

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

April 2, 2015

Room 474 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:20 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Suzette Farmer, Ph.D., RN
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Jodi Morstein, Ph.D., APRN Chair

Committee Members Present:

Donna Lister, Ph.D., APRN
Jodi Morstein, Ph.D., APRN
Debra Mills, MSN, RN
Gary Measom, Ph.D., RN
Juanita Takeno, DNP, RN
Julie Aiken, MSN/Ed, RN
Sharon Dingman, DNP, RN

Guests:

Mollie Nordgren, Fortis College
Shanda Clark, Nightingale College
Sue Jero, Nightingale College
Chuck Ericson, Eagle Gate/Provo College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

February 5, 2015 Minutes:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Lister made a motion to approve the February 5, 2015 minutes as written. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Dr. Farmer indicated that the Committee needs to look at the Legislative changes and develop rule for limited time approval educational programs. Dr. Farmer also indicated the Rule for psychiatric APRN section also needs to be reviewed for clarification of wording/content. Dr. Lister stated she is reviewing other professional Practice Acts to see what their requirements are for gaining licensure and to also review to see which professions required additional practice hours.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Julie Aiken and Juanita Takeno:

Dr. Farmer administered the Oath of Office to Julie Aiken and Juanita Takeno. Ms. Aiken and Dr. Takeno were welcomed by Committee members.

Maryville University, out-of-state clinical placements.
Telephone interview:

Present by telephone from Maryville University were Dr. Elizabeth Buck, Assistant Dean of Nursing and Online Nursing Program Director; Nina Zimmermann, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing and Brittany Berry, Online Nursing Program Coordinator. Ms. Berry indicated that Maryville University is an online program that started three years ago. The program is accredited by CCNE and meets all requirements of Rule.

Ms. Mills questioned Maryville personnel regarding the selection process of the preceptor. Ms. Berry indicated the preceptor has to be licensed in the state where the student is located and be board certified. The program verifies that the preceptor has a current unencumbered license. Each preceptor is supervised by a clinical adjunct faculty member. The preceptor fills out forms, talks to the student and if the preceptor documents the student is not adequate in any area, and then the faculty sends a written statement to the student. The student responds, and if it is determined that the student does not meet the requirements, the director of the program becomes involved.

Dr. Dingman made a motion to approve Maryville University's request for approval for clinical placements of students in Utah. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. Committee members requested that Maryville University let the Committee know how many students will be placed in Utah.

University Colorado-Denver, out-of-state clinical placements
Telephone interview:

Ann Poteet, Clinical Placement Coordinator, presented the University of Colorado-Denver program request for approval of clinical placements for their psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner students. Committee members questioned the process for choosing preceptors. Ms. Poteet stated the individual is interviewed to determine their experience as a preceptor. The preceptor has to be working in the specific patient population and understands how to precept. The program also looks at whether the agency allows preceptorships and the preceptor has to be willing to provide time. The education

program checks for an unencumbered license, and national certification.

Students are accepted that have a BSN with a psychiatric background. The applicant must obtain references, be licensed as an RN, provide transcripts from their previous nursing program and go through an interview process. The student is admitted by agreement of faculty members.

Ms. Poteet stated, at this time, the program is requesting approval for a student in the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program and there is only one student who wants to complete clinical hours in Utah at this time.

Ms Aiken made a motion to approve the request for the University of Colorado – Denver clinical placements for students in the psychiatric nurse practitioner program. Dr. Lister seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Dr. Lister questioned whether it makes a difference if the preceptor is paid by the program, or if the preceptor is a volunteer position. Dr. Farmer indicated that the CNM Board discussed this issue and determined that it is okay if the preceptor is a volunteer position as long as they are employed and if they meet the qualifications of the home state.

Bradley University, out-of-state clinical placements
Telephone interview:

Molly Cluskey, Associate Dean of Distance Learning, and Lisa Gordon requested approval for Bradley University clinical placement of students in Utah. Dr. Cluskey stated the program is a new program and setting up for fall 2015. Committee members questioned how preceptors will be chosen. Dr. Cluskey indicated that the program checks to see if the preceptors have unencumbered licenses, are currently certified, and works at a site that correlates with the students' studies. The preceptor goes through an orientation process and has access to the coordinator through email. Dr. Cluskey stated Bradley University does not currently have any out-of-state students.

Committee members indicated it has been reported that Illinois will be joining the Interstate Compact soon and this would allow the faculty member to supervise students in Utah. However, until that happens, the faculty member must be licensed in Utah. Dr. Cluskey stated she does not

believe Illinois will become part of the Compact and if necessary, the program will have a faculty member licensed in Utah. Dr. Cluskey stated their accreditation expires in October 2016 and they are currently writing a self-study report. Committee members requested verification that at least one of the nursing faculty members, with responsibility for distance students, holds licensure in Utah. In the event that the State of Illinois joins the Nursing Licensure Compact (NLC) a faculty member holding a "Compact" license in Illinois would not be required to obtain Utah licensure. Dr. Lister made a motion to give tentative approval and allow Dr. Farmer to review the documentation regarding faculty member licensure and determine if full approval can be granted. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Ball State University, out-of-state clinical placements
Telephone Interview:

Amy Bradley, Dr. Jim Boss and Diana Vance represented Ball State University in its request for approval of clinical placements. The student is responsible to find a preceptor and provide the program with the information requested regarding the preceptor. The documentation is reviewed by the faculty member for that course. The preceptor is then approved, and if not approved, it is noted why they were not approved. Students are screened and have to have an unencumbered license, have an associate degree or BSN, depending on the program they are seeking to enter, three letters of reference, and write an essay. There is a faculty supervisor who will be employed by the University and licensed in Utah. The clinical supervisor must meet specific criteria, be nationally certified and licensed with an unencumbered license. The clinical supervisor receives a stipend and is employed by the program. Ball State University currently has two students to place in Utah; one is a Nurse Practitioner, and the other a nurse educator.

Dr. Meason made a motion to approve Ball State University's request to place clinical students in Utah. Ms. Aiken seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Dr. Farmer requested an update in writing after the next accreditation visit.

Julie Aiken, discussion regarding the

Ms. Aiken indicated she attended the NCLEX Regional

possibility of hosting the NCLEX Regional Workshop:

Workshop and feels this workshop would be good for faculty members from programs in Utah. Ms. Aiken stated it was very informative and since there will be an update to the examination next year, it would be a good time to hold the workshop. Ms. Aiken stated if the Board applies to sponsor the workshop, the Board would need to determine a site to hold the workshop and collect the registration fees, and possibly offer a lunch. Dr. Farmer stated the Division supports sponsoring the workshop and would explore using some of the money from the Education fund. Dr. Farmer suggested putting some ideas together and moving forward. Dr. Lister stated she will work with Dr. Farmer to coordinate putting together the information.

NCLEX Pass Rates:

Dr. Farmer stated Utah's annual pass rate for the NCLEX is in the middle of the national annual pass rates. The associate degree pass rate nationally for the 2014 calendar year was 70% and Utah's was 80%.

MACE update:

Dr. Farmer reported the Division is close to signing the Medication Aide Certification Examination contract with NCSBN. Dr. Farmer reported that it will still be four to six months before the examination is up and running. Dr. Farmer indicated the examination has a demonstration component and a written exam and the fee for the exam is believed to be \$130.00. The passing score will be a nationally passing standard.

Snow College Annual Report:

Committee members reviewed the annual report from Snow College. The program will be having an ACEN site visit fall 2015 and the program will need to notify the Committee of the outcome. Committee members noted the program's low NCLEX pass rates.

Fortis College:

Committee members reviewed the ACEN correspondence. Ms. Nordgren indicated that they had a focus visit that went very well; however, they will not have feedback until August. Ms. Nordgren stated the program will continue to focus on improving their NCLEX pass rates.

Provo College:

Provo College reported that Margaret Erickson, MSN, RN will be the new nursing program director.

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