

**2015-2016  
Mid-Year  
Committee/Advisory Council Report**

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**Committee Name:** Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Advisory Committee

**Chairperson:** None

**List of members:** Andrea Anderle, Hub Yates, Melody Chandler, Sam Whatley; Turnout for the meeting was low resulting in lack of a quorum for voting; email with meeting agenda and notes was sent to committee members and voting took place, via "SurveyMonkey", on items requiring a vote.

**Dates of meetings:** 10/30/15

**Accomplishments:**

- Graduated 79 students in May, 2015.
- 78 students (one from previous year) took the NCLEX Exam as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 69 passed on the first attempt. NCLEX pass rate for 2015 graduates is 88.46%.
- Texas Board of Nursing (BON) site visit took place April 29<sup>th</sup>. The visit report was accepted by the BON with one requirement. Program was required to submit nursing course syllabi reflecting microbiology and nutrition objectives and content depicting how the subject matter was integrated into the curriculum. This was completed in September, accepted, and added to the Vernon College ADN Program file.
- Information concerning re-entry, re-admission, and transfer students was clarified. Included significant changes to the application process.
- Created an Admissions Point System to assist in ranking students to determine the most qualified applicants for the program. This will be implemented in spring, 2016.
- Began providing new geriatric clinical experiences. Students are attending clinicals at Promise Hospital and House of Hope in Wichita Falls and Advance Rehabilitation and Nursing Care in Vernon.
- Continuing to provide faculty driven tutoring prior to exams.
- Began providing faculty advising for students already in the ADN program. Faculty meets with assigned list of students 2 times/semester to discuss progress and issues that may be affecting the learning experience. Student comments have been positive.
- Planning to begin holding new student orientation in the spring for incoming transition students and summer for incoming generic students.
- To decrease senior students' course load in the spring semester, the community clinical experience has been moved to the senior fall semester. Student feedback has been positive.

**Recommendations:** none

**Membership suggestions:** none

**Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:**

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx>

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