

**2011-2012
Mid-Year
Committee Report**

Committee Name: Vernon College Associate Degree Nursing Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Melody Chandler

List of members:

Chad Brownlow	RN, MSN, FNP-BC	Hillcrest Clinic
Trish Byars	Attorney	
Melody Chandler	Co-Director of Regional Simulation Center	North Central Texas Health Care Consortium
Brenda Copas	Senior Counselor	Hospice of Wichita Falls
Susan Doyle	Director, Educational Center	Jackson County Memorial Hospital
Bobbie Graf	Nurse Manager	Wilbarger General Hospital
Nancy Handy	Chief nursing officer	Wilbarger General Hospital
Lisa Laminack	Nurse Educator	North Texas State Hospital
Linda Martinez	Psych Nurse Practitioner	North Texas State Hospital
Karen Polvado	Chair of Wilson Scholl of Nursing, MSU	Midwestern State University
Kelley Pruitt	Medical Surgical Nurse Educator	United Regional Health Care System
Sam Whatley	RN	Outreach Home Health
Darrell Willie	Substance Abuse Counselor	North Texas State Hospital

Dates of meetings: 11-08-2011

Accomplishments: Program and course objectives and outcomes are being updated with the information the members provided in the SCANS rating chart and the competency profile; additionally, the Differentiated Essential Competencies in Nursing (DEC) will be implemented in spring 2012. Courses are being updated with recent WECM course changes.

Recommendations: The committee emphasized the importance of students learning to use technology, especially, electronic medical records software, and the possible use of e-books. One member recommended that clinical students be assigned 2 – 3 patients in an effort to

prepare graduates to work with multiple patients; however, this is difficult due to limitations at the clinical facilities; the skills lab is used to practice managing multiple patients.

Membership suggestions: None

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address: Advisory
Committee meeting agenda and minutes

Submitted by: Cathy Bolton

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