

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Feasibility Study-Future of Community College Nursing Education

Request: The State Board is asked to approve up to \$75,000 for a feasibility study to identify the need and criteria for the implementation of RN to BSN programs in the North Carolina Community College System.

Rationale: In Fall 2014, Dr. Scott Ralls, former President of the North Carolina Community College System, appointed an ad hoc committee to examine the role of the North Carolina Community College System in relationship to the recommendations from the *Institute of Medicine's 2010, The Future of Nursing Leadership, Change, Advancing Health* Report to increase the proportion of baccalaureate prepared nurses to eighty percent by 2020.

The committee was co-chaired by Dr. Mary Rittling, President of Davidson County Community College and Dr. Sam Powell, Programs Committee Chair of the State Board of Committee Colleges.

The committee was composed of multiple stakeholders which included community college presidents, chairs/deans of health science programs, and board members. External stake holders represented the North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Hospital Association, North Carolina Health Care Facilities, North Carolina Assisted Living Association, and North Carolina Foundation for Nursing Excellence, North Carolina Nurses Association, Watts School of Nursing, and the Cecil G. Sheps Center at UNC.

The Future of Community College Nursing Education Ad Hoc Committee requests the State Board to approve a state-wide feasibility study to identify need and criteria for the implementation of RN to BSN programs in the North Carolina Community College System.

Fund Source and Availability: FY 2015-16 funding is available from the State Board Reserve fund.

Funding Amount and Time Period: The \$75,000 allocation is for the period of November 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, contingent on State Board approval to conduct a feasibility study.

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