

DCHP Dean's Response to the Program Review
Evaluation of the Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing
Baccalaureate and Associate Programs
February 19, 2020

The Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions (DCHP) dean received and valued the thorough review of our Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing Baccalaureate and Associate Programs by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) review team during February 19-21, 2019. Comments from the dean is noted in *purple*.

The external review team were as follows:

- Shellye A. Vardaman, PhD, RN-BC, NEA-BC, CNE, Professor, Troy University School of Nursing, Troy, AL
- Sara Bishop, PhD, RNC-OB, CNE, Associate Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- Elizabeth Ortiz, MSN, RN, Nursing Instructor, Delaware Technical Community College, Dover, DE
- Anna Nguyen, PhD, RN, Director of Nurse Science Department, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City, OK
- Genell Stites, MSN, RNC, C-EFM, Director of PN and LPN-to-AAS Programs, Department of Health Sciences, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- Susan Dolinar, PhD, RN, CNE, Adjunct Faculty for the Nursing Department, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC

Program Description: *Agree*

WSU graduates more nurses than any other program in Utah, and the program is consistently ranked among the top nursing programs in the nation for quality and affordability. WSU offers programs at the Ogden and Davis campuses, in satellite locations, and in hybrid or online formats that have been listed among the best in the country.

Students become experts in patient-centered nursing care, pharmacology, anatomy, physiology and more. Students practice in state-of-the-art simulation labs and complete a professional practice capstone. After one year, students can become licensed practical nurses (LPNs), and upon graduation from the associates program will have the skills to become registered nurses (RNs).

BSN students develop a foundation for the holistic practice of professional nursing. During the baccalaureate program students develop critical thinking skills, master complex therapeutic concepts, learn best practices in management principles, and learn how to utilize research to guide patient practice. Upon graduation, students will also be prepared for entry into graduate level nursing educational programs.

Standards A-G: Agree

I support and agree with the faculty response. The two areas needing development were addressed prior to the reviewers leaving the site visit.

I would also like to thank the Review Committee for their evaluation of the two Programs in the Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing in the Dumke College of Health Professions. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated and knowledgeable chair, faculty and staff for educating the best Nursing graduates in the State of Utah and healthcare providers of the community.

Respectfully,

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