



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Education Subcommittee Minutes
July 25, 2022 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

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I. 12:00 PM Opening – Kim Tucker Chair

Call to order

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topics
 1. Clinical Placement Summit July 29, 2022, 8AM-12N
- Review of Draft Minutes
 1. March 7, 2022

III. Old Business

- None

IV. New Business

1. Preceptorship Grant Update

WA State legislature provided funds in 2022 to incentivize staff nurses to precept nursing students. The goal of the program is to increase clinical placement opportunities for nursing students.

2. Specialty Course Summary Report Analysis- Dr. Gorski

Dr. Gorski presented the data accumulated from the specialty course summary reports. The data will be used to support decision making by the Commission.

3. Simulation Discussion

The CNEWS president sent a letter requesting conversation with the Commission regarding simulation. We would like to invite comments from the public regarding this topic.

Dr. Carrie Miller commented the letter was created to open discussion about how programs use simulation and how programs use simulation to meet the needs of nursing students. Dr. Miller requests to present information defining quality simulation. Dr. Laurie Soine suggested a subcommittee meeting would be an appropriate place for the presentation.

Debra Storm, a member of the public, commented she had concerns about 100% simulation in specialty areas. New grads would go into the workplace without direct care experiences in specialty areas which results in less confidence when in the workplace.

Jillian Heist commented on simulation as a modality for not only new learning but continued growth for practice. She asked what are clinical partners seeing as far as onboarding for new graduates?

Dr. Lorie Wild advocates Dr. Miller's request to define quality simulation.

4. Mass examination plan for nursing assistants

Helen Myrick and Tracy Rude represented the Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP); staff for the panel, Dr. Kathy Moio, also attended. Dr. Moio presented plans to implement a mass examination plan for nursing assistants to complete the state certification exam. She explained:

- This is necessary to work through the backlog of nursing assistants-registered (NARs) who need to become certified by early October for continued eligibility to work in nursing homes, per federal regulations.
- The backlog resulted from a 6-month shutdown of the state certification exam in 2020 due to COVID-19; also, capacity limitations for implementing the exam continued in 2021 and 2022, due to COVID-19 and shortages in RN evaluators.
- While the federal government waived the usual requirement for NARs to be certified within 120 days during the pandemic, the waiver has ended and all NARs must be certified by early October in order to continue working in nursing homes. NARs are critical staff for our nursing homes.
- The NCQAC and other state entities have worked to request an extension from the federal government and await response.
- In the meantime, the mass examination plan will begin and involves working with nursing programs (colleges/universities) across the state to provide testing in their nursing education laboratories with RN faculty acting as evaluators for the state certification exam.

5. Nursing assistant certification and admission to nursing programs.

Helen Myrick and Tracy Rude represented the Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP); staff for the panel, Dr. Kathy Moio, also attended. Dr. Kathy Moio highlighted the importance of prioritizing NARs working in nursing homes for the mass examination plan – as well as NARs working in other care settings where certification is required on a timeline. In light of the ending of the federal waiver (discussed in item #4 above), Dr. Moio suggested college nursing programs requiring certification for admission might consider accepting certificates of training completion instead during this challenging time. Dr. Moio also explained that it is not known how many students get certified for admittance into nursing school and never work as nursing assistants. This group of students potentially inflates our workforce data estimates on the number of nursing assistants-certified providing care.

V. Ending Items

- Public Comments
- Review of Actions
- Date of Next Meeting –October 3, 2022
- Adjournment

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