# 2014-2015 Mid-Year Committee/Advisory Council Report

# **Committee Name:**

Vernon College Pharmacy Technician Advisory Board

## **Chairperson:**

Coby Gardner, Pharm D

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Aubri Fortis, CPhT, Christina Offield, CPhT Julie Van Pelt, CPhT LaCher Ingram, CPhT Missy Owen, CPhT Coby Gardner, Pharm D Lisa Pickett, CPhT Matt Baker, RPh Kristin Hoskins, Pharm D Gary Schultz, RPh Chuck Weaver, RPh Iris Pincheck, RPh Jennifer Donnelly, Pharm D Sandra Michael, RPh Tanya Tran, CPhT Sherrie Reddick, CPhT Kendra Griffin, Pharm D Rebecca Alexander, RPh Nicky Clay, CPhT Dates of meetings:

November 12, 2014

#### Accomplishments:

The strategic plan for Vernon College, requirements for admission to program, and successful completion of program were reviewed and voted for approval.

New Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education & Training Programs was reviewed with plans to discuss again in the Spring.

Program Goal and Outcomes were reviewed and updated to comply with ASHP accreditation requirements along with SACS and THECB standards.

Reviewed and updated Vernon College Program Outcomes, General Education Outcomes, and SCANS Matrices. These documents map program outcomes to the individual program courses. All three documents were approved.

Evaluated facilities, equipment, and technology.

Reviewed recruitment and the retention of the underrepresented gender in a gender biased program.

## **Recommendations:**

New Accreditation Standards. Katrina explained that in January 2015, the ASHP (The American Society of Health-System Pharmacist) accrediting agency will be releasing the new Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs. Under the new standards, drug testing is being mentioned as a requirement for admission or as part of the practicum. They are wanting to raise student's awareness of the standards set forth in the profession. Mandatory and random drug testing is and will be given, if they are employed and even in practicum. The committee positively agreed to add the new plan to the program. Katrina will contact other institutions to see how they are implementing the changes and write a proposal policy which will include cost of testing, type of testing and when the testing should occur. The committee will vote on the submitted policy in the Spring advisory meeting.

# Membership suggestions:

See recommendations

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address: <u>http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx</u>

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# Date submitted:

1/22/15