



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

Nursing Advisory Committee Fall Quarter Meeting

4:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 1 2018

LCC Health & Sciences Building, Room 235

I. CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Selzler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Karen Joiner welcomed committee members. Introduced Lynell Amundson, new program administrator for LCC's Professional/Technical Advisory Committees. Attendees introduced themselves around the table.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorelei Catlin, Koelsch Senior Communities

Katie Gersen, Health Occupations Instructor

Kim Hash, Community Health Partners

Jennifer Jenkins, Health Occupations Instructor

Jackie Laes, PeaceHealth

Karina Pelayo, LCC Nursing student

Melissa Selzler, PeaceHealth

Mark Thorson, Physician

Karen Joiner, LCC Nursing Program Director

Tamara Norton, LCC Nursing Program Assistant Director

III. REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from April 17th, 2018, previously emailed, reviewed and approved by consensus.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

a) Nursing Program Updates

Karen Joiner shared information regarding program outcomes; LCC just completed Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation site visit; Nursing Program outcomes will be posted to the LCC Nursing web page, in process. Nursing staff are watching NCLEX-RN pass rate closely; 80% required by the State; when Nursing Program switched from 7 quarter program to 6 quarter program they expected

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“growing pains” and the change has affected the passing rate – dropped to 56% with the first AN DTA graduates and 78% for the simultaneous AAS-T graduates. Tamara Norton mentioned challenging dynamics in some cohorts of students which seem to be reflected in the pass rates. The most current results show 78.57% passing for the Spring

2018 cohort; hoping that this is signaling a rebound in pass rates. Karen subscribed to a Mountain Measurements NCLEX report which provides summary report of how the program is doing/has done compared to others across the nation. The program is in the process of analyzing this data, and it indicates the following areas need improvement: basic care and comfort, safety, ability to identify IV problems, and risk potential. Tamara shared that cardiac and neuro areas as well as critical thinking skills score high; Karen shared need to thread the low areas of achievement throughout coursework every quarter.

Program outcomes were reviewed. The summer LPN2RN e-learning had 87% completion; employment outlooks are good with 100% of graduates employed or seeking higher education in nursing; employers indicating 100% satisfaction with graduates, graduates rate satisfaction at 100%, 100% of graduates are practicing evidence-based, patient-centered nursing. Dr. Mark Thorson questioned the NCLEX passing rate in comparison to satisfaction survey and the correlation; discussion of remediation process followed with Karen and Tamara explaining how students are tracked through program, the remediation options if they fail NCLEX, and the NCLEX preparation options available to students.

Karen mentioned new nursing tenure-track faculty, Kali Brandt and part-time faculty in the skills lab and as clinical support, Marcie Taylor and Amy Boultinghouse. Jacque Dailey, full-time, is resigning at the end of fall quarter. Tamara mentioned the need for clinical instructors during the month of July 2019, asked committee to contact either herself or Karen if they know of someone interested. Master’s degree in nursing is preferred; bachelor’s degree in nursing minimum.

A new ambulatory care site was established at Kirkpatrick Family Care to help prepare students for non-acute care sites. The committee concurred that this is the trend in nursing and healthcare.

Applicant numbers for Winter and Spring 2019 – Application cycle just concluded; approximately 90 applicants for 30 spaces.

Karen asked for committee input regarding the 75% minimum requirement for program progressions should this be increased? Discussion ensued, and the committee consensus was that grades are not the only indicator of who will be the most successful nurse. No recommendation for changing the standard was made at this time.



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b) Criminal History Disclosure Form

Karen introduced a new criminal history disclosure form to comply with clinical consortium requirements. LCC is member of three clinical consortiums, each has different onboarding expectations. This form was adapted from Tacoma Community College, and would become effective with the winter 2019 incoming cohort.

Dr. Thorson sought clarification regarding the use of the form and events that would potentially disqualify students. Karen explained the list of disqualifying crimes, and the need for disclosure of criminal charges. Form approved by consensus of committee members.

c) Member News

Lorelei expressed concern that new hires aren't documenting procedures; Karen and Tamara will address with faculty.

Melissa and Jackie shared information regarding PeaceHealth clinical initiative related to patient fall prevention; four hour class and one hour online requirement for all nurses, technicians, nursing assistants.

Committee discussion about shortage of nursing assistants; Koelsch Senior Communities considering offering training program.

Kim Hash mentioned that the free clinical saw 14 patients this last week; she continues to welcome the nursing students.

Dr. Thorson shared information regarding new practice of "silvering" telescope lenses instead of more expensive filtering process; creates potential health risks; what will that bring in near future.

V. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. NEXT MEETING:** April 25th, 2019, LCC Health & Sciences Building, Room 235, 4:30.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Melissa adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.