

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
Education/Licensing Committee
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: 7.3.2

DATE: May 7, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Vote on Whether to Recommend Continuation of Approval of Prelicensure Nursing Program, Mendocino College Associate Degree Program

REQUESTED BY: Janette Wackerly, M.B.A., RN, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant (SNEC)

BACKGROUND: Barbara French PhD, MSN-FNP, RN is the Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Mendocino College since 02/23/2004

A scheduled continuing approval visit was conducted on March 16, 17, 18, 2015 by Janette Wackerly RN Supervising Nursing Education Consultant. The following finding of non-compliances are: not having a written five year plan for total program evaluation CCR 1424(b)(1); sufficient resource: faculty CCR 1424(d) and three recommendation: CCR 1424(e) director shall dedicate sufficient time for administration of the program; CCR 1425 reporting faculty changes, notification of hiring and resignations; CCR 1424(h) replacement of director due to retirement end 5/2015 and assistant director retiring end of fall 2015 semester both are teaching faculty and content experts. (The non-compliances and recommendations are detailed in the Report of Findings and the Consultant's Report). The program is requested to provide an early July 2015 progress report to be calendared for the August 6, 2015 Education Licensing Committee meeting.

The Mendocino-Lake Community College District incorporates approximately 3200 square miles of predominately rural geography, including three population centers in Ukiah, Willits, and Lakeport. Approximately 100,000 people live within the boundaries of the district. In November 2006, the College passed its first bond initiative and one of the results was \$1.3 million dedicated to a nursing complex on the college campus. In May 2013 the nursing program director and faculty with the college administration were able to refurbish portable structures (roofing, siding, floors, walls, insulation, wiring and windows) transforming to a fully functional space with state of the art technology for nursing student to practice skills, receive instruction and or remediation, study, and participate in state of the art high fidelity simulation scenarios. There are two dedicated simulation suites complete with a birthing mother, infant Panda resuscitation/warmer, adult 3G Sim Man, and a pediatric simulator/crib. All rooms have working suction, medical air, headwalls, and equipment carts. Both simulation rooms are equipped with discrete wall and ceiling cameras and there is a view/control room where faculty can run simulations and directly observe/ and hear students talking. All simulations are taped and then shown to the students during debriefing.

The bond funding included refurbishing another portable building that now has five faculty offices, a reception area, conference/break room, a copy room, a server/computer room, and a nursing computer lab with 24 thin computer stations. The computer room includes marker board, teaching station, individual head phones for each computer, and computer desks that protects the equipment. This space allows the students to practice with their ATI testing and take their proctored exams.

The Mendocino College RN Program continues to be a major contributor to the local area in regards to meeting the ongoing and upcoming demands for nurses in a rural community. Since the nursing students are educated in rural facilities, they understand the special client and facility needs associated with rural health care.

Mendocino College Nursing Program is primarily funded through grant monies with CCC enrollment grant being the current source of funding. In addition nursing receives CTEA funds for clinically relate travel. The three permanent full time instructor positions are paid primarily through the District. The rest of the categorical full time faculty position are paid via hospitals donation; \$90, 000 annually between Ukiah, Willits, and Lakeport. Other funding sources have included Mendocino College Foundation with funding through Kiwanis, Mendocino Private Industry Council, Ukiah Rotary.

One of the highest strengths of the Mendocino nursing program has been the high NCLEX pass rate. The past class had 100% first time pass rate, and the pass rate has never been below 93.3%. For a small rural program this is reflective of the time and energy both students and faculty give to the process.

2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014	
# Taken	% Pass	# Taken	% Pass	# Taken	% Pass	# Taken	% Pass	# Taken	% Pass
15	93.33%	28	96.43%	20	95%	19	94.74%	19	100%

The program since 2003 has graduated >200 new nurses. The majority of graduates have remained in the local area. Most have experienced great success in their nursing careers. Some are department heads; the local surgical outpatient facility is run and staffed by past graduates. One past graduate is the ED Director at Howard Hospital, Willits, CA. Another graduate is in charge of Hospice in the Mendocino Coast area. The graduates are integrating and assimilating into the health care community.

The nursing program was due in fall 2014 semester for an approval visit. The delay for the fall approval visit to spring 2015 was due to the director of nursing being off site due to medical leave. The nursing program day to day teaching activities and oversight were accomplished by the two assistant directors. The director is responsible for the continuing approval report for spring 2015 which she did upon return from leave

NEXT STEPS:

Place on Board agenda.

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