

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

Committee Name: Academic Council

Chairperson: Dr. Gary Don Harkey

List of members: Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Sherrie Denham, Shana Drury, Christina Feldman, Greg Fowler, Clara Garza, Dr. Karen Gragg, Marian Grona, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Mark Holcomb, Bettye Hutchins, Joe Johnston, Melissa Moore, and Mary Rivard

Dates of meetings: September 18, 2015, October 16, 2015, and November, 2015

Accomplishments:

September 18, 2015 –

1. Effective Fall 2016, the total semester hours required for the Pharmacy Technician Certificate of Completion will increase from 24 to 30. Courses added to the program include: PHRA 1209 Introduction to Pharmacy, PHRA 1205 Drug Classification, and PHRA 1240 Third Party Billing.

October 18, 2015 –

1. Council members voted unanimously to delete POFM 1164 Practicum (or Field Experience) – Medical Administrative/Executive Assistant and Medical Secretary from the college's course inventory effective Fall 2016. The course is no longer included as a requirement or as an elective in the program.
2. Council members unanimously approved revision of the course prerequisite for RNSG 1246 Legal & Ethical Issues for Nursing to read: Admission to the ADN Program, **licensed vocational nurse**, or consent of Director of Nursing. This change, effective Fall 2016 will reduce the number of semester hours required in the fall semester for LVN transition students.

November, 2015 –

1. Council members voted electronically in approval of adding ITSC 1301 Introduction to Computers to the Vernon College course inventory effective Fall 2016 and to include the course as an option to COSC 1301 for the following programs: Automotive Technology Certificate and A.A.S.
Business Management Certificate and A.A.S.
Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning A.A.S.
Industrial Automation Systems A.A.S.

Surgical Technology Certificate and A.A.S.

Welding Certificate and A.A.S.

2. By unanimous vote, council members approved the addition of AUMT 1201 Introduction and Theory of Automotive Technology to the course inventory effective Fall 2016.

Recommendations:

1. Council members recommended to the Vernon College Board of Trustees an increase in semester hours from 24 to 30 for the Pharmacy Technician Program.
2. Council members recommended to the Vernon College Board of Trustees the addition of PHRA 1209 Introduction to Pharmacy, PHRA 1205 Drug Classification, PHRA 1240 Third Party Billing, ITSC 1301 Introduction to Computers and AUMT 1201 Introduction and Theory of Automotive Technology to the Vernon College course inventory effective Fall 2016.

Membership suggestions: N/A

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