

## REPORT OF FINDINGS

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

#### CONTINUING APPROVAL VISIT

June 20-21, 2017 (Visalia) & June 27-28, 2017(Ontario)

#### NON-COMPLIANCE:

**SECTION 1424(b)(1) ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM** - The nursing program shall have a written plan for evaluation of the total program, including admission and selection procedures, attrition and retention of students, and performance of graduates in meeting community needs.

*There is insufficient evidence that the program is utilizing the TPEP as a quality improvement tool for the program.*

**SECTION 1432 TOTAL PROGRAM EVALUATION** - Changes to an Approved Program

(a) Each nursing program holding a certificate of approval shall:

(1) File its legal name and current mailing address with the board at its principal office and shall notify the board at said office of any change of name or mailing address within thirty (30) days prior to such change. It shall give both the old and the new name or address.

(2) Notify the board within ten (10) days of any:

(A) Change in fiscal condition that will or may potentially adversely affect applicants or students enrolled in the nursing program.

(B) Substantive change in the organizational structure, administrative responsibility, or accountability in the nursing program, the institution of higher education in which the nursing program is located or with which it is affiliated that will affect the nursing program.

(b) An approved nursing program shall not make a substantive change without prior board authorization. These changes include:

(1) Change in location.

(2) Change in ownership.

(3) Addition of a new campus or location.

(4) Significant change in the agreement between an approved nursing program that is not an institution of higher education and the institution of higher education with which it is affiliated.

*The program failed to provide notification to the BRN regarding changes to an approved program – changes in the location of classrooms.*

**SECTION 1424(h) ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING**

**PROGRAM** - The faculty shall be adequate in type and number to develop and implement the program approved by the board, and shall include at least one qualified instructor in each of the areas of nursing required by section 1426(d) who will be the content expert in that area. Nursing faculty members whose teaching responsibilities include subject matter directly related to the practice of nursing shall be clinically competent in the areas to which they are assigned.

*The program is utilizing two faculty to teach in the Fundamentals course without BRN approval in MedSurg content area as per the program's approved curriculum (EDP-P-05 and EDP-P-06 curriculum forms).*

**SECTION 1425.1(a) FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS AND CHANGES** - Each faculty member shall assume responsibility and accountability for instruction, evaluation of students, and planning and implementing curriculum content.

*The faculty (Visalia & Ontario) are not functioning as one nursing program but two separate programs.*

**SECTION 1426(a) REQUIRED CURRICULUM** - The curriculum of a nursing program shall be that set forth in this section, and shall be approved by the board. Any revised curriculum shall be approved by the board prior to its implementation.

*The program is not teaching the approved curriculum across both campuses (Visalia & Ontario), and the number of some clinical course hours are over the approved number in the curriculum.*

**SECTION 1426(c)(2) and 1426(c)(3) REQUIRED CURRICULUM** - The curriculum shall consist of not less than fifty-eight (58) semester units, or eighty-seven (87) quarter units, which shall include at least the following number of units in the specified course areas:

(2) Communication skills, six (6) semester or nine (9) quarter units. Communication skills shall include principles of oral, written, and group communication.

(3) Related natural sciences (anatomy, physiology, and microbiology courses with labs), behavioral and social sciences, sixteen (16) semester or twenty-four (24) quarter units.

*The college is not offering some of the courses – nursing science prerequisites – of the approved nursing curriculum to prospective applicants, and is requiring the general education and nursing science prerequisites to be transferred to SJVC in order to apply for admission to the program.*

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SECTION 1424(e) ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM** – The director and the assistant director shall dedicate sufficient time for the administration of the program.

*Review and revise Assistant Director job description which describes 50% release time as the Program Director has the authority to determine, at any time, what the release time should be according to the needs of the program.*

**SECTION 1424(d) ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM** - The program shall have sufficient resources, including faculty, library, staff and support services, physical space and equipment, including technology, to achieve the program's objectives.

*Review resources on both campuses (Visalia & Ontario) to ensure adequate equipment and supplies for Skills Lab; fulltime Success Specialist to provide individual and group tutoring, success classes, remediation plans & follow-up tracking; Simulation Technician; mid & hi-fidelity mannequins in working condition with maintenance contract; video conferencing technology across both campuses (Visalia & Ontario); adequate internet access that*

*accommodates student needs while on campus; qualified fulltime faculty to fill current vacancies on both campuses (Visalia – OB & Peds; Ontario – MS & PMH) in order to ensure program needs and outcomes are being met.*

**SECTION 1424(g) ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM** - Faculty members shall have the primary responsibility for developing policies and procedures, planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating all aspects of the program. *Ensure faculty minutes reflect participation of all faculty (and students when invited) in program business including faculty, committee, course, and TPEP meetings.*

**SECTION 1425.1(b) FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS AND CHANGES** - Each faculty member shall participate in an orientation program, including, but not limited to, the program's curriculum, policies and procedures, strategies for teaching, and student supervision and evaluation.

*Structure orientation for new nursing faculty to include orientation to the nursing department, policies/procedures, the curriculum, and mentoring for classroom/clinical teaching and semester responsibilities (i.e. committees, evaluations).*

**SECTION 1426(b) REQUIRED CURRICULUM** - The curriculum shall reflect a unifying theme, which includes the nursing process as defined by the faculty, and shall be designed so that a student who completes the program will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to function in accordance with the registered nurse scope of practice as defined in code section 2725, and to meet minimum competency standards of a registered nurse.

*Review/revise unifying theme/theoretical framework to reflect current societal and health care trends and issues; ensure curriculum threads are mapped across course objectives, outcomes, and clinical evaluation tools (CETs).*

**SECTION 1424(b) TOTAL PROGRAM EVALUATION** - The policies and procedures by which the program is administered shall be in writing, shall reflect the philosophy and objectives of the program, and shall be available to all students.

*Formulate a nursing program policy for granting credit for military education/experience as required by SB466, and post the policy on the program's website.*