

**WV Center for Nursing**  
Statewide Education Planning Committee  
Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.  
WV Higher Education Policy Commission  
President's Conference Room; 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

Conference call # - 1.866.453.5550  
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**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes; October 8, 2009
- III. Old Business
  - A. Articulation Progress
  - B. Education Capacity Summit Committee work
  - C. Information sheets about nursing; choosing a program, etc.
  - D. Development of a repository for potential nursing faculty.
  - E. Legislation- Faculty Tax Credit
- IV. New Business
- V. Strategic Plan
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

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Present: Duane (phone), Shelia (phone), Pam (phone)  
Absent: Jerry Yoho, Melissa Aguilar, and Michelle Winters

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes; August 13, 2009

MOTION: To approve minutes as written.

Moved by: Shelia  
Consensuses approved

- III. Old Business
  - A. Articulation Progress

Information is still being collected from the schools, the staff will complete work after the completion of the Gala. The common application committee has been gathering information as well; again after completion of the Gala it will be completed.

- B. Education Capacity Summit Committee work

The committee has met and has investigated the innovation of the programs in the past five years since Center to Champion Nursing in America has been interested in this information as well as enrollment information.

- C. Information sheets about nursing; choosing a program, etc.

The handout will be sent to the Board of Directors for further discussion and approval.

- IV. New Business
  - A. Develop a repository for potential nursing faculty

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The committee will collect information about master prepared nurses and advanced practice nurses to ask them if there were teaching positions available in their area, would they like to pursue teaching? Then this information that will be collected will be kept at the Center, the schools would then check with the Center and gain names of who might be interested. Before proceeding will discuss with the Deans and Directors.

B. Legislation – faculty tax credits

Rhode Island currently had legislation written (and utilized for five years) about faculty shortages with the nursing field and how a tax credit would aid the field of nursing. The income tax credit is in the amount of \$3,500 a year for full-time employed nursing educators who fit other criteria as outlined in the document.

The committee decided to present this information to the Board of Directors and ADDNE to gain support before approaching the State Legislature about possibly having a similar program in West Virginia.

V. Strategic Plan

No report.

VI. Announcements

No announcements.

VII. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Moved to adjourn. Carried by Consensus.

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## Questions you should ask about a nursing program before you apply!

1. **IS** the nursing program approved/accredited, by
  - State level** - required
    - A. The West Virginia Board of Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses
      - All nursing programs must be approved by the State Board of Nursing
  - National level** – not required but highly recommended, both are equally desirable
    - B. CCNE – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (BSN and graduate programs)  
  
or, the
    - C. NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (Diploma, ADN, BSN and graduate programs)
2. **WHAT** are the graduation rates?
  - A. What percentage of students entering the program graduated from the nursing program? **75% - 100% currently in WV**
3. **WHAT** is the percent of job placement?
  - A. How many of the students graduating had job offers within 3 – 6 months following graduation? **85% - 100% currently in WV**
4. **WHAT** is the licensure (NCLEX) pass rate?
  - A. How many of the students sitting for the RN exam to become registered nurses, actually passed the first time taking the exam?  
**Minimum West Virginia State Board requirement is 80%**
5. **HOW** did the students rate their satisfaction with the program?  
**80% satisfied to very satisfied and/or 96% good to very good**
6. **What** is the application process?
7. **What** is the admissions deadline?
8. **Are** the credits you earn transferable?  
**After you complete your degree are the credits you earned transferable to another school of nursing if you want to further your education.**

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9. **What is the number of students accepted versus the number that were qualified?**  
**Schools of nursing receive more applications from potential students than they are able to accept. You are encouraged to apply to a number of schools. In addition, you are encouraged to perform well in your pre-nursing courses to improve your chances of being accepted.**
10. **What pre-licensure programs do you offer?**  
**Nursing schools may offer Associate Degree (2 years), Baccalaureate Degree (4 years) programs or both, BA-BSN, or LPN – BSN.**