

2015-2016 Annual-End-of-Year Committee Report

Committee Name: Associate Degree Nursing

Chairperson: Online Meetings

List of members: Brandi Ward, Lisa Laminack, Linda Martinez, Shawna Sanders, Kathy Williamson, Darrell Willie, Lashun Willie, Hub Yates, Andrew Zeigler, Pam Akin, Andrea Andrele, Fran Cardenas, Kelley Pruitt, Gina Ross, Sam Whatley, Chad Brownlow, Melody Chandler, Sherrie Denham, Robin Lockhart

Dates of meetings: October 30, 2015

Accomplishments:

- Cathy Bolton, MSN, RN retired as program director after 36 years of service to Vernon College.
- Mary Rivard, PhD, RNC-OB assumed responsibilities as Director of Associate Degree Nursing.
- VC NCLEX-RN exam first time pass rate increased to 88.46%
 - Full approval granted at the Board of Nursing's January meeting
- BON visit (4/29/15): accepted the report on the visit with one requirement: no later than October 1, 2015, the program shall submit to Board Staff copies of nursing course syllabi which reflect microbiology and nutrition objectives and content and a matrix of the program curriculum depicting integrated content; submitted and accepted on 9/17/2015.
- Began offering Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing course to LVN's not currently in the program.
- Beth Arnold was selected to serve on the Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Advisory Committee for the state of Texas.
- Developing articulation agreements between VC and university BSN programs through joining the CABNET consortium.
- Students will be carrying Competency Transcripts throughout the program to verify competency of listed skills for potential employers.
- Developed the Admission Point System to assist in providing an objective format for selection of students for the program.
- Beginning fall 2016, all ADN students will be required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage.
- A newborn simulator was purchased and has been used in simulation learning activities.
- Began taking students to Promise Hospital and House of Hope for geriatric clinical experiences.
- We will be adopting an online testing format (Examsoft) beginning summer, 2017. All students will be required to have a laptop computer or an iPad to use this service.
- Purchased webcams for all faculty and staff members to allow for online meetings with students and other faculty/staff.

- We continue to offer tutoring sessions (faculty driven and peer driven) for students desiring extra help.
- Faculty are providing mandatory advising to program students at mid-term and end of term.

Recommendations:

- Improve Simulation lab experience and purchase scenarios


Membership suggestions:

- None

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

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

Submitted by:

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Date submitted:

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