Corequisite	Prerequisite
1	PNR110	Introduction to Nursing: Beginning	PNR111	none
	PNR111	Introduction to Nursing: Experiential	PNR110	none
	PNR112	Math for Medical	none	none
	AHP215	Anatomy and Physiology for	none	none
2	PNR120	Fundamentals of Nursing: Novice Concepts	PNR121	PNR110, PNR111, PNR112
	PNR121	Fundamentals of Nursing: Experiential Learning	PNR120	PNR110, PNR111, PNR112
	PNR122	Pharmacology and the Nursing Process	none	none
	OSCI115	Fundamentals of Nutrition	none	none
	OPSY278	Human Growth and Development	none	none
3	PNR130	Medical-Surgical Nursing I: Intermediate Concepts	PNR131	PNR120, PNR121
	PNR131	Medical-Surgical Nursing I: Experiential Learning	PNR130	PNR120, PNR121
	PNR132	Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	none	PNR122
	PNR133	Intravenous Therapy	none	none
	OPNR134	Care of the Older Adult: Intermediate Concepts	PNR135	PNR110, PNR111
	PNR135	Care of the Older Adult: Experiential Learning	PNR134	PNR110, PNR111
4	PNR140	Medical-Surgical Nursing 2: Advanced Concepts	PNR141	PNR130, PNR131
	PNR141	Medical-Surgical Nursing 2: Experiential Learning	PNR140	PNR130, PNR131
	OPNR142	Nursing Across the Lifespan: Advanced Concepts	PNR143	PNR130, PNR131
	PNR143	Nursing Across the Lifespan: Experiential Learning	PNR142	PNR130, PNR131
	OCMP105	Introduction to Informatics	none	none
5	PNR150	Medical-Surgical Nursing 3: Mastery of Concepts	PNR151	PNR140, PNR141
	PNR151	Medical-Surgical Nursing 3: Experiential Learning	PNR150	PNR140, PNR141
	OPNR152	Transition to Practice: Mastery of Concepts	PNR153	PNR140, PNR141
	PNR153	Transition to Practice: Experiential Learning	PNR152	PNR140, PNR141
	PNR154	Developing your Professional Identity	none	PNR140, PNR141

**Fortis College PN program proposal continued:**

The program will contain three general education courses a total of six online courses. The percentage of Labs and Clinicals will be 63% and 850 hours. The simulation will be 131 total hours at 9.7% in simulation.

**Guiding Practical Nursing Program Principles:**

- Clinical Competence
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Holistic Patient Care
- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Ethical and Professional Practice
- Technological Competence
- Program Student Learning Outcomes (Program SLOs)

**Faculty Qualifications/Credentials:**

- Will have a minimum of 36 months in the Nursing field.
- Will hold a license for which students will be prepared (RN or PN).
- Will complete the required New Faculty Orientation and On-Boarding process for Fortis College. This training ensures that the newly hired faculty will receive training in instruction methods and teaching skills. They will also be required to complete annual training to further develop teaching skills.

**Anticipated Enrollments:**

Fortis College will have four cohorts starting per year with an anticipated enrollment of 24 students per term.

**Clinical Agreement Plans:**

Fortis College has 20 clinical affiliation agreements. Will continue to expand their agreements to ensure students have access to a variety of clinical sites.

**Accreditation Status and Plans:**

Fortis College will seek accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the practical nursing program. The associate degree of nursing program is currently ACEN accredited.

Mr. Haskell asked if the clinical sites are more long-term care or acute care. Ms. Lausch advised they have a mixture of both. Mr. Haskell asked if Fortis has an LPN to RN program in the state of Utah. Ms. Lausch advised they do not currently.

Dr. Luther asked if Fortis plans to have a bridge plan put in place so students can move through degrees. Ms. Lausch stated they have a transfer credit system worked out for students who have graduated from an outside LPN program. Fortis will apply the same principles as bridge from LPN to RN program.

Dr. Jones said this is an LPN proposal and could be used as a bridge into an RN program. Ms. Lausch confirmed the proposed LPN program is a stand-alone program. Graduates from the LPN program who want continued education, then would enroll in the RN program.

Dr. Krupa wanted to know if the online classes are going to occur synchronously or asynchronously and how will that facilitation occur. Ms. Lausch advised they have a mix of both. Current RN online classes are Asynchrony and delivered by canvas system and one synchronous lecture once a week.

Mr. Haskell motioned to approve temporary pursuit of candidacy through ACEN for Fortis College PN program.

Dr. Krupa seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Dr. Jones strongly recommends to adapt a plan for a bridge program to put in place.

Dr. Krupa motioned to approve Fortis College PN program temporary candidacy for qualifying graduates for licensure upon ACEN candidacy status.

Mr. Haskell seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:**

N/A

#### **NCLEX SCORE REVIEW FOR Q4 ANNUAL 2024 FIRST TIME PASS RATE:**

##### **2024 Q4**

LPN – UT = 98.36%

RN – UT = 76.76%

LPN – US = 82.60%

RN – US = 82.21%

##### **2024 ANNUAL**

LPN – UT = 97.13%

RN – UT = 86.46%

LPN – US = 88.83%

RN – US = 91.16%

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MAY 1, 2025**

**ADJOURN: 9:23 A.M.**

**Meeting adjourned at: 9:23 A.M.**

**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.**

05/01/2025

**Date Approved**

*Brenda Luther*  
Brenda Luther (May 1, 2025 10:27 MDT)

**Brenda Luther - Education Committee**

05/02/2025

**Date Approved**

*Jeff Busjahn*

**Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL**