

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 18, 2024

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **NOTE:** The Board of Registered Nursing’s Education/Licensing Committee (ELC) held a public meeting in accordance with Government Code section 11123.5 that was accessible via a teleconference platform and at a physical meeting location indicated below.

1625 North Market Blvd.,
2nd Floor, El Dorado Room N-220
Sacramento, CA

April 18, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. BRN Education/Licensing Committee Meeting

11:04 a.m.

8.0 Call to order/roll call/establishment of a quorum.

Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at: 11:04 a.m. All members present. Quorum was established at 11:05 a.m.

Committee Members: Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN-Chair
Dolores Trujillo, RN
Mary Fagan, PhD, RN, NEA-BC
Patricia “Tricia” Wynne, Esq.

BRN Staff: Loretta (Lori) Melby, RN, MSN – Executive Officer
Reza Pejuhesh – DCA Legal Attorney

Mary Ann McCarthy, EdD, MSN, RN, PHN, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant - Staff Liaison

11:06 a.m.

8.1

Public comment for items not on the agenda; items for future agendas

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.1:

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

11:09 a.m.

8.2 Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting minutes

➤ January 25, 2024

Committee Discussion:

No comments or questions from committee members.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez: Motion** to accept ELC Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024, and allow BRN Staff to make non-substantive changes to correct name misspellings and/or typos that may be discovered in the document.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.2:

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

11:13
a.m.

8.3 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend ratification of minor curriculum revisions and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports (16 CCR § 1426), and whether to recommend ratification of clinical facility approval or other action (16 CCR § 1427) (consent) (schools under consideration are identified in the meeting materials)

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions from committee members.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez: Motion to** recommend ratifying minor curriculum revisions, clinical agency, or facility approvals, and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.3:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| | JD | DT | MF | PW |
| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

11:15
a.m.

8.4 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend approval, acceptance, or other action for approved nursing programs (consent)

Continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1421 & 1423)

- 8.4.1 California State University Northridge Baccalaureate Degree Program
- 8.4.2 Loma Linda University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.3 Bakersfield College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.4 College of the Desert Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.5 San Bernardino Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Continuing approval of an advanced practice (nurse practitioner) nursing program (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR § 1483.1)

- 8.4.6 Loma Linda University Nurse Practitioner Program
- 8.4.7 San Francisco State University Nurse Practitioner Program

Prelicensure nursing program unit adjustment or other changes (16 CCR §§ 1426 & 1432) (substantive change) (no enrollment increase)

- 8.4.8 Westmont College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.9 College of San Mateo Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.10 College of the Redwoods Associate Degree Nursing Program

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions from committee members.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez: Motion to** recommends continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs, continuing approval of an advanced practice (nurse practitioner) nursing program, and prelicensure nursing program unit adjustment or other changes (no enrollment increase).

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.4:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

| | JD | DT | MF | PW |
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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

Chair Jovita Dominguez reordered the agenda to take agenda item 8.7, after 8.4

11:20 a.m.

8.7

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of substantive changes to an approved program (present)

University of Massachusetts Global Nurse Practitioner program teach out and closure. (16 CCR§ 1483.2)

Committee

Discussion: Patric Schine spoke about the decision to close the NP program.

Dolores Trujillo asked to make a statement if there are no questions. She said it's important to note Brandman University or UMass is in an area that is severely impacted for clinical space in San Diego County. The board receives many requests to increase enrollment in the impacted areas from various schools and they are difficult decisions for the board to make because they want to avoid the outcome that UMass is facing now due to lack of clinical space and is doing a teach out. She spoke about a difficult time a few years ago to approve a clinical increase for an unnamed school that had guaranteed clinical space at Sharp Grossmont. Another school came forward to say they were bumped after the school received an increase in clinical placements. She said it's important for schools to work with the consortium which is great in San Diego. She said after the enrollment increase was done the southern California areas became more impacted and wants to remind the public and the board that these decisions are very difficult to make and looking to all options to avoid having this school face what it's facing which is a program closing down.

Mary Fagan said she isn't sure that's the reason for closing because they said they changed their philosophy and are going to online learning, and she doesn't recall NP programs having clinical placement issues. She appreciates the comments for prelicensure programs but isn't sure that's the case here.

Loretta Melby said UMass has a prelicensure program that is currently teaching out and may be the reason for Dolores's comments. She said the board has not had complaints for NP clinicals because the board does not approve enrollment increases as is done for prelicensure programs. The board is notified through a progress note when a program increases enrollment. NP programs pay for clinical placements which is not prohibited. There are in-state NP programs who leave California and come back as an out of state NP program with students in California doing clinicals. NP programs are responsible for finding clinical placements for their students. There are complaints from students who are asked by their programs to find their own clinicals and the NECs work with the programs. The review and involvement with the board is different for prelicensure and NP programs.

Patric Schine said 75% of their student population is outside of California and they're having difficulty having students licensed in California and locating clinical placements which has caused them to teach out.

Loretta Melby spoke about the updated regulation CCR section 1484 which was implemented in 2019 for NP programs. The NECs reviewed the NP programs to bring them into compliance and this caused some programs to have financial issues. BRN leadership is looking to see if any regulatory or statutory changes are needed for this.

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.7:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommend acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve teach out and closure of University of Massachusetts Global, Nurse Practitioner program. This teach out closes admissions to the NP program and has a projected end date of April 26, 2026.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

Chair Jovita Dominguez reordered the agenda to take agenda item 8.5 after 8.7

**11:38
a.m.**

8.5 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend continuing approval or other action for approved nursing programs (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1421 & 1423) (present)
Copper Mountain Associate Degree Nursing Program

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne asked if there is adequate progress, and the school is on track to come into full compliance. Mary Ann McCarthy said they had their review in December 2023 and did all their preparation and sometimes it takes more time to come into compliance. They are deferred status until they come into compliance. She's happy with their progress and invited the school representative to speak. Patricia Wynne thanked Mary Ann McCarthy and said the information is helpful.

Heidi Steines, school representative, is thankful to be at the meeting and said they are working on improving their program and the overall progress they've made. She's grateful to Donna Shipp, NEC, for her help and guidance. She's

been the Assistant Program Director for 3.5 years and is fortunate to have the knowledge base to step up. She's been with Copper Mountain College since 1999 and as a faculty member that has assisted with this role. They are making headway, and this will take a little time.

Loretta Melby provided additional information and context around the school review and continuing approval process.

Dolores Trujillo said the AIS shows a high turnover rate of faculty that was 35% previously and asked how they're doing.

Heidi Steines said they have four full time faculty, but noticed the report shows 3, they are onboarding or completely onboarded. They have two full time positions that are posted, and one faculty member interested in the full-time position. There is an Assistant Director in place as well.

Dolores Trujillo asked if there was a single reason for the high turnover rate.

Heidi said after Covid was when the turnover rate began. It can be difficult completely transitioning to teaching. Two retired in the last five years and they are located near a military base and staff may have moved.

Dolores Trujillo noted they are a smaller school and Heidi said it causes them to be more resourceful.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommend deferring action on the continuing approval status for Copper Mountain College, Associate Degree Nursing Program while they work to clear the areas of non-compliance and recommend quarterly reports to the NEC and return to ELC/Board in 1-year (April/May 2025).

Second: Dolores Trujillo

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.5:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

**11:52
a.m.**

Jovita Dominguez ordered the committee to recess at 11:52 a.m. for lunch.

1:00 p.m.

Dolores Trujillo ordered the meeting back to order and established a quorum. All members present. Jovita Dominguez experienced technical issues, but was able to sign back on during roll call.

1:05 p.m.

8.6

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of substantive changes to an approved program (present) (16 CCR §§ 1426 & 1432) (present)

8.6.1 Samuel Merritt University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (alternate campus in Fresno, CA)

Committee

Discussion:

Jovita Dominguez thanked Samuel Merritt for going to the consortium and appreciates the effort.

Patricia Wynne asked if this is a highly impacted area in the central valley of Fresno and Bakersfield.

Mary Ann McCarthy said there's been a lot of growth recently but is unsure of the parameters of impaction.

Patricia Wynne appreciates the numbers but said its hard-to-get context from the numbers to fully understand.

Loretta Melby spoke about the programs and data. She said the public comments have not shown they are clinically impacted but to work through the consortium.

Dolores Trujillo said she feels in the last 1.5 years more schools are opening up and there are enrollment increases in the central valley.

Loretta Melby said she is seeing vast amounts of growth in California. She discussed the per capita nurse growth in the state post Covid from 7.7 to 8.34 which is an increase of over 20,000 nurses. The school did what was asked of them and is why they've returned to ELC.

Mary Fagan asked if there is a nurse per capita target.

Loretta Melby said there hasn't been one consistently stated from report to report. The board could look at 10 to 1000 to minimally meet the majority of where states live.

Mary Fagan applauds Samuel Merritt for following through with what was asked of them and the nice letter received is helpful to make a decision.

After Motion and Second:

Loretta Melby said Samuel Merritt still must get a self-study submitted, reviewed and brought back in front of the board for official approval. The self-study shows the school follows all the rules and regulations established by the board is then available to enroll and admit students.

After Public Comment:

Steven Rush, school representative, thanked the committee, Dr. Gilbert and folks with the consortium and has been an incredible learning experience. He said this is the way it should be done and working with the consortium has been a wonderful experience. He thanked the members for allowing them to come back to show what they've done and they're quite happy about it. He asked about the self-study because he thought that had been done already. Does he need to revise what's been submitted because they already had a site visit and wanted to know who to provide the information to.

Loretta Melby said she didn't know if a revision was needed, and they might be done but it needs to be brought before the board. A future agenda item would be presented to the committee and or the board for acceptance of the self-study. A discussion can be done offline regarding the process going forward.

Mary Ann McCarthy said the process changed in January, but the NECs will work with Samuel Merritt to complete the process.

Steven Rush said the plan was to admit students in August.

Loretta Melby gave a possible timeline for upcoming meeting dates and will discuss with the NECs.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve feasibility for a secondary site alternative campus in Fresno CA for Samuel Merritt University with an enrollment pattern of 48 students twice a year (96 students annually)

Second: **Mary Fagan**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.1:**

Marie Gilbert, Director of California Center for Nursing Excellence – Gave an update on the meetings with Samuel Merritt and discussed clinical impact in the central valley. She said Samuel Merritt has been collaborative, transparent,

and engaged. She discussed recruitment of possible students from the area. She said new programs are taking a more innovative approach to clinical education and it is helping.

Kathryn DeFede – Wanted to mirror what Dr. Marie Gilbert said. She thanks the board for trusting their process. They have a collaborative effort to meet some of the displacement and challenges. They know there will be more demand and they appreciate it. Samuel Merritt has been an active partner, and they learn something new from every program invited into the area and appreciates the opportunity.

No public comment in Sacramento.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

1:28 p.m.

8.6.2 Marsha Fuerst School of Nursing Associate Degree Nursing Program (alternate campus in Citrus Heights, CA)

Committee Discussion:

Gloria Blatti, school representative, said they got caught in the new law change and was using the EDP-P-18 documents and not the EDP-P-01. She spoke with Donna and thought they were one step ahead by having the EDP-P-18 and the contracts.

Loretta Melby said they cannot mix the laws and the EDP-P-01 was referenced in the new law and must be completed. She appreciates completion of the EDP-P-18 and the contracts being completed. The committee members need to know what the program is doing with the academic institutions that could be affected.

Gloria Blatti said they did the site regional planning grid group, and the clinical manager invited them to the Consortium in Sacramento. She said they were told there are no clinical spots, but they've been working diligently.

Loretta Melby asked about information in the form saying there are 10 nursing programs in the area and whether they've been contacted.

Gloria said not all 10 have been contacted.

Loretta Melby spoke about another program in the Murietta area that had incomplete information and the board asked if they could get it. Is this something Marsha Fuerst could do.

Reza said a motion might not need to be made to move this to the board if the data is complete.

Loretta Melby said if the school could get the information, it could be heard at the June board meeting.

Gloria appreciates this.

Patricia Wynne said she was surprised how expensive the program is, how high the attrition rate is, and how low the scores are relative to other schools.

Gloria Blatti said their attrition rate is 16%. They allow students to come in and try. They haven't changed their tuition in five years. She spoke about pass rates of 95.65 and 90.6 at their new campus with Bakersfield having an 85. They're pretty good for new programs.

Loretta Melby spoke about the program inherited by Glendale Career College (GCC) or Marsha Fuerst in San Diego, called Brightwood. GCC came in when Brightwood closed to help their students complete and graduate. She said

Brightwood did not have good data and was about to be brought before the board for possible action to remove program approval. GCC inherited the nurse exam scores for Brightwood which could have brought down their scores. She provided some additional context about what Marsha Fuerst has been doing to resolve their issues.

Gloria Blatti said she worked with Samantha to resolve displacement in that area and gave the spots up.

Loretta Melby agreed that the issue was resolved.

Patricia Wynne and Dolores Trujillo again asked about the 20.7% attrition rate.

Gloria Blatti explained that they take in students who have a lower GPA and other personal issues that may exclude them from attending other programs. They work to provide tutoring and extra classes to make them successful. She tries to give people a chance to become a nurse.

Loretta Melby said there are no regulations setting attrition rates but do for a minimum NCLEX pass rate.

Patricia Wynne understands this but thinks there should consider their low attrition rate.

Gloria Blatti said prospective students try to get into the community college and she encourages them because its less money, but they come back saying they can't get in. They're willing to do their program if they can get out in two years. She's had the same faculty for the last eight years and it makes them very successful because of it. But some people can't do it because it isn't the right time in their life, other personal issues, or Covid, but she takes them back to try again. They're student centered and tries to give them a chance.

Loretta Melby said the board can look at attrition rates in the new sunrise bill but there is no set standard. She said the community colleges will not grow a program with an attrition rate higher than 16%, that is not controlled by the BRN. She said the BRN looks at on time graduation rates while Title 4 funding looks at 1.5 time.

Mitchell Fuerst, president of Marsha Fuerst School of Nursing. He is glad to hear Loretta Melby speak about Brightwood, but they also helped Shepherd University as well to get over the finish line and become nurses. He said there was a lot of confusion around the Sharp Grossmont situation and sat down with the other institution and they do not intend to displace any other students. He said they looked at Citrus Heights because it's an underserved area that needs more nurses. He said Adventist Health asked them to come build a school there. He mentioned Sacramento City College is 20 miles away, Butte College 81 miles away, and Lassen Community College which is 206 miles away. They have a proven track record of a wonderful institution that follows the regulations. They don't blur the lines of the regulation. He said they've been working on this for many months and is disappointed that Loretta Melby said Marsha Fuerst was caught in this midstream.

Loretta Melby said she must follow the laws that are currently in place. If the information can be updated, then it could be presented to the board in May.

Mitchell Fuerst said he isn't asking for the board to not follow the law but thought they would be approved at this meeting.

Jovita Dominguez asked how to proceed with this program.

Loretta Melby said there are a few ways. The Board could recommend acceptance pending receipt of the complete information or defer action until the information is received.

Dolores Trujillo asked if they defer to the board meeting in May.

Loretta Melby said it would be the same either way and state the requirements that the school should provide that information showing they worked with the academic institutions in that area.

All members said they would like to be able to look at the information before deciding.

Reza said a motion does not need to be made but it could be added to the board agenda if they accomplish what needs to be done. The other option is to make a motion to defer taking action on this until the May board meeting.

Jovita Dominguez asked if they vote on it if they defer.

Loretta Melby said a motion and second would need to be made and public comment taken.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to defer and place agenda item 8.6.2 on the agenda pending the information for the full board meeting in May.

Second: Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.2:**

Malik King – He thanked everyone for what they do. He was a student who first attended Kaplan, then Brightwood. He thanks them for helping the students who were in the midst of that because it was stressful. He’s in San Diego studying to take the NCLEX exam.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:05 p.m.

8.6.3 Loma Linda University Baccalaureate Degree and Entry Level Master's Nursing Program(s) (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne asked if they could do every clinical rotation in their own hospital.

Mary Ann McCarthy thinks so but defers to the school representatives.

Shawn Collins, school representative, said they have six hospitals. They have the medical center, which is a level one teaching hospital with 800 residents. It's a very large facility where they place most of their students to get most of their clinicals. They also have three hospitals very close by as well as an inpatient psychiatric hospital and Loma Linda Murietta where most of their ELM students get their clinical training.

Mary Ann McCarthy said they are a medical system not just one hospital.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Loma Linda University Baccalaureate and Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Programs with an enrollment pattern of 100 students three times per year (300 students annually). This is an increase of 90 students with the same enrollment pattern.

Second: **Dolores Trujillo**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.3:**

Sana – She is concerned about clinical sites in that area despite all the hospitals of Loma Linda, she still sees them using other facilities in the area.

Shawn Collins said the graduate students could be at other locations such as the CRNA are at Arrowhead Regional but not on the undergraduate side.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:12 p.m.

8.6.4 Mount San Jacinto Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne would like to hear from the program about how they anticipate moving forward with more students in a heavily impacted area.

Joyce Johnson, school representative, said they have the capacity with their clinical facilities that they don't use them consistently because their numbers from fall to spring are different. They have the commitment from their clinical sites to support this with the increase and their academic educational programs around them. They are part of the inland empire healthcare advisory where their academic programs and clinical sites are part of and have ongoing discussion about the robust need for additional nursing and the opportunity and support of Mount San Jacinto College to provide this. All the academic programs have clinical placement coordinators who meet on a regular basis to ensure they do not impact any other clinical sites and facilities. They have the resources and commitments to commit to this.

Mary Fagan said she was surprised they are only using 14 of 19 clinical placement agreements. She asked if this program would need the EDP-P-01 and Loretta Melby said only if they request a new campus or location. She said they are in Riverside County. She doesn't believe this area is fully impacted yet

with clinical placements. Things could change but she doesn't think they are at that level yet.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Mount San Jacinto Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of 36 students twice a year (72 students annually). This is an increase of 24 students and changes their enrollment pattern from once a year to two times a year.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.6.4:

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:21 p.m.

8.6.5 Monterey Peninsula Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee Discussion:

Dolores Trujillo would like to commend them for their excellent NCLEX scores and low attrition rates. She knows the Marina area isn't very impacted yet and can easily sustain this enrollment increase.

Patricia Wynne agrees about NCLEX and attrition rates but wonders about 22/23 and the huge jump that happened. Lynn Kragelund, school representative, is thrilled with their NCLEX pass rates. The jump in the attrition

rates coincide with a pilot program for LVN students of seven students with three who did not pass. They've learned a lot of lessons about how to handle the advance practice LVNs who continue to work while attending the program.

After Motion and Second:

Loretta Melby asked if this request is part of the Community College Chancellor's Enrollment Growth Initiative.

Lynn Kragelund said this is not in response to the initiative because they planned to increase but are in the growth group and will apply for the grant.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Monterey Peninsula Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of 48 students twice a year (96 students annually). This is an increase of 16 students with the same enrollment pattern.

Second: Mary Fagan

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.6.5:

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:27 p.m.

8.6.6 Los Medanos Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee Discussion:

Patricia Wynne has the same question asked of everybody and is a modest increase. If they could assure the members, they will not displace anyone from other programs she would appreciate it.

Maryanne Hicks, school representative, said they did their due diligence to communicate with the other nursing programs in the vicinity of their college, Contra Costa College, Unitek, Gurnick, CSU-East Bay, College of Marin, all five colleges have been informed of the plans for enrollment growth and they discussed any risk of clinical displacements. All schools have expressed there will be no displacement. There is one similar placement at Kaiser Antioch with Unitek Concord she spoke with Joelle Satterfield and Janet Scott. They made arrangements because Unitek continues in the summer and winter break while Los Medanos takes off during summer and winter break so Unitek can use the Kaiser spots at that time.

Mary Fagan asked about the increase for LVN to RN versus the generic students. She asked if they are different based on previous experience.

Maryanne Hicks said the clinical requirements for Med Surg are the same. They join the third semester RN students. There is also pediatrics and psychiatric.

Mary Fagan said it is a little different.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Los Medanos Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of 48 students annually. This is an increase of 8 students with the same enrollment pattern.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.6:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:34 p.m.

8.6.7 College of Marin Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne understands this is a modest increase and in alignment with what's going on at the community colleges but would like to hear from the program representative how they won't interfere with other programs.

Alicia Bright, school representative, said she discussed this with other program directors, and they are fortunate to be in the southern Marin where they can be very flexible in how they place their students in the east bay, San Francisco, north and outside Marin which is rich with facilities. They have contracts with over 30 facilities and been approached by three other facilities. They are confident they are able to place their students with flexibility and communication.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Motion to recommends acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for College of Marin Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of 52 students annually. This is an increase of 9 students with the same enrollment pattern.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.7:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Vote:

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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:39 p.m.

8.6.8 College of Redwoods Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee Discussion: Patricia Wynne asks the school to address clinical placements as the other programs have been asked.

Jessica Howard, school representative, said they are a unique situation from other schools in California. They are truly far in northern California so they wouldn't be impacting any programs. The nearest programs to them are approximately 200 miles away. They have ample clinical sites and never lost any clinical sites even through the pandemic. They were unique and continue to develop more clinical sites. Like many of the program today they have had multiple agencies contact them to send students and how they can help them get approved.

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.8:**

Kimberly Dunker – She sees that Pacific Union College has been referenced in the meeting materials. She is in that area on the Mendo Coast, and they are there on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and Mendocino College is there Monday through Thursday and are talking about impact factors with nurse burn out. They are dreading the preceptorships next spring and they're trying to work through some of those things. She is wondering where these clinicals will be.

Jessica Howard said Mendocino is about 1.5 hours below them. They have clinicals at four critical care hospitals with two in the Providence System, one in the Center System, and one that is privately owned. They don't have any colleges anywhere near them. Santa Rosa is 216 miles south; the Shasta is a little closer but is 150 miles east and they don't have any nursing colleges or programs using any of their current clinical sites and there are many more in their community. They have clinics in the jails, they just finished an affiliation agreement with Pelican Bay State Prison as well. There is a BSN through Cal Poly Humboldt that use other clinical sites.

Motion #1: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommend acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for College of Redwoods Associate Degree Nursing Program at the Eureka Campus with an enrollment pattern of 60 students annually in fall and 20 students in the spring (80 students annually) at the Eureka Campus. This is an increase of 26 students with 16 career mobility students accepted in the fall and 10 career mobility students accepted in the spring.

Second: Mary Fagan

Motion #2: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommend acceptance of the substantive change requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for College of the Redwoods Associate Degree Nursing Program at the Del Norte campus with an enrollment pattern of 20 students annually in spring (20 students annually) at the Del Norte Campus. This is an increase of 10 career mobility students with the same enrollment pattern.

Second: Mary Fagan

**Vote for Motions
1 & 2:**

| | JD | DT | MF | PW |
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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motions Passed

2:50 p.m.

- 8.8 Discussion and possible action regarding initial self-study for new prelicensure program (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1421 & 1423) (present)**
California Northstate University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

Committee

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo is curious about the clinical placements and a hospital that hasn't been built yet at Innovation Park Medical Center.

Angela Strawn, school representative, said this is a direct entry program. The students would start in August 2024 doing general education courses. This campus has been well established in the College of Health Sciences for pre-med and pharmacy. The hospital is in the final process and break ground by the end of summer. The students will be there once the hospital is complete. They have good relationships and dialogue and will participate in the consortium. The students will be available on weekends and evenings where the opportunity lies with some of their clinical partners.

Dolores Trujillo said the hospital is one to two years out and asked if there are any other clinical sites.

Angela Strawn said they have places for them with the other major systems within the Sacramento area and plan to put their pediatric students in school settings. They have a school district where the campus is located with 22,000 students and they are delighted to have student nurses in the pediatric settings within the school system.

Dolores Trujillo asked if there would be pediatric clinical placements in hospitals and Angela Strawn said if the opportunity arises then they would do that as well, but it is one of the acute care pieces that is very impacted. But there is a shortage of school nurses and to have school nurse experience while the

student is in the program may also open their eyes to a potential nursing career as a school nurse.

Loretta Melby said there is no requirement for clinical placements to be completed in the acute hospital setting.

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.8:**

No public comments requested via WebEX platform or at the physical meeting location.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez: Motion to recommend acceptance of the initial self-study to grant initial approval of the new prelicensure program requested by California Northstate University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of 30 students three times per year (90 students annually).

Second: Patricia Wynne

Vote:

| | JD | DT | MF | PW |
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| Vote: | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| <u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB | | | | |

Motion Passed

2:59 p.m.

8.9 Adjournment

➤ **Jovita Dominguez, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting.**

Submitted by:

Accepted by:

Loretta Melby, MSN, RN

Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN



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