



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM TALKING POINTS Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) & Practical Nursing (PN)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM STATUS – VOLUNTARY CESSATION

- **Voluntary Cessation of ADN Program:** Pratt Community College (PCC) was granted approval by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) on March 29, 2017, to voluntarily cease admissions to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program for one year. Enrollment postponement for the ADN Program across all delivery modalities will occur for the 2017-2018 academic year.

With approval from KSBN, the ADN Program will resume August 2018 for the 2018-2019 academic year. This action was taken to allow PCC the opportunity to conduct a complete restructuring of the ADN program to ensure a high quality program in the future.

- **Reason for Action:** PCC's ADN program lost national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) in August 2015. Also at that time, KSBN lowered the program's status to conditional approval.

Subsequently in November 2016, KSBN conducted a Focused Site Visit in response to three consecutive years of deficient ADN National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates comparatively to the KSBN 75% benchmark. (2013: 56.16%/2014: 52.14%/ 2015: 66.94%). As of April 2017, the 2016 ADN-NCLEX annual pass rate is 31.25%.

Since August 2015, significant action was taken by the college to increase admission standards, adjust course content, and assess program rigor; aligning delivery modalities, integrating the campus community, and mentoring. However, the ADN program has been unable to achieve expected student and program learning outcomes.

- **NCLEX:** The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) is the national licensing examination for practical (PN) and registered nurses (ADN). Quarterly and cumulative passage rates for ***first time test takers*** are calculated and published by a contracted testing service.

The NCLEX National Average passage rate is the average number of all member ***first time test takers*** for a reporting period, calculated by the National Testing Service using the test takers' scores during the reporting period, to determine the average of the conglomerate scores.

Individuals that do not take the licensure examination within 24 months after graduation must petition KSBN in writing before being allowed to take the licensure examination. Students who do not pass the licensure examination may retake no more than once every 45 days. If the individual fails to pass the examination within 24 months after graduation, the individual shall petition KSBN in writing before being allowed to retake the licensure examination.

- **Success with Retakes:** While the 2016 ADN-NCLEX annual pass rate for ***first time test takers*** is 31.25%, the 2016 class NCLEX pass rate ***after retakes*** is 84%.
- **Goals & Objectives for Quality:** During the suspension period, administrators and program faculty will conduct a quality Systematic Program Evaluation resulting in a complete top-to-bottom curriculum revision; review of mission vision, purpose, philosophy, and student learning outcomes among other action.

- **Quality Assurance Accountability Measures:** Clearly defined, measurable, and assessable goals, objectives and benchmarks will be established and evaluated weekly, monthly, and quarterly to help ensure ADN faculty are meeting administrative expectations during this transformational period. In addition, the ADN faculty will submit an action plan timeline for tracking progress.
- **Communication:** A Strategic Communication Plan will include timely updates to stakeholders, including KSBN, regional medial providers, Board of Trustees and internal PCC constituencies throughout the review process.
- **Restoring Quality Commitment:** PCC is committed to delivering quality academic programs and services to students and stakeholders. The Board of Trustees and administration are driven to restore quality to the ADN Program. The Board of Trustees was recognized by KSBN for their dedication and support of nursing education during this challenging time.
- **History of Success:** Since the first graduating class in 1984, PCC's ADN Program had exemplar NCLEX pass rates and was considered a premier provider of healthcare professionals in the state. The solvency, stability, and sustainability of maintaining programmatic excellence began to erode around 2012 when a myriad of factors drastically changed the size, scope, and quality of graduates.

The increase of program capacity to 180 students across face-to-facade, multi-campus, and online created an un-scalable growth model resulting in continuous turnover. Since 2012, turnover included 60 faculty members and 7 Directors over a five-year period.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM (PN) – ENROLLING FOR FALL 2017

- **Pass Rates Exceeds KSBN Requirement:** The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) requires Nursing Programs to maintain an annual first-time candidate's pass rate on the licensure examination of 75% or greater.
- **Benchmark Met:** PCC's PN Program has consistently met the above criterion for over five years and attained this goal for 2016.
- **Pass Rates at 83.33%:** In April 2017, the NCLEX- PN first time pass rates are 83.33% which is above KSBN's requirement.
- **Locations:** PN cohorts will be offered on the Pratt and Winfield campus in August 2017.

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