

Arkansas State Board of Nursing Survey For Program of Practical Nursing

School: Cossatot Community College

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<p>Interviews: Kim Dickerson, Chair of Nursing & Allied Health Cardace Silva, Coordinator LPN program Mike Kinkade, VC Facilities, Dean of Howard Co Rose Ray, Coordinator of Nashville Campus Frank Adams, Chancellor Steve Cole, Vice Chancellor/Dean of Academic Affairs Faculty Students DeQueen Nashville</p>	<p>Admissions: Admit one class a year in August of 30 on DeQueen Campus Admit one class a year in January of 10 on Nashville Campus</p> <p>Current Number of Students: DeQueen—20 Nashville Sophomores—5 Freshmen—15</p>																								
<p>First approved by ASBN: <u>1974</u> First graduating class: <u>1976</u> Approved Satellite at Nashville: <u>1996</u></p>	<p>Pass Rates for Past Five Years:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Exam Year</th> <th>Number Taking</th> <th>Number Passing</th> <th>Percent Passing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>26</td> <td>24</td> <td>93.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>12</td> <td>12</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>12</td> <td>12</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>19</td> <td>18</td> <td>94.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>18</td> <td>18</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Exam Year	Number Taking	Number Passing	Percent Passing	2003	26	24	93.3	2004	12	12	100.0	2005	12	12	100.0	2006	19	18	94.0	2007	18	18	100.0
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**SURVEY SUMMARY
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF U A
PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM
DEQUEEN & NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS**

March 13 & 14, 2008

Background:

The Practical Nurse Program of Cossatot Community College of UA was granted Initial Approval by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing in 1974 and approved a satellite at Nashville in 1996. The DeQueen campus program is an eleven month program and students are enrolled every August. The Nashville campus is an eighteen month program with classes in evening and week-end clinicals. Students are admitted in January and are completed the end of June the following year. The program has maintained continued full approval of ASBN since the initial approval.

The results of the Cossatot Community College of UA Practical Nurse Program for the past five years are as follows:

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Facilities:

At the DeQueen campus the program has the Director's office, Reception area, Faculty offices, and clinical skills lab in the Frachiseur-Pullman Educational building and the assigned class room is in the Donn Alison Technology building. The skills lab is set up with two patient units and all of the necessary educational equipment. The Nashville campus is in a new facility and the program has a dedicated skills lab which has two patient units with all of the necessary equipment, dedicated class room and two offices for faculty. There are computer labs at each campus for program to use along with the main library at DeQueen and satellite library at Nashville. Carriers of the school provide materials that may be shared between the campuses.

Administration:

The visitor had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Frank Adams, Chancellor of CCCUA. Chancellor Adams strongly supports the nursing program, understands their needs, and needs of the communities the college services. Currently, he is in discussion with the Foundation to build a new Health Science building that will house nursing, allied health, and community health services.

Faculty:

The faculty consists of the Director, PN Coordinator instructor, three full-time instructors and five part-time instructors. The faculty is supported by the Administrative Assistant who is full-time. Although the faculty is in the process of developing guidelines and orienting new members to the system, they are student oriented, creative, work cooperatively together, and dedicated to the program and students.

Students:

The visitor met with the freshmen and sophomore students at the Nashville (eighteen month program) and the students at the DeQueen Campus. The Nashville Sophomore class and DeQueen class will both be graduating in a few months. Their discussion was directed more to them finishing the program, graduation, and licensure. The freshmen class just started in January and were learning skills and preparing for first time clinicals. They were professional in their manner, and asked appropriate questions. Many of the students drive a distance for class, felt that their instructors were supportive, and were available when needed. They did have some suggestions for change for future students which were shared with the faculty.

Conclusions:

There are no requirements for the Practical Nurse program, but the following recommendations are made:

Recommendation 1:

Section II G. Students.

1. Admissions, Readmissions, and Transfers.
 - a. There shall be written policies for admission, readmission, transfer, and advanced placement of students.

Section II H. Students Publications

2. The following minimum information shall be available in writing for the prospective institution and current students.
 - a. Approval status of the program advanced placement policies

The program does not offer advanced placement of students. They discuss it verbally with prospective students, but do not have a written policy, or have it in the admission information.

Recommendation is to add the advanced placement policy and included it in student information.

Recommendation 2:

Section II. H. Student Publications

3. The following minimum information shall be available in writing for the prospective and current students:
 - a. Approval status of the program granted by the Board

The program has this information in the School Catalog, but not in the application material or student handbook.

Recommendation is to add the approval information to the application material and student handbook.

Recommendation 3:

Section II. G. Students

1. Admissions, Readmissions, and Transfers

- b. Admission criteria shall reflect consideration of the potential to complete the program and meet standards to apply for licensure.

Currently the program requires: grade of "C" on pre-requisite courses, scores from the Nurse Entrance Exam (NET), Personal Interview, validation of immunization and health tests. If selected physical exam, criminal background check, and random drug tests.

Recommendation is the programs utilize the GPA, NET test, validation of immunization, and health tests. Instead of physical, utilize the essential functions for nursing as a counseling tool for prospective students in determining suitability of nursing. In place of personal interview have informational meeting with prospective students to provide information, and time for faculty to become acquainted with applicant on an informal basis. If selected, complete the background checks and random drug screens.

Recommendation to the Board:

That the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant Continued Full Approval to the Practical Nurse Program of Cossatot Community College of University of Arkansas until the year 2013.

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