

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, October 17, 2014**  
**Interactive Video Classrooms**  
**Vernon Campus and Century City Campus**

Present: Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Chair; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Christina Feldman, Greg Fowler, Dr. Karen Gragg, Marian Grona, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Mark Holcomb, Bettye Hutchins, Dr. Adrien Ivan, Joe Johnston, Melissa Moore, and Shana Munson. Absent: Cathy Bolton and Lynn Kalski

**I. Old Business**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Karen Gragg asked that the minutes be corrected to read, "...the American Heart Association certification is required for other programs..." Shana Munson motioned to accept the September 19, 2014 minutes as amended, seconded by Karen Gragg. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. New Business**

**A. KINE 1306 First Aid**

Karen Gragg made a motion, effective Spring 2015, to change the course description for KINE 1306 First Aid by removing the statement: "Students may earn certification from the American Red Cross in First Aid, Adult, Child and Infant CPR and AED" and replacing it with "students may earn certification from the American Heart Association in First Aid, CPR, and AED." Shana Munson seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously in favor.

**B. SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication**

Joe Johnston motioned to add SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication to the Vernon College course inventory as an elective credit option effective Spring 2015. The course has a prerequisite of SPCH 1315 and it will most likely be offered once each academic year. Greg Fowler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**C. MTRN 0040 Math Transitions**

Karen Gragg made a motion to add MTRN 0040 Math Transitions to the Vernon College course inventory effective Spring 2015. This non-course based option (NCBO) will be available as an intervention for students scoring below Adult Basic Education (ABE) level 5 on the TSI Assessment. Students will not pay tuition for the course but a lab fee of \$24.00 will be assessed. Region IX will provide the instructor for the course. Students that are otherwise TSI clear but fall below the level 5 in math must enroll in and attend this new course in order to be eligible to take any college-level courses for the semester.

**III. Other**

**A. Mandatory WECM Revisions**

Shana Munson highlighted mandatory WECM changes for the following courses  
PHRA 1102 Pharmacy Law – course description and outcomes changes  
PHRA 1209 Pharmaceutical Mathematics I – course description and outcomes changes  
PHRA 1243 Pharmacy Technician Certification Review – course outcomes changes  
PHRA 1247 Pharmaceutical Mathematics II – course outcomes changes  
PHRA 1313 Community Pharmacy Practice – course outcomes changes  
PHRA 1445 Compounding Sterile Preparations – course title and outcomes changes  
PHRA 1449 Institutional Pharmacy Practice – course description and outcomes changes

- B.** Dr. Harkey highlighted upcoming changes as result of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's rule that Associate Degrees require no more than 60 semester hours of credit including the 15 hours of general education course requirements. A few colleges plan to file a petition for an exception to the rule but most are scaling back their degree plans to the 60 hour limit. The Associate Degree Nursing degree plan is currently at 72 semester hours and Shana is working with the ADN faculty to adjust the program. The General Education Requirements will be different for this program because GOVT 2305 will be removed and PSYC 2301 will be added. Other changes will be presented at a future meeting.
- C.** The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2014, at 11:00 am.

#### **IV. Adjourn**

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.