

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

June 4, 2015

Room 464 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:19 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
Juanita Takeno, DNP, RN
Julie Aiken, MSN/Ed, RN
Sharon Dingman, DNP, RN

Committee Members Excused:

Debra Mills, MSN, RN
Gary Measom, Ph.D., RN

Guests:

Sue Jero, Nightingale College
Shanda Clark, Nightingale College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

May 7, 2015 Minutes:

Review additional information for Nightingale College's request for approval of the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (BMTC)-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Lister made a motion to approve the May 7, 2015 minutes with corrections. Ms. Aiken seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Jero indicated:

- Nightingale College has developed a relationship with the military.
- The relationship will help provide veterans with the opportunity to become licensed as a Registered Nurse.
- Faculty reviewed the Navy's and Air Force health sciences program and matched courses to Nightingale's program.
- The program will take seven semesters to

complete.

Dr. Morstein stated:

- Nightingale's letter to the students needs to be rewritten to include the disclosure wording from the Nurse Practice Act Rule, subsection R156-31b-602(4)(a) and (b).
 - Dr. Dingman made a motion to approve Nightingale College Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (BMTC)-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing program as described upon receipt of the letter that acknowledges the disclosure as outlined in the Nurse Practice Act Rule, subsection R156-31b-602(4)(a) and (b). Ms. Aiken seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Rules - Limited time approval of nursing education programs, R156-31b-602:

Committee members discussed limited time approval of nursing education programs. Dr. Farmer indicated:

- The Board has the statutory authority to define limited time approval.
- Rules were developed for limited time approval, but a requirement to have the program provide documentation indicating the requirements were met was not included.
- The concern is that we don't want Rule to be over descriptive, but detailed enough to show the Board that the program is meeting requirements.

Dr. Takeno requested that, since she is new to the Committee, the process be explained for programs applying for limited time approval. Committee members explained the process:

- Apply to the Board for limited time approval.
- Apply for accreditation within 12 months.
- The program works with the accreditation body. The accreditation body lets the program know the timelines.
- The accreditation body conducts a site visit.
- Students graduate.
- The accreditation body makes a decision regarding accreditation.

Dr. Farmer questioned if it is fair to the student to hold off approval to sit for the examination if they graduate in

May, and the final decision from the accreditation body is not made until October.

- Committee members indicated since the student graduated under limited time approval, they would be eligible to sit for the examination.
- Students in the program who have not graduated will not be allowed to sit for the examination if accreditation is not achieved.
- Ms. Aiken questioned what happens if the program does not meet the timeline and if the program loses accreditation status, do we tell them to cease accepting students?
 - The current Rule allows the program to reapply for candidacy status one additional time.
 - The program needs to have students in order to apply for accreditation.
 - It was suggested the Board could make recommendations to place a limitation on enrollment and allow students to enroll.
- Dr. Lister stated the way the Rule is currently written in (2)(b) and (c), we are giving a program with limited time approval five years. Dr. Farmer state this timeframe protects the student and allows them to graduate under limited time approval status. Dr. Farmer indicated it is tough to anticipate all of the possible scenarios and she indicated if the rules are too restrictive, we will still have a problem. Some people will argue five years is to long, but accreditation gives two years to make corrections. Dr. Juanita stated there are a lot of implications for the student, and students really don't understand the documents they are signing.
- Dr. Farmer stated the accreditation issue will be a problem for program graduates seeking employment.

Environmental Scan:

- Out-of-state programs placing students in Utah for clinical hours will be discussed at the August meeting.
- The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner section will also be discussed at the August meeting. Dr. Morstein indicated she is concerned with the current Rule that requires an individual, who has been licensed in another state, meet the

supervisory requirements. Many of these individuals have been in private practice for a period of time and won't meet the requirement.

Dr. Farmer reported that currently 420 students are eligible to take the examination and 200 are waiting for eligibility. Dr. Farmer indicated that approximately 30 students test each day, and the daily average pass rate is about 90%.

Dr. Farmer introduced Angela Bowen, the Division's intern. Ms. Bowen will be working on a number of Division issues. Dr. Farmer indicated she has requested Ms. Bowen obtain information regarding the process for developing an education program in the state.

Update on NCLEX Regional Workshop:

Dr. Farmer reported the Division has submitted the application to NCSBN and they have acknowledged receipt of the application.

University of Utah Curriculum Changes:

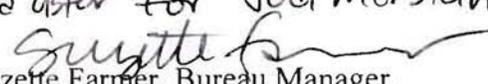
Dr. Farmer indicated that the University of Utah is undergoing a significant curriculum revision. There will be no changes in overall didactic credit hours and little change in clinical hours. The new curriculum will have slightly more capstone hours. Dr. Farmer indicated no action needs to be taken because the program is CCNE accredited. Informational only.

Next meeting:

August 6, 2015

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.

Date Approved
9/3/15


Jodi Morstein, Chair
Education Committee
Donna Uster for Jodi Morstein

Suzette Farmer, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Date Approved
9/3/15