

**Kansas Board of Nursing  
Education Committee Minutes  
March 21, 2023**

**Time:** 8:33 AM – 11:44 AM

**Committee Members:** Julianna Rieschick, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, Chair  
Rebecca Sander, MSN, RN, V-Chair  
Andrea Watson, RN, BSN, OCN, CCRP  
Dee Bohnenblust, EdD, MSN, APRN, RN  
Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP  
Michelle Birdashaw, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C, CCRN  
Patty Palmietto, DNP(c), MSN, RN  
Michelle Terry

**Staff:** Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN – Nursing Edu. Comp. Officer  
Carol Moreland, MSN, RN – Executive Administrator  
Michelle Brown – Senior Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order:** The Education Committee meeting was called to order by Julianna Rieschick, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, Chair, at 8:33 AM in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building and via Zoom.

**Rev. Onsite Packet:** There was no On-Site Packet.

**Add./Rev. Agenda:** A discussion of the LMHT Education Regulations needs to be added to New Business.

It was moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion #1  
Hite/Bohnenblust Adopted

**Announcements:** Michelle Terry was welcomed as a new Boardmember.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the December 13, 2022, Education Committee meeting were reviewed.

It was moved to approve the December 13, 2022, Education Committee Minutes as written. Motion #2 Sander/Birdashaw Adopted.

**Educ. Spec. Report:** The Nursing Education Compliance Officer’s Report was reviewed. Flint Hills Technical College, PN Program, has a new Education Director. Kansas City Kansas Community College Associate Director is moving to a new position; the ADON position has not been filled yet. North Central Kansas Tech-Beloit named Angela Murray as the full-time Director. Four site-visits have been completed before this meeting and two site-visits will be completed at a later date. There has been an increase in CGFNS

Reports (IEN). There has been an increase of people interested in retaking a nursing program; since it has been five years or more since they graduated and did not take or pass the NCLEX. There were two petitioners tested, one passed, and one did not. There are sixteen active petitioners that are working on petition completion. Annual reports will be open mid-April, at the latest. The orientation video on how to complete the Annual report will be on the website. Next generation NCLEX starts April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. July 19-21<sup>st</sup> is the Clinical Teaching Institute and Kansas Nurse Educator Conference.

**Site Visit Reports:**

**Initial:**

Galen College: The February 7-8, 2023, site visit report for Galen College of Nursing, ADN two-year option, LPN to ADN Bridge, and BSN program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Patty Palmietto, DNP(c), MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Galen College ADN and BSN programs and approve to admit a max of 200 students per program per academic year, with a site visit to occur after the first graduation for each program. Motion #3 Palmietto/Hite Adopted.

Ottawa University: The February 21-22, 2023, site visit report for Ottawa University BSN prelicensure program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Ottawa University pre-licensure BSN program and approve to admit 75 students annually over 3 start dates during the year, with a site visit to occur after the first graduation. Motion #4 Hite/Watson Adopted.

**Reapproval:**

Ft. Hays State Univ: The November 16-17, 2022, site visit report for Fort Hays State University, DNP Program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Carol Moreland, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Fort Hays State University DNP Program and reapprove for the time period of national nursing accreditation. Motion #5 Birdashaw/Terry Adopted with one (1) abstention.

Osawa. State Hosp: The December 2, 2022, site visit report for Osawatomie State Hospital, LMHT program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Carol Moreland, MSN,

RN, Julianna Rieschick, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit report with recommendations for Osawatomie State Hospital LMHT Program and reapprove for 5 years. Motion #6 Sander/Birdashaw Adopted.

Dodge CCC: The February 14-16, 2023, site visit report for Dodge City Community College, ADN program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Rebecca Sander, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit report for Dodge City Community College ADN Program and reapprove for the time period of national nursing accreditation. Motion #7 Bohnenblust/ Sander Adopted.

**New Business:**

Major Curriculum Change Requests:

Benedictine College: Request to revise End of Program Outcomes.

Rationale for Change: Benedictine College Nursing Faculty has started a curriculum revision of the entire nursing program to reflect changes in the professional nursing and the new American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials (2021).

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Benedictine College BSN program to revise the End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes to better correspond with the 2021 AACN New Essentials for Nursing. Motion #8 Birdashaw/Watson Adopted.

Benedictine College: Request a curriculum change to change the Overall curriculum plan.

Rationale for change: These changes are based on the New Essentials from American Association of Colleges of Nursing AACN.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Benedictine College BSN program to:

- Begin revision of the overall nursing curriculum with changes at the Junior level, which include: (overall decrease of 1 CH at Jr. level)
  - Revising NURS 3000 Intro to Healthcare Environment to NURS 1100 Intro to Professional Nursing and move to a prerequisite course.
  - Remove NURS 3300 Pharm I & NURS 3640 Pharm II and combine to one new course, NURS 3350 Pharmacology.

- Remove NURS 3500 Maternal/Child Nursing and separate to two courses: NURS 3520 Pediatric Care and NURS 3530 Maternal/NB Care.
- Remove NURS 3510 Maternal/Child Nrsng Clinical and NURS 4310 Mental Health Nrsng Clinical; combine into new course, NURS 3710 Specialty Nrsng Clinical.
- Remove NURS 4300 Mental Health Nrsng from 3rd semester and add new course NURS 3800 Mental Health Care to 2nd semester.

Motion #9 Sander/Hite Adopted.

Salina Tech College: Request to implement a part-time program to help accommodate the needs of working students and their families.

Rationale for change: To adapt to the educational needs of the community.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Salina Area Tech College PN program to implement a part time program and admit 20 students annually. The part-time program will have a Spring 2024 start. Motion #10 Birdashaw/Palmietto Adopted.

Washburn Univ.: The change request is for the DNP Program revision changes and a change in credit hours for one course in both DNP and PMHNP-Certificate programs. Proposed DNP Program changes: Transfer of Psychology (PY) 610 Intermediate Statistics from a DNP Program prerequisite to a required DNP program course that counts toward total program hours. Development of a new DNP program course: NU 815 Research Methods for Practice Scholarship (3 CR) that builds upon PY 610 and lays the foundation for future evidence-based practice and DNP project competencies. Proposed change affecting DNP Program PMHNP students and PMHNP-Certificate students: Change NU 826 Advanced Psychiatric Interviewing and Differential Diagnosis (2 CR) to NU 827 Psychiatric Differential Diagnosis and Diagnostic Interviewing (3 CR) to better reflect the complexity of course content and assignments required to achieve course outcomes. This will add one credit-hour to the PMHNP-Certificate Program for all students.

Rationale for change: To better align program outcomes/competencies with the 2021 AACN Essentials and the 2022 NONFT Nurse Practitioner competencies as well as to replace courses in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) preciously offered by the School of Business.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Washburn University DNP program as presented. Motion #11 Birdashaw/Hite Adopted.

Break to 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

2022 NCLEX rates: The 2022 NCLEX First Time Pass Rates Report with the 80% pass rate, was reviewed by J. Martin. It was noted that the Kansas BSN pass rate was 84.7%, Kansas ADN pass rate was 78.37%, Kansas PN pass rate was 90.68%. Overall Kansas RN pass rate was at 81.54%. Kansas had 9 ADN, 4 BSN, and 2 PN programs that did not meet the 80% mark in 2022. Regulations were updated in 2022 and they now say if the first-time pass rate is below 80% for one year, they shall get a letter of concern from the Board. The program will have 3 months to submit a written report with an analysis of program and a plan of action to improve pass rates. They will have one year from the date of the letter to demonstrate evidence of actions taken to improve rates. If a program is under the 80% for 2 years, the program may receive a survey for evaluation and recommendation and be placed on conditional approval status. If a program has a pass rate below 80% for 3 consecutive years, the program may be directed to cease admissions. Discussion regarding handling those that are below for 2-3 consecutive years was discussed due to the change in the regulation from 2021 to 2022.

At this time, C. Moreland was asked to share information/discussion with the committee from the Board task force meetings (TF formed in Dec. 2022 in response to legislative activities). She discussed the Licensed Mental Health Technicians. One option could possibly be to rework the Regulation 60-101 for LMHT which would bring more focus to LMHT licensing. The taskforce also looked at the Undergrad Nursing Education. The taskforce recommendations were to maintain the same level of clinical and didactic hours, do not increase level of simulation above 50%, continue to monitor student outcomes, and develop career pathways and market them on websites and social media. Also find a way to facilitate actions that will assist those in the nursing profession to feel respected and their voices heard when decision are made. The taskforce also looked briefly at the Nurse Apprenticeships and heard info from KHA on this subject. There was a Bill introduced to the legislature that would impose a penalty for violence against nurses.

After information presented, the committee asked if it was possible to develop a tool/rubric that shows pass rates, number of graduates testing, and also look at other risk factors from the NCSBN Approval Guidelines such as program administration turnover and faculty turnover for the year, so that the Board can be aware of the circumstances surrounding the rates. For the June meeting, Janelle will draft of rubric to show committee which includes some of these risk factors. Direction for J. Martin to send out letters of concern to the programs that are below the 80% pass rate for one year, and to bring to the committee the programs that are below the 80% pass rate for 2-3 years along with the information requested above.

Refresher course: Kansas guidelines for a lapsed nursing license are: 1 day to 5 years requires that 30 hours of CNE be completed in the previous 24 months. If it has been more than 5 years, the nurse would need to complete a board approved refresher course. (K.A.R. 60-3-114). The board asked that information be brought regarding how other states handle lapsed licenses. This was also in response to the legislative directive to look at barriers for nurses to get licensed. Most states have some type of education required. Most refresher course requirements are in the 80-100 hour range for didactic and most require some clinical time as well. Average is 80-100 hours. Some states give an option for the nurse to retake the NCLEX exam in lieu of a refresher course. J. Martin was asked to bring more specific information on what other Boards of Nursing require for a refresher course to the June meeting to help decide if revision to the refresher course Regulation is needed.

Site-visit guidelines: J. Martin brought a draft of updated Site Visit Guidelines that would include a requirement for nursing programs to create a virtual resource room for required site-visit materials. National nursing accreditation organizations are already requiring this of programs. These organizations host their own repository for the documents to be uploaded to. Discussion regarding KSBN hosting a site for the programs to use was held. Most programs currently host the virtual resource room on their own site and give access to KSBN site visitors. A. Guerrero states IT already looking at something that will be more secure for KSBN to receive documents without the use of external media. He will come up with a proposal for cost and Julianna will decide to put it in the budget or not. Then the Board will decide whether to purchase the new program.

Scholarships: Annual Nursing Scholarships have been awarded: Addison Sterba, ADN student, Neosho County Community College; Holland Harvat, BSN student, Washburn University; Ravyn Martin, PN student, Manhattan Tech; and Nicole Irwin, PN student, Colby Community College. Each will receive a certificate from the Board and a \$1000 scholarship from the Arthur Davis Foundation.

K.S.A. 65-1119: Statute for Schools of Nursing. Tabled for June.

K.S.A. 65-1133: Education programs for Advanced practice. Tabled for June.

**Unfinished Business:**

Site Visit Schedule: 2023 Nursing and MHT Program Site Visit Schedule was discussed. There are still dates for Fall 2023 that have not been determined.

Petitions: It was moved to approve the Petition for Permission to Test/Retest Summary from November 13, 2022, through February 17, 2023, which

includes: Jane Cepe, Gisela Medina, Breanna Perez, Andrea Ranosa, Jill Manis, Brooke Ginter, Hanna Dapkiewicz, Lacey Olson, Lindsey Robertson.

Motion #14 Palmietto/Birdashaw Adopted.

Agenda for June 2023:

1. Scholarships
2. Petition Requirements
3. NCLEX pass rates /programs not meeting standards
4. Refresher Courses – Currently available
5. LMHT Education Regulations
6. Graduate preceptor qualifications for Graduate programs.
7. K.S.A. 65-1119 and K.S.A 65-1133
8. Portal for secure document upload

Annual Report Sys: It was moved to keep the NCSBN Education Annual report system and retire the KSBN Education Annual report system.

Motion #15 Palmietto/Sander Adopted.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM

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Committee Chairperson

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Date