



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

RESPONSE DEADLINE: January 17, 2006

January 10, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans and Directors of Nursing Programs

FROM: Sharon J. Tanner, Associate Vice President
Instructional Development and Technology
Academic & Student Services

SUBJECT: Nursing Survey

We are requesting your assistance with the attached nursing survey. If you would, please take a few minutes and answer the questions about enrollment increases, current challenges, and nursing faculty needs.

Dr. Delores A. Parker, Vice President, Academic and Student Services, and I have been asked to present an update later this month to the North Carolina Legislative House Select Committee on Health Care, Subcommittee on Healthcare Workforce, about the responses of our colleges to the nursing shortage. Our goal is to highlight the many challenges that nursing programs face while also crediting the various innovative strategies you are utilizing to produce highly skilled graduates each year. This is an opportunity to speak with the legislature about our system needs for weighted funding, additional faculty, etc.

In order to facilitate this process, we are asking that you download the attached Nursing Survey, fill it in and return it by email to tanners@nccommunitycolleges.edu. If you wish to fax the completed form to the System Office, please fax your nursing survey to Dr. Sharon Tanner, NC Community College System Office at (919) 807-7164. If you have questions, please contact me directly at (919) 807-7108.

Please help us to portray an accurate picture of our current status. Since we have only a few days to prepare the presentation, I must ask that you respond quickly. We need your response by Tuesday, January 17, 2006. Thank you for your time; I look forward to working with you.

SJT/pnm

Attachment

c: Presidents

Dr. Delores A. Parker

Coordinators

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Email Copy

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Contact Person:

Dr. Sharon Tanner
Associate Vice President, Instructional Development and Technology
tanners@nccommunitycolleges.edu

Date: _____

Community College

Nursing Survey – NC Community College System

Is your service area currently experiencing a nursing shortage? Yes No

Enrollment Changes:

Has your college experienced increased enrollment in the past two-three years in nursing programs? Yes No

If yes, how many students per year? _____

Was the increase in response to the IOM report? Yes No

Was the increase in response to Community request? Yes No

Other request? (Please list.) _____

If Increased Enrollment:

How has the increase been funded? _____

What type of support are you receiving from the following?

Community College? _____

Employers? _____

Grants or other resources? _____

Faculty Shortage:

How many vacancies do you have? _____

Full-time _____ Part-time _____

How many faculty do you have that are BSN prepared? _____

How many faculty do you have that are Master's or doctorally prepared? _____

Community College
Nursing Survey -NC Community College

Barriers:

Are any barriers preventing you from increasing enrollment? Yes No

List the barriers preventing you from increasing enrollment. _____

Strategies:

Have you developed or adopted specific retention strategies to increase graduation rates? Yes No

If yes, please specify strategies. _____

Have you had success increasing graduation rates in the past three years? Yes No

Clinical Facilities:

Are there adequate clinical facilities for your program? Yes No

Is there additional capacity in the clinical sites for increased numbers of students? Yes No

Modifications/Changes:

Have you made modifications or changes in your program in the past three years? Yes No

Site examples, i.e., curriculum revisions, new partnerships with clinical agencies, adoption of new standardized testing, etc. _____

Challenges:

What are your greatest challenges at present? _____

What do you predict will be the greatest challenge in the next three years? _____

Name of Person completing survey _____ Title: _____

Return completed nursing survey to: tanners@nccommunitycolleges.edu or FAX to: 919-807-7164