

MINUTES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE – BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING

Date: November 7, 2013

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

CONVENED: 8:34 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:48 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN

Acting Board Secretary:

Boyce Barnes

Conducting:

Gigi Marshall, MSN

Board Members Present:

Debra Mills, MSN
Donna Lister, Ph.D
Jodi Groot, Ph.D

Board Members Excused:

Sheryl Steadman, Ph.D

Guests:

Amber Epling, Snow College
Cyndi Jorgensen, Snow College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

September 5, 2013 minutes:

Dr. Lister made a motion to approve the September 5, 2013 minutes as written. Dr. Groot seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

Snow College, ADN program
Amber Epling, Nursing Director
Cyndi Jorgensen, faculty member:

Ms. Epling reported that ACEN deferred Snow College's ADN program request for accreditation. Ms. Epling indicated that the accreditation body was concerned with the number of credit hours in the program. Committee members discussed the credits hours and classes needed for a student going from an ADN to BSN degree. Programs are streamlining credit hours to meet the requirements of the accrediting bodies for accreditation. It was noted that a few programs are looking at reducing their credit hours for the BSN degree. ACEN requires 60-72 credits. If a program has too many credits, the program would be non-compliant with

accreditation. Dr. Hobbins reviewed with Committee members the proposed rule regarding accreditation. Snow College would have ten more months (until August 7, 2014) to obtain accreditation. The next group of students must be advised on the programs status of non-accreditation. Current students should be fine, however, they would still need to sign a program disclosure statement.

Rule discussion:

Dr. Hobbins indicated there are a few individuals who feel it is appropriate to only have a nurse educator serve as an Education Committee member. However, it is felt that a nurse working in an institution or facility that has nursing students would be a great addition to the Committee. Committee members agree with Dr. Hobbins that a nurse working in an institution or facility would provide a new perspective to the Committee.

Committee members discussed foreign nurse rule changes. Dr. Lister made a motion to support the equivalent of work in another state of at least 3 years (6000 hours) full time active nursing practice within the last five years. Dr. Groot seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Hobbins requested Committee members think about what rule, if any, should be added regarding nurse/patient relationships and defining or establishing a time limit from date of termination of the nurse/patient relationship. Dr. Hobbins indicated this issue came from a nurse disciplined in Idaho for having a personal relationship with a recent patient.

Dr. Hobbins indicated that an email was received regarding administration of insulin in the school setting. However, medications administered by injection are not considered routine per statute.

Dr. Groot made a motion to accept the rule changes. Dr. Lister seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

NCLEX pass rates results:

Students are reporting that there are many alternative type questions on the NCLEX examination. There are questions on the order of items in drop and drag questions.

Also discussed was whether to offer the NCLEX examination in Spanish to students outside of the US. Committee members indicated more and more Spanish only clinics are being opened in the US.

Dr. Hobbins reported that the NCLEX pass rates dropped 7% nationally. A Committee member reported that the state that deregulated Board of Nursing oversight of nursing programs had their NCLEX pass rates declined drastically. This state is in the process of reevaluation.

Committee members reviewed Utah nursing schools NCLEX pass rates.

NCSBN letter from President

Letter reviewed. Information only.

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.

12-5-13

Date Approved



Gigi Marshall, Chair
Education Committee

11/5/13

Date Approved



Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing