

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
State Board Reserve Funding for a
Study on the Future of Community College Nursing Education

Request: The State Board is asked to approve up to \$15,000 for a study to examine the role of the North Carolina Community College System's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs relative to the recommendation by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020. (*IOM 2010, The Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health*)

Rationale: The Future of Community College Nursing Education ad hoc committee will examine the impact of hospital-based and statewide goals related to baccalaureate preparation. The Committee will make recommendations on whether additional efforts should be made to encourage and facilitate North Carolina community college nursing students to achieve Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) status, and the most effective and efficient ways to achieve those goals.

The ad hoc committee is co-chaired by Dr. Mary Rittling, President of Davidson County Community College and Dr. Sam Powell, Program Committee Chair of the State Board of Community Colleges. The committee is composed of multiple stakeholders which include: community college presidents, chairs/deans of health science programs, board members and the following external stake holders: the North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Hospital Association, North Carolina Health Care Facilities, North Carolina Assisted Living Association, North Carolina Foundation for Nursing Excellence, North Carolina Nurses Association, Watts School of Nursing, and the Cecil G. Sheps Center at UNC.

The reserve monies will be utilized to pay for meeting and travel expenses. The ad hoc committee will meet at least five times over the next six months. At the first meeting, presentations will be made by representatives from the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, American Association of Community Colleges and the North Carolina Board of Nursing. The Committee will provide a report on their findings and their recommendations to the State Board of Community Colleges.

Fund Source and Availability: FY 2014-15 funding is available from the State Board Reserve fund.

Funding Amount and Time Period: The \$15,000 is for the period of October 1, 2014-April 30, 2015.

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