

**Kansas Board of Nursing  
Education Committee Minutes  
June 13, 2023**

**Time:** 8:32 AM – 11:50 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 – Abs.  
Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP  
Michelle Birdashaw, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C, CCRN – Abs.  
Patty Palmietto, DNP, MSN, RN

**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 8:32 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:** No revisions to the agenda.

**Announcements:** J. Rieschick would like to welcome Ruth Burkhart DNP, MSN, MA, RN-BC, LPCC as a new board member. Carol Moreland announced to turn in travel expense forms today due to the end of the fiscal year.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 21, 2023, Education Committee meeting were reviewed.

It was moved to approve the March 21, 2023, Education Committee minutes as written. Motion #1 Palmietto/Watson Adopted.

**Educ. Spec. Report:** The Nursing Education Compliance Officer Report was reviewed. Program updates: Rasmussen University, Topeka campus, has moved locations in Topeka. Salina Area Technical college: Naomi Tatro, MSN, RN is the new Director of Nursing & Allied Health. Johnson Community College: Karen Lamartina, PhD, RN will be retiring at the end of June, and Dr. Lori Shank will be taking over as the director for the ADN program. University of Saint Mary: Karen Kidder has assumed the position of Interim Chair for the Dept. of Nursing until the search for a new Division chair is found. Newman University, RNA program has a

new Director Kimyatta Brent, DNAP, CRNA and a new Assistant Director Peter Strube, DNAP, CRNA.

Three Site Visits were completed after the March meeting. Petition to retest data for the last 5 years was reviewed. Education Program Annual reports are getting turned in and are due by the end of June.

Reminders: Next Gen NCLEX started April 1, 2023; the annual Clinical Teaching Institute and Kansas Nurse Educator conference will be held July 19-21 at Newman University and registration is open, the annual NCLEX conference is September 21 and will be held virtually.

**Site Visit Reports:**

Neosho: The February 28-Mar 1, 2023, reapproval site visit report for Neosho County Community College, PN level of the Bilevel ADN program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Patty Palmietto DNP, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the site visit report for Neosho Community College, PN program and reapprove for 5 years. Motion #2 Sander/Palmietto Adopted.

KVC/CAMBER: The March 14, 2023, initial site visit report for KVC Health Systems/CAMBER Childrens Mental Health, LMHT program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Rebecca Sander, MSN, RN and Janelle Martin MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the initial site visit report for KVC Health Systems/CAMBER Childers Mental Health, LMHT program and approve to admit 10 students each admission period with the recommendations now being met. Motion #3 Hite/Sander Adopted.

Butler CC: The March 28-29, 2023, reapproval site visit report for Butler Community College PN level of Bi-Level program, was reviewed. Site visitors were DeLyna Bohnenblust, EdD, MSN RN, Michaela Hysten, MSN, RN, and Janelle Martin MHSA, RN.

It was moved approve the site visit report with recommendations for Butler Community College, PN program and reapprove for 5 years. Motion #4 Sander/Palmietto Adopted.

Kansas Wesleyan: The April 4-5, 2023, site visit report for Kansas Wesleyan, BS, Major in Nursing program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Michelle Birdashaw, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C, CCRN and Janelle Martin MHSA, RN.

It was moved to approve the reapproval site visit report for Kansas Wesleyan University, BSN program and reapprove for the time period of national nursing accreditation. Motion #5 Palmietto/Hite Adopted.

**New Business:**

Major Curriculum Change Requests:

Fort Hays: Request to have the mode of delivery changed from in-person to virtual or hybrid for NURS 313 Nursing Professional Development and NURS 322 Evidence-Based Practice.

Changing these courses will allow the students more flexibility with their schedules.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Fort Hays State University, BSN program, to change NURS 313 (Nursing Professional Development) and NURS 322 (Evidence-Based Practice) from in-person to virtual or hybrid. Motion #6 Hite/Watson Adopted.

Barton: Request to decrease Mental Health Nursing II from 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Barton Community College, ADN program, to decrease Mental Health Nursing II from 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours. Motion #7 Sander/Palmietto Adopted.

Baker: Request to Restructure NU 381 Pharmacology 2.

Restructuring Pharmacology 2 will offer flexibility for online participation.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Baker University, BSN program, to restructure NU 381 (Pharmacology) from in-person to hybrid. Motion #8 Hite/Watson Adopted.

Univ. of St. Mary: Request to change Pre-Licensure BSN curriculum to address areas of weakness noted from program evaluation for drug calculations and nursing skills/safety practices.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from University of St. Mary, BSN-RN program, to 1) add 0.5 credit hours of lab to support Maternal Child Health Course Concepts and specialty skills; 2) Add 0.5 credit hours of Lab to all Medical surgical courses (NU(AT) 340, NU(AT) 441, and NU(AT) 542), and 3) Add 1 credit hour online course,

Drug Calculations in Nursing, to the required Nursing Curriculum. Total nursing program credit hours would change from 56 to 59. Motion #9 Palmietto/Sander Adopted.

Univ. of St Mary: Request from MSN program to increase overall clinical hours, remove the statistics and informatics courses, revise and combine the primary care courses and create evidence-based practice project courses. The University of Saint Mary is changing the current MSN FNP program completion plan.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from University of St. Mary, Graduate program, to:

- 1) increase overall clinical hours from 720 to 780,
- 2) remove the NU 641 Statistics for Health Care (1 cr hr) course and make Statistics (3 cr hrs) a pre-requisite course for the program;
- 3) remove NU 611 Informatics in Nursing (2 cr hrs) as this content is already embedded in other courses,
- 4) change NUF 771 (Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning) course from 3 credits didactic and 2 credits of lab to NUF 773 (Advanced Health assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning) to 3 credits didactic, 1 credit of lab and 1 credit of clinical,
- 5) change the four, 6 credit hour primary care courses to three, 8-credit hours courses: NUF 780 Primary Care I, to NUF 781 Primary Care I; NUF 782 Primary Care II and NUF 784 Primary Care 3 to NUF 783 Primary Care 2; and NUF 786 Clinical Capstone and Practicum, to NUF 785 Primary Care 3: Clinical Capstone and Practicum; and
- 6) Create three evidence-based practice project courses: NU 760 (Evidence Based Project 1); NU 761 (Evidence Based Project 2); NU762 (Evidence Based Project 3) for one credit hour each. Motion #10 Watson/Hite Adopted.

Kansas KS City CC: Request a change in delivery method for didactic coursework for the practical nursing program.

The flexible option would be better aligned with area programs.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Kansas City Kansas Community College, PN Program, to offer didactic courses in a hybrid and/or hi-flex format beginning Spring 2024. Motion #11 Watson/Hite Adopted.

Washburn Univ.: Request to change the number, title, description, prerequisites, outcomes, and credit hours for the advanced health assessment in the DNP and PMHNP-Certificate Programs.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Washburn University, Graduate program, to change the course number, title, description, prerequisites, outcomes and credit hours for the advanced health assessment and differential diagnosis course for the DNP and PMHNP-Certificate programs and decrease credit hours from 4 to 3 with removal of clinical hours from course. Clinical hours will be adjusted in the DNP programs that lead to initial NP licensure. Motion #12 Palmietto/Hite Adopted.

KCPNE: Request to eliminate the mandatory use of the KSPN Core Curriculum and allow PN programs to be aligned through the program outcomes and prerequisites.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Kansas Council for Practical Nurse Educators (KCPNE), with agreement from KBOR, to eliminate the mandatory use of the KSPN Core Curriculum and allow PN programs to be aligned through the program outcomes and prerequisites. Motion #13 Sander/Watson Adopted.

Univ. of Kansas: Request a change in instructor and format of 6 total hours of advanced pharmacology courses.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from University of Kansas, DNAP program, to change the format for the 6 credit hours of required advanced pharmacology courses from six, one-credit hour courses (Fall semester Pharm 761/762/763 and Spring Semester Pharm 764/765/766, all taught by contracted faculty from the School of Medicine) to two, 3-credit hour courses (NURA 761 Nurse Anesthesia Pharmacology I in the Fall and NURA 764 Nurse Anesthesia Pharm II in the Spring taught by Nurse Anesthesia Education Dept. faculty) beginning Fall 2023. Motion #14 Palmietto/Hite Adopted.

Colby CC: Request to change curriculum.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Colby Community College, ADN program, to 1) remove the General Education, Oral Communication, 3-credit hour requirement from the prerequisites for the nursing program and add a 1 to 3 credit hour Pharmacology course to prerequisite hours (number would depend on factors that would be determined prior to admission); and 2) split combined didactic/clinical nursing courses into separate courses with different course numbers and revise the ADN nursing course credit hours from 16 to 20. Motion #15 Watson/Hite Adopted.

Fort Hays: Request to increase the number of yearly admission seats from 65 to 90 for the pre-license BSN program.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Fort Hays State University, BSN prelicensure program, to increase yearly admission seats from 65 to 90 students. Motion #16 Hite/Sander Adopted.

Newman: Request to revise overall curriculum plan.  
It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Newman University, BSN program, to 1) revise the overall curriculum plan with an increase from 58 to 60 cr hrs for the program and changes to the Junior level to begin Fall 2023; and 2) revise the BSN Program outcomes to reflect the changes in curriculum. Motion #17 Hite/Palmietto Adopted.

Newman: Request to revise the Junior level curriculum starting Fall 2023.

It was moved to approve the Major Curriculum Change Request from Newman University, BSN program, to revise the Junior level curriculum by:

- 1) adjusting NSG 3002 LPN Bridge course to coincide with curriculum changes;
- 2) Eliminate NSG 3015 Foundations (5 cr hrs) and add NSG 3073 Foundations of Nursing Care (3 cr hrs) and NSG 3083 Intro to Professional Nursing (3 cr hrs);
- 3) Add NSG 3092 Fundamentals of Pharmacology (2 cr hrs);
- 4) Combine NSG 3011 (1 cr hr) and NSG 3053 (3 cr hrs) into one course, NSG 3093 Foundations of Clinical Practice (3 cr hrs);
- 5) Eliminate NSG 3141 (1 cr hr) and NSG 4061 (1 cr hr) and add a new course, NSG 3123 Evidence-Based Practice (3 cr hrs);
- 6) Eliminate NSG 3161 Pharmacotherapeutics (3 cr hrs) and add new course, NSG 3141 Nursing Pharmacological Interventions (3 cr hrs); and
- 7) Change NSG 3188 Adult Nursing Care I (8 cr hrs) to NSG 3185 Adult Nursing Care I (5 cr hrs). Motion #18 Hite/Palmietto Adopted.

Break to 10:07 AM - 10:21 AM

Scholarships: The deadline for the annual scholarship essays will change to October 15th. Essay topic will stay the same for 2023: “How has the nursing shortage impacted Models of Nursing Care?”

It was moved to revise the timeline for the Nursing Scholarship application deadline from November 30 to October 15 each year, and to move decision for topic of essay from September to June meeting. Changes are to ensure scholarship funds are available by the March board meeting for recipients. Motion #19 Palmietto/Hite Adopted.

LMHT Regulations: C. Moreland discussed what will need to be done with reviewing Regulations in the future. C. Moreland and J. Martin are researching what colleges would be interested in having and revising a LMHT program in order to promote college credit for at least some of the LMHT requirements in order to help with articulation into other healthcare and nursing programs. Tabled for September meeting.

FQR Process: Discussion on the Hire Exception for faculty being an annual requirement. In order to decrease administrative burden, the question came from programs about only doing one Hire Exception on hire, unless there is a change with the faculty hired on the exception Discussion to have an update button on the Hire Exception form to mark that there is no change to keep paperwork to a minimum. Process is done annually in order for program to address what they are doing to hire faculty with appropriate degrees. Direction to keep the process the same.

Unlicensed practice – Discussion for the issue of unlicensed practice for faculty. Direction given to include unlicensed practice of faculty to Education staff report and follow up with education to nursing programs about e-notify. Direction given to have each of the programs who have this issue, report back to the committee on how this will be prevented in the future.

**Unfinished Business:**

Pass Rates: Discussion on what the process should be for programs that are below the NCLEX pass rate standard for more than one year. The committee would like for Rasmussen University and Fort Scott Community College to attend the September meeting to discuss the action plans they were asked to submit from the March board meeting, that were to address the low pass rates.

Refresher Course: Discussion was had on Kansas Requirements for Refresher courses and what is available for refresher courses online or in other states. J. Martin was asked to bring a side-by-side report to the September meeting that shows the information on refresher courses along with the information on what other States require for Refresher courses that was discussed at the March 2023 meeting.

Site Visit Guidelines: Draft of the revised Site Visit Guidelines brought back for discussion. Revised guidelines are asking the Nursing Education Programs to submit documentation via an electronic/virtual resource room two weeks prior to a site visit. This can be hosted on their own secure website or through their LMS. This is in lieu of setting up a paper document room onsite. If a program is unable to do this securely, then they could request an alternative from the Education Compliance Officer prior to the site visit.

IEN Credentialing: KSBN has one provider (CGFNS) who does professional evaluation of education for internationally educated nurses. This was brought up in a previous meeting as a potential issue as CGFNS was having some issues with timeliness of the reports. J. Martin brought information on an additional provider, SpanTran. A. Guerrero provided information on some things that NCSBN is doing in this arena. Committee asked him to bring some information from NCSBN on other options of vendors to the September meeting.

Site Visit schedule: The Site Visit Schedule was reviewed. Education Compliance Officer will contact committee members for visits that are still in need of reviewers.

5Year Legis. Rev.: Tabled

Petitions: It was moved to approve the Petition for Permission to Test/Retest Summary from February 18, 2023, through May 19, 2023, which includes: Tiffany Barbosa Edith Paez Kiley Williams Trina Winkler Shameka Thompson Alondra Aviles Gallegos Gabrielle Appl Motion #20 Sander/Palmietto Adopted.

Agenda for September 2023:

1. Annual Reports from NCSBN and Programs
2. Rasmussen and Fort Scott - Pass Rate improvement plans
3. Refresher Course Data
4. IEN Verification Options
5. LMHT Regulations
6. 5-year Legislative Review
7. Scholarship Update

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM

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Committee Chairperson

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Date