



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

February 9, 2006

RESPONSE DEADLINE: February 15, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Academic Officers
Deans and Directors of Nursing Programs
Deans and Directors of Allied Health Programs
Distance Learning Directors

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

SUBJECT: Distance Learning Allied Health and Nursing Programs Survey

We are requesting your assistance with the attached Distance Learning Survey for Allied Health and Nursing Programs. If you would, please take a few minutes and answer the questions about your Distance Learning offerings in nursing and allied health programs.

The North Carolina Legislative House Select Committee on Health Care, Subcommittee on Healthcare Workforce has asked us to present information about distance learning in nursing and allied health at their next meeting on February 23, 2006. Dr. Delores A. Parker, Vice President, Academic and Student Services, will be making the presentation and would like to offer the Committee an accurate description of current practice.

Please assist us in this presentation. I would ask that you complete the short one-page survey attached about how your college utilizes distance learning to deliver allied health and nursing courses/programs. If you do not currently offer via distance methods, please indicate on the survey and return so that we will have accurate data from all colleges.

In order to facilitate this process, we are asking that you download the attached Nursing and Allied Health Survey, fill it in and return it by email to tanners@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Due to the Committee's urgent request, we will have to ask that you return the survey by Wednesday, February 15, 2006. If you wish to fax the completed form to the System Office, please fax your nursing and allied health 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.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation in this project.

SJT/pnm

Attachment

c: Presidents

Dr. Delores A. Parker

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Email

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**Distance Learning
Allied Health Survey**

Date: _____

Community College

NC Community College System – Distance Learning - Allied Health Survey

Distance Learning – Allied Health Survey:

1. Do you currently offer nursing and/or allied health courses/programs via distance learning? Yes No
2. If yes, please list the programs and type of delivery method (i.e., AAS in Nursing offered online) Please note whether or not the entire certificate or degree is offered via distance or if only select courses are offered via distance learning _____
3. What are the typical enrollments in the distance learning courses? _____
4. Who serves as administrator for the distance learning courses? _____
5. What are the additional expenses incurred with distance learning? _____
- . Is additional faculty required? Yes No
- . Are the ratios different in distance learning classes vs. traditional on campus classes and labs? Yes No
If yes, how do they differ? _____
6. What are the barriers to offering allied health and nursing courses via distance learning? _____
7. How do student outcomes compare for graduates who have attended programs offered via distance learning vs. traditional classroom? _____
8. If funds were available, what programs or certificates would you offer via distance learning that you are not currently able to offer? _____
9. How were faculty prepared to offer online, hybrid, or other types of distance learning courses? _____

Name of Person completing survey _____ **Title:** _____

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