



July 15, 2024

Grace Clerk, MSN, AGNP-C, RN  
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Board of Registered Nursing

Re: Support of Grossmont College Increase Enrollment

Dear Ms. Clerk,

This letter is in support of Grossmont College Nursing Program increasing enrollment. I have spoken with Dr. Deborah Chow, Associate Dean of Nursing at Grossmont College. I understand that Grossmont College currently is approved for 40 students each semester or 80 per year. Grossmont College wishes to increase enrollment to 50 students each semester with the increase in enrollment targeting mainly License Vocational Nurses (LVN) wishing to continue their education.

As a Vocational Nursing Program Director, many of our students are first generation college students, or students returning to school after raising families. Many lack the confidence or resources to start off in a traditional ADN program, although their end goal is frequently to obtain their RN license. The most common concern that graduates have voiced to me over the years is that there are very few spots open for VN to RN step-up students in traditional RN programs. They will typically resort to very costly and sometimes poorly run private programs

Increasing opportunities for LVNs to advance their education and expand the scope of practice will benefit the community by reducing the nursing shortage. Currently in East County San Diego, projections indicate the nursing shortage will continue to expand through 2030.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Heather Peterson  
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Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Clerk,

I am writing to express support for the Grossmont College Nursing Program's plan to increase its enrollment. I recently discussed this with Dr. Deborah Chow, the Associate Dean of Nursing at Grossmont College. Currently, the college is approved for 40 students each semester or 80 per year.

However, Grossmont College aims to increase this number to 50 students per semester, with a focus on attracting Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) who want to further their education.

Although there are constraints on the availability of clinical rotations, Dr. Chow has assured me that the placement of students in clinical sites will be carefully planned to make the most out of existing clinical groups and include the addition of Select Specialty Hospital of San Diego.

With this strategic approach, I fully support the increase in enrollment for the Grossmont College Nursing Program.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Clerk,

This letter is in support of the Nursing Program at Grossmont College in San Diego, California to increase enrollment to their Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program. I understand that Grossmont College currently is approved for 40 students each semester or 80 per year. Grossmont College wishes to increase enrollment to 50 students each semester, with the increase in enrollment targeting mainly License Vocational Nurses (LVNs) wishing to continue their education to obtain an ADN.

While the availability of clinical rotations is limited, Dr Chow has assured me that placement of students in the clinical sites will be strategic to ensure maximum usage of existing clinical groups and the addition of Select Specialty Hospital of San Diego. Because of this strategic planning, I am in support of this proposed increase in enrollment for Grossmont College's ADN Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KA Macauley'.

Karen A. Macauley

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Increasing opportunities for LVNs to advance their education and expand the scope of practice is beneficial for the community as well as reducing the nursing shortage.

As a clinical agency, I can assure you that Grossmont College will continue to have our support as we provide them with continued clinical placement. By absorbing one more student into a clinical group, the need for additional clinical groups is minimal. Because of this strategic planning, I support the increase in enrollment for the Grossmont College Nursing Program.

Sincerely,

*Suzanne Afflalo*

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Family Medicine Physician  
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