

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
The Future of Community College Nursing Education - Feasibility Study Request

Request:

The Future of Community College Nursing Education Ad Hoc Committee requests the State Board to approve a state-wide 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, North Carolina Foundation for Nursing Excellence, North Carolina Nurses Association, Watts School of Nursing, and the Cecil G. Sheps Center at UNC.

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