

**Vernon College  
Associate Degree Nursing  
Advisory Committee Minutes  
Fall 2013**

CHAIR PERSON: Hub Yates	MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 6, 2013	MEETING PLACE: Hillcrest Country Club Restaurant
RECORDER: Shawna Sanders	Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.	PREVIOUS MEETING: Fall 2012
MEMBERS PRESENT:		MEMBERS ABSENT:
Andrea Anderle, United Regional Chad Brownlow, Hillcrest Clinic Melody Chandler, Midwestern State University Tanya English, Specialty Nurses Lisa Laminack, North Texas State Hospital Hub Yates, United Regional Andy Ziegler, United Regional		Pam Akin, Wilbarger General Hospital Fran Cardenas, North Texas State Hospital Brenda Copas, North Texas State Hospital Susan Doyle, Jackson County Memorial Hospital Lynn Kalski, Vernon College LVN Program Robin Lockhart, Midwestern State University Linda Martinez, North Texas State Hospital Kelley Pruitt, United Regional Gina Ross, North Texas State Hospital Shawna Sanders, Vernon Nursing and Rehab Center Sam Whatley, Outreach Home Health Darrell Willie, North Texas State Hospital
VERNON COLLEGE ADHOC MEMBERS PRESENT:		
Beth Arnold, ADN Faculty Cathy Bolton, Director of Nursing Gary Don Harkey, Dean of Instructional Services Jennifer Hatley, ADN faculty Shana Munson, Associate Dean of Career & Technical Education Jennifer Brumley, Nursing Secretary Sabina Mirik, Nursing Secretary Karla Monson, Nursing Secretary		

**AGENDA**

Agenda Items	Action, Discussion, or Information	Responsibility
Welcome and Introductions	Introductions	Cathy Bolton
Approval of Spring Letter	Spring 2013 Letter	Cathy Bolton
Continuing Business	Resignation and Newly Hired SNA Update	Cathy Bolton
New Business	Program Statistics NCLEX-RN Annual Pass Rate Board of Nursing Update Initial Impression Strategies for success Student Fees Career Fair Spots Day at Vernon College VC Calendar	Cathy Bolton
Adjourn	Adjourn Meeting	Cathy Bolton

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
Welcome and Introductions:	The meeting was called to order as 11:30 a.m. An Introduction of each member was conducted.
<b>Approval of Spring 2013 Letter</b>	
Spring 2013 Letter	A motion was made to approve the Letter.
<b>Continuing Business:</b>	
Resignations and Newly Hired Faculty	Tanya Beauregard resigned and moved to Florida  New Hires: Joanna VanSant, Faculty Jennifer Brumley, Fulltime secretary at Century City
SNA Update	SNA is actively involved in community life: Volunteering at the Catholic Services Health Fair in Wichita Falls by offering free blood pressure They deliver meals for the Meal-on-Wheels project every week in Wichita Falls and Vernon. They will provide two scholarships for Hurst State Board review for the graduating students in May.
<b>New Business</b>	
Program Statistics	2013 Graduates: (Reporting Period October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013) 93 in May 2013 3 in July 2013 96 Total  In 2014, we should have over 100 graduates 106 Senior students enrolled at this time Transition = 47 Generic =59  Junior students = 75  We accepted 50 Transition students for this summer.
NCLEX-RN Annual Pass Rate	New NCLEX-RN test plan in April 2013 Preliminary results for Vernon College: 99 first time candidates took the exam

	<p>76 first time candidates passed on the first attempt</p> <p>23 first time candidates failed on the first attempt</p> <p>76.77% were successful on the first attempt</p>
Board of Nursing Update	<p>The NCLEX-RN test results were the lowest in years nationwide and statewide.</p> <p>Preliminary results for Texas:</p> <p>40% (25 of 62 ADN programs) fell below the 80% standard</p> <p>29% (11 of 38 BSN programs) fell below the 80% standard</p> <p>Will require a self-study to identify factors causing the failures and to identify strategies to improve students' performance on the NCLEX-RN exam</p>
Initial Impression	<p>According to Faculty the possible reasons for pass rate decrease are:</p> <p>Current GPA for admission is 2.50</p> <p>HESI A2 pre-entrance exam score of 75</p> <p>Discussed re-entry and transfer students, who are not very successful</p> <p>Students with English comprehension issues (testing)</p> <p><b>Decreased clinical hours hurt the most</b></p>
Strategies for success	<p>Cathy proposed the following steps to improve student performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prescribe to NCSBN's NCLEX Program report</li> <li>- Raise GPA admission standard to 2.75 beginning Fall 2014. Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase passing standard of HESI A2 to 78. Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve skills lab scenarios</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Using ATI vs HESI. Faculty will have presentation of ATI and will discuss again at spring meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The use of test banks</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Elsevier Professional development on test construction, methods of teaching to prevent access to tests</li> <li>- Arrange round table discussion with students who were successful and unsuccessful on the exam</li> <li>- Future needs: lab coordinator/remediation specialist. Melody supported this idea.</li> </ul>
Student fees	<p>Motion to include the cost of Nursing Central into the appropriate class' fee. Approved.</p> <p>Gary Don informed that the way pinning was scheduled with graduation in the Auditorium has to be changed due to building regulation. The Committee will be informed about the changes.</p> <p>Decision: discuss with SNA pinning issue and suggest: 1. Include pin cost into fee; 2. Possibly reduce the price of the pin. Return to the discussion at spring meeting.</p> <p>Cathy will evaluate current courses fees.</p>
Career Fair	<p>The career Fair was hold for the first time in spring 2013 and was successful. Approved to schedule in the spring</p>

Sports Day at Vernon College	Held October 17, 184 nursing students attended
Evaluation of Facilities, Equipment and Technology	Renovations completed in Wichita Falls Century City Ipad2 Use for Students Recommendations for Selection and Acquisition of New Equipment and Technology
Program Revisions and Curriculum/Course Review	WECM Update on Syllabi and VC Catalog (course descriptions ) THECB mandate for 60 hour curriculum for Associate Degree Concept-Based Curriculum
Information Technology	RUN-BIZ is still our IT provider. Department doesn't have any issues with it.
Grants	The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Grant was not issued this year due to the fact that we don't increase amount of students, which we cannot do because we are limited with clinical availability CABNET-Consortium for Advancing to Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas- to provide a seamless ADN to BSN articulation pathway
SIMS Lab Update	Increased Utilization due to clinical changes. Proposed possible hire of a lab coordinator.
Special Populations: Recruitment & Retention	As part of the gender equity promotion, VC hosts a "Guys' Night Out" to increase male interest in a gender biased professions. Nursing, Pharmacy Technician, Cosmetology, and Surgical Technology are some of the professions that are targeted. On November 15 <sup>th</sup> , VC hosts a campus tour at CCC for high school students. Cathy speak to the groups regarding the nursing profession and provide a tour of the nursing labs.
DECS	Faculty continue incorporate Differentiated Essential Competencies in Nursing into our curriculum.
VC Calendar	<b>Dates to Remember:</b> November 13 Last day for "W" Fall 16 week November 18 Campus Connect Opens for Spring November 27 Thanksgiving Holiday begins December 7-12 Final Exams December 17 Nursing Registration opens at 9 am for Seniors, Juniors will register at 2 pm and will be open for all RNSG courses to non-program students December 23 Christmas Break begins for all faculty and staff January 6 12 month faculty and staff return to work January 13 College wide staff and faculty development January 20 Martin Luther King Holiday January 21 Classes begin March 17-21 Spring Break May 17 Graduation at 10:30 am
<b>Adjourn</b>	

Adjourn	With no further business, Cathy thanked the committee members for attending. The meeting was adjourned as 1:00 p.m.	
CHAIR/RECORDER SIGNATURE: Hub Yates Chad Brownlow	DATE: November 6, 2013	NEXT MEETING: TBA